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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: For every grain of sand on every beach on earth, there are 10,000 stars in the universe.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, April 10

- Golf @ Flandreau Invite (10:00)

Saturday, April 11

- Club Baseball @ Lennox (2:00)

Sunday, April 12

- FFA State Conv. @ Brookings
- Club Baseball vs. Tea Area (2:00)

Monday, April 13

- FFA State Conv. @ Brookings
- Golf @ DR St. Mary's (9:30)
- 7/8 Track @ West Central (4:00)
- School Board Meeting (5:30)

Tuesday, April 14

- FFA State Conv. @ Brookings
- School Board Election
- 7/8 Golf @ Garretson (12:30)
- Track @ MCM (4:00)

Wednesday, April 15

- Spring Sports Pictures

Thursday, April 16

- 7/8 Golf @ Chester Invite (9:00)
- Club Baseball @ SF Christian (Chancellor—6:00)
- 6-12 Band Concert (7:00)

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Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

A Step Toward Greatness

By Tabi Klingenberg

Within a few months, three out of twenty-six seniors will be beginning their journey in serving our country when they head for basic training in a new environment.

Being in the military requires both physical and mental toughness from when they begin basic training to everything after.

"I think it's a sense of self-worth. It's something you're dedicating your time to, and that means something," Taiya Bunde remarked.

Bunde noted that she is going to be going to school to pursue nursing, and that's why she is likely choosing to be a paramedic within the Guards. Bunde will be missing her first semester of college, along with Wyatt Fink who will be joining the National Guard, focusing on law enforcement to be a police officer.

Fink is hesitant at this time whether to go to Lake Area Tech or South East Technical Institute. Bunde has decided on the University of South Dakota.

Bunde and Fink are two of three seniors going into the military. Tony Weiland will be going straight to active duty for the Marines.

The National Guard is a part of the military that is not active duty; however, one can still get deployed. Being in the guards is also a situation where one can be closer to home.

Each serviceman or woman must endure ten weeks of basic training, and, depending on their chosen branch, they will begin their training.

Along with gaining a better physical endurance, basic training can lead to many

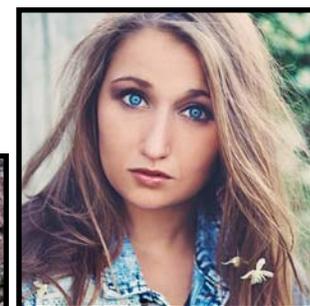
other benefits, including better and more affordable health care and early retirement: age 38 if you join at 18.



"It's a good choice for college if you're looking to not pay for college tuition," Fink observed.

If one enrolls in college while serving, depending on the branch, tuition is supplemented at least partially, if not fully.

From as early as junior year, students can be set up with a recruiter that comes in and talks to different students that are interested in being in the military or the guards about any questions that they might have.



Bunde explained, "I have always thought about it; I think just finally, my senior year, I took action in it and when recruiter Brent

Lafortune came to talk to us. I stayed after to talk to him and got some info. He came back to talk to me and I just kind of got hooked on it. I've been talking with him ever since."

Being in the military takes dedication and commitment that can greatly impact an entire future.

"Looking back, I believe it will make me more of a well-rounded individual," said Bunde.

NCAA Championship Comes to an End

By Beth Schmidt



The NCAA championship has come and gone for this year, and the winner is Duke. The final score was 68-63 with the Blue Devils over the Wisconsin Badgers.

This year, the championship game was held at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, which hosted the Final Four.

On March 20th, Wisconsin's first game was played against Coastal Carolina Chanticleers, with a final score of 86-72, letting Wisconsin continue to the next round.

Duke also made it past the first round by outscoring the Robert Morris Colonials, 85-56.

The second game of the tournament for each team was played on March 22nd.

Wisconsin took on the Oregon Ducks, defeating them 72-65, which led the Badgers continuing and playing against the North Carolina Tar Heels.

The Blue Devils went against San Diego; they convincingly squashed the Aztecs hope of an upset, 68-49.

In the Sweet 16, the Badgers beat the Tar Heels, leaving the game with a score of 79-72.

On that same day, Duke played against the Utah Utes. The Blue Devils played well and beat the Utes 63-52.

Two days later, the Badgers played against the Arizona Wildcats and overtook them, leaving

the game with a score of 85-78. After the winning game against the Wildcats, the Badgers advanced to the final four in Indianapolis.

After the win against the Utes, Duke played their next game three days later against the Gonzaga Bulldogs. It was an exciting win for Duke as they overcame Gonzaga 66-52.

On April 4th, the Wisconsin Badgers took on the Kentucky Wildcats and triumphed them 71-64, which led them into the championship game.

The Duke Blue Devils took on the Michigan Spartans in the final four, leading them to victory with a score of 81-61.

The championship game was held on earlier this week, April 6th, as Duke and Wisconsin squared off.

Duke came out the victor, but it was hard-fought all the way through.

Duke cashed in four from beyond the arc while converting 16 free throws. They tallied 39 boards

throughout the game, 33 assists, four steals, and six blocks.

The leading scorers were guards Tyus Jones, who made 23 points, and Grayson Allen, who made 16 points. Forward Justise Winslow added 11.

Wisconsin only had six free throws, but also made six 3-pointers. The Badgers pulled down 42 boards, dished out 13 assists, took away the ball three times, and had one block.

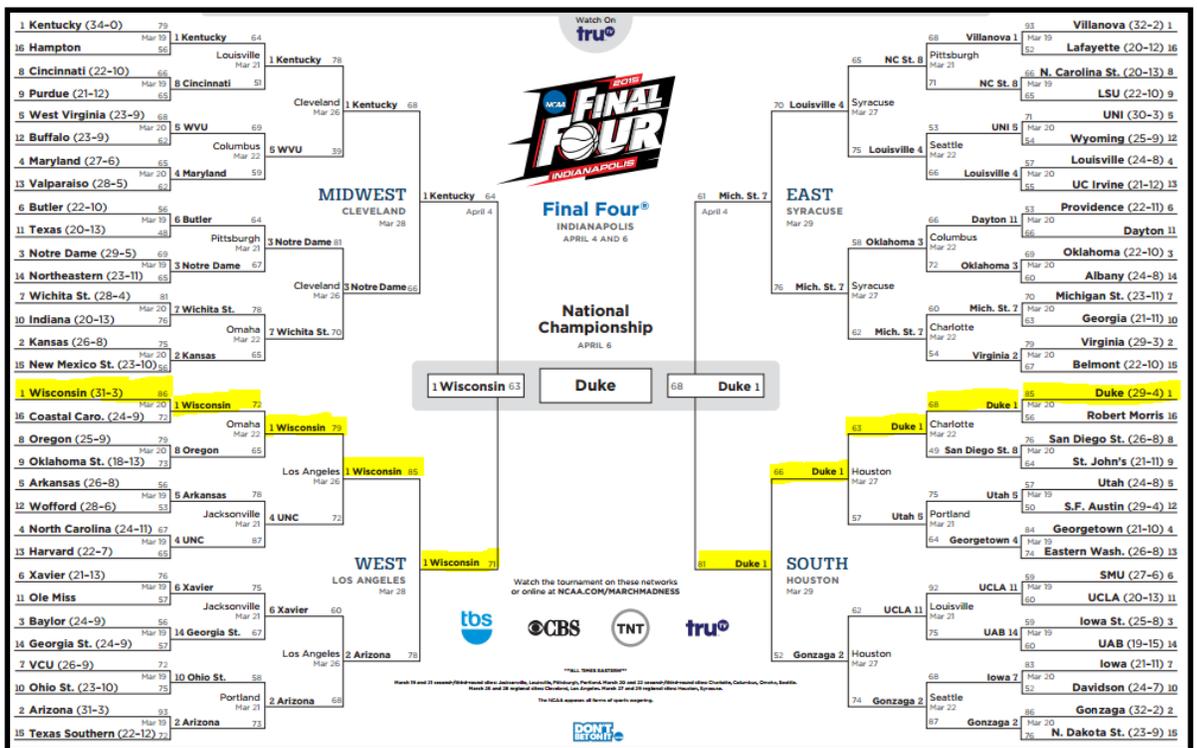
The leading scorers for the Badgers were forwards Frank Kaminsky (21 pts), Nigel Hayes (13 pts), and Sam Dekker (12 pts).

For our school draft, seventh grader Treyson Buckneburg came from 12th place to win.

Buckneburg strongly stated, "I think Tait Johnson was pretty mad because he was in first and he lost by one point."

Johnson and Jaden Flanagan both tied for second place with 79 points.

The Duke Blue Devils were able to celebrate their fifth national championship under the direction of Coach Mike Krzyzewski.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game

By Sylvia Larson

Finally, it's baseball season! Time for terms like ball, base, bat, ace, strike, and home run to be added to the public lexicon for another few months.

Garretson's club baseball team hit off their season with a grand slam (figuratively speaking), when they stomped on Sioux Falls Washington with a winning score of 9-6.

Senior player Aaron Dunn wasn't necessarily surprised at the win, but was surprised at how well the team played.

"I was thinking that we were going to be pretty rusty for not having played since August, and we were going up against the top ranked team according to the news. I was kind of worried at first, but once we got going, we got better."

Considering at one point the guys were ahead 8-0, most would say they played very well. Monday's game was their first of the season.

"I think that Washington was kind of surprised that small-town Garretson was keeping up," commented junior Cole Fiegen, also pleased with the outcome of the game.

"We are a very defensive team. Overall we're very quick, so we're looking to get a bunch of doubles and steals and hopefully only give up a few runs each game," explained Dunn.

"I'd say our main weakness our pitching, because we have a lot of pitchers, but a lot of us don't pitch as often as others. Hopefully throughout the season, as we start pitching more, we'll get more used to it."

Seeing as last weekend's game was the first of the season, there are oodles more club baseball

games to look forward to, prepare for, and attend yet this season including tomorrow at Lennox.

Dunn exclaimed, "I'm looking forward to kicking some butt and hopefully making the state tournament and winning. Everyone come out and watch and come support the team!"

Take Dunn's suggestion and take yourself and your family out to the rest of the ball games this season; buy yourselves some peanuts and Cracker Jacks, root for the hard-working Garretson guys, and never go back!



Fires Dance Around South Dakota

By Lana Braswell

Recently there have been fire outbreaks across the whole state, including local areas such as Brandon and Jasper. Now these occurrences have caused quite a bit of commotion, leading many counties to implement a burn ban.

For anyone who doesn't know, a burn ban is a county wide ban on open burning in extremely dry fire conditions, which much of the state is in currently.

A burn ban can be put in place for as long as necessary. A ban is lifted only when conditions are favorable. In this case, getting enough moisture to suppress some of these dry conditions.

So far, it is said that 98% of South Dakota is under a drought. According to KDLT, "How long it will last, obviously depends on the precipitation." Meaning depending on how long this drought will last is how long the ban will be placed.

Most people when it come to this start with fire safety, telling about what should be done if there is a fire, especially when we have a dry a winter/spring as we have had, like making sure that when you are done with anything that has to do with heat or fire.

So at this rate and the fires that have been breaking out, keep your things in check. And make sure that once you are done with a candle or a bon fire put it out ASAP.



A silo in Jasper was one of the casualties of the recent fire outbreaks across South Dakota.

Photo by Abriana Scholl

Garretson Enters for a Chance to Win 25K

By Abriana Scholl

Music is an inspiring feeling for anybody at any age. For years, the Garretson Music Boosters have held many outstanding performances; but what if there were more ways for students to express their love for music?

Just recently, the Garretson choir entered a grant competition sponsored by Bridgestone Tires, Fuel the Cause. This grant, if awarded, will help provide new equipment for the band and the choir, including sheet music, instruments, and recording devices for vocal practice sessions.

This grant goes towards people or organizations who are in need of something important or useful.



If our school wins, we will receive up to \$25,000 to obtain all the equipment towards the band and choir.

Currently our submission sits in third place with over 4,500 votes. Not only that, but Keloland News took a visit to our school and interviewed the choir teacher, Kelby Robinson, about the grant. "Well, it's for the vocal program, but I'm planning to buy a few solo books because I felt we didn't have enough choices this year [for solo contest]," stated Robinson.

New equipment will have a greater impact towards the younger generation because it will help teach them

the importance of music in their daily lives and maybe even in the future.

"A lot of it is going to be spent on classroom instruments for elementary music. I'm getting some smart board software and a bunch of resource books for teaching ideas," Robinson concluded.

Voting still is taking place until April 30th. Each person is allowed to vote once a day with each email they have.

To vote, just visit www.bridgestonetires.com or scan the QR code.

Happy voting!



Senior Spotlight

NAME: Ryan Garcia

SENIOR PROJECT: Cooking three or more dishes from at least four different countries

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: I'm really going to miss sitting up in Mr. Hughes' room during lunch most days, as well as the friends I've managed to make throughout high school

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: I plan to attend USD and begin pursuing a major in psychology



Scholarship Corner

- **Farmers Union Insurance Agency Scholarship**

Due: April 15

Eligibility: Attend a SD post-secondary school and participate in a SDHSAA sanctioned activity

- **Jesse James Fine Arts Scholarship**

Due: April 17

Eligibility: Major/minor in fine arts: English, foreign language, music, art, journalism, design, graphic arts, architecture, dance, photography, theatre, and film.

- **SD Aviation Assoc. Scholarship**

Due: April 30

Eligibility: Future career should relate to or benefit the aerial application industry.

- **Ardell Bjugstad Scholarship**

Due: May 8

Eligibility: Enrolled member of federally recognized Indian tribe while being a resident of South Dakota planning to earn a degree in an agriculture/natural resources.

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



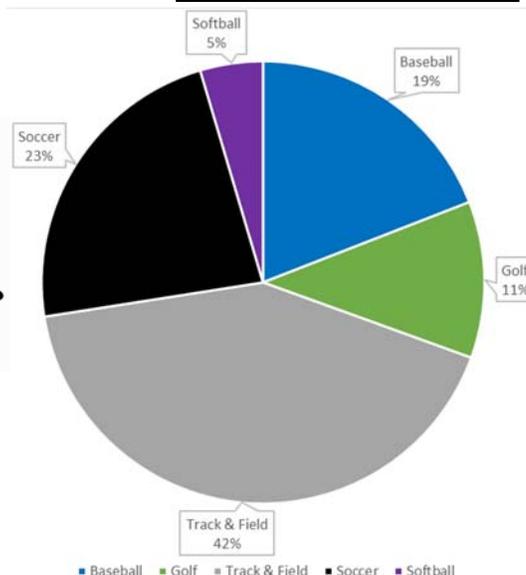
Joke: To reach the high notes

Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked which spring sport they were most excited for (playing or watching).



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: 7 (seven, take away the s and it spells even)