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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Montpelier, Vermont is the only state capital without a McDonald's.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:
What grows when it eats but dies
when it drinks?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why did the
pony have to stay after school?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, April 24

- K-1st to Children's Museum
- 3rd-5th Local Declam Contest @ Jesse James Opera House
- Golf (JV/V) BEC Tourney @ DR

Saturday, April 25

- Track @ Tom Main Invite—Chester (9:30)

Sunday, April 26

- Club Baseball v. Lennox (2:00)

Monday, April 27

- 7/8 Golf BEC Tourney @ Parker
- 7/8 Track @ Chester Area Invite
- Club Baseball vs. Hanson @ Alexandria (6:00)

Tuesday, April 28

- Golf @ Baltic Invite (9:30)
- Track @ Danielson Relays—MCM
- Club Baseball @ Dell Rapids
- 3rd-5th Regional Declam Contest

Wednesday, April 29

- Golf @ MCM Invite (8:30)

Thursday, April 30

- 2nd to Lyons and Butterfly House
- Golf @ Colman-Egan Invite (8:30)
- "Stereotype High" @ Jesse James Opera House (7:00)

Blue Ink Student Editor: Katie Giesler

Academic Awards Night

By Abriana Scholl

On Monday, April 20th, National Honor Society (NHS) members along with the organizer, Beverly Howe, hosted the annual Academic Awards. For countless years, Garretson High School has given awards to academically successful students for their hard work and participation in school activities.

This event brings in many sponsors who award senior with scholarships for the college they plan to attend in the near future. Scholarships can be awarded to seniors who have taken part in activities that help obtain the experience in the future career they plan to pursue.

Since the year of 2008, there have been 80 graduates who earned scholarships. Counting up to the present, the scholarship money has totaled up to \$53,350.

This year, the seniors awarded with the Jesse James Fine Arts Scholarship were given out to Chryssie Anderson and Bryce Wollmann.

The John Solem Scholarship was given to Joshua Liester, Brianna Mudder, Bailey Willems, and Mara VanDeBerg.

The Michael Entringer Scholarship was awarded to Wollmann and Mudder; the Minnehaha Funeral Home Scholarship was given to Mudder.

The Splitrock Clinic Scholarship went to Taiya Bunde and Mudder, and the Alliance Communications Scholarship was awarded to VanDeBerg.

Also included in this awards night were the scholarships given through the Garretson Community Scholarship Foundation. This year, eleven graduates were awarded scholarships totaling up to \$15,050.

Through this foundation Bunde received \$500, Tait Johnson, \$500; Aaron Dunn, \$500; Willems, \$750, Matt Johnson, \$800; Wollmann, \$1,000; Tanner Gutzmer,

\$1,000; Mudder, \$2,000; Lydia Olson, \$2,000; Liester, \$2,000; and VanDeBerg, \$4,000.

In addition to senior scholarships, other recognitions take place including Girls' and Boys' State participants, academic letters, as well as new National Honor Society (NHS) inductions.

The girls who were selected to participate in Girls' State this summer were Peyton Heitkamp, Lara Luke, and Jaden Bly. Boys State participants will be Micah Mader, Cole Fiegen, Evan Fick, and Garrett Sands.

Finally the American Legion Awards were given to Olson and T. Johnson. Katie Giesler was also recognized for earning runner-up in the regional American Legion oratorical contest.

When becoming a member of the National Honors Society, you must meet the following requirements:

"You must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA), you must be in at least three school or community activities, and you must not be in violation of any training rules," asserted Howe.

To keep your membership in the NHS, Howe reiterated "You have to maintain a 3.0 GPA that is checked after each semester, and each year we check to make sure everyone is involved with school and community activities."

Certificates are also awarded to the newcomers who achieved a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) throughout the school year. This year, twenty-five students achieved the required GPA.

With generations to pass, these young adults will soon face everyday challenges with the experience and knowledge given to them over the years and years to come.

Time to Shake Our Booties and Be Smoke Free

By Beth Schmidt

A week ago the TATU/FFA team held their annual Garretson Middle Lock-In/Dance so students can party for two and half hours. This year was a change for the members/students as they only had the dance instead of a movie, pizza, and games.

As students got ready for 7:30 to be here they head to the commons to dance all night, or until 10:30. They got to laugh and joke around and have a great time.

Why things were different this year was because of the grant money each school gets every year that covers the new shirts for the members that's have been in TATU and new members that were trained each year and other parts that the team can pay for.

At the dance, there was about 80-90 kids with team members and future members. The DJs for the dance were Bryce and Siri Wollmann.

While students were shaking their booties and jamming all night long, students got to buy some yummy homemade treats, pizza that was leftover from the team supper, cans of pop, and candy bars. All the money that the students paid for was all donated to the Relay for life that the team would be going to on June 12th.

Other things the TATU/FFA been doing to funds, is Cookies for a Cure, you see at the end of the hallway near Mr. Bohls and Bennetts doors. Students can buy cookies and so far the team has had good Friday's. April 13th, the team made a total of \$22.50, April 20th, the team sold a total of \$56.25, and the day of the dance in the mornings the team raised \$30 exactly.

Other money the TATU/FFA raised was the chicken bingo/goat races was \$116.50, concessions at the dance was \$99.50, donation for walkers at the relay for life is \$220, and luminaries sold was \$100. The team total right now is \$644.75 and the goal is \$1000.

TATU Advisor Julie Mueller commented, "Our main focus is to help raise funds for cancer research. The neat thing about participating as a youth group is that we bring a lot of energy to the Relay. I truly believe if youth get involved young they will be more apt to volunteer and participate as adults."

The Relay for Life is a organization to raise money and help find a cure for can-

cer and once and for all defeat it. Students can help out and doesn't have to be on the team by selling or buying luminary bags that can be made for in memory of someone that died or cancer or someone in honor of that survived cancer or has cancer.

As TATU/FFA members raise money by selling the yummy goodies you can also help them by buying those yummy delicious homemade bars and cookies and making luminary bags and finally finding a cure for cancer. Wouldn't you like for this cancer to stop once and for all.



TATU and FFA members Jacob Liester, Ryan Fick, and dance DJ Bryce Wollmann jam out during Friday night's activities.

Track Meets Up at Home

By Lana Braswell

This last week the track team met their Opponents on home ground. The girls showed their competition what need for speed they really have when it comes to the track. The team leading in first, running in the 3200m relay, with a time of 10:47.1 was Carmen Bohl, Rachel Kindt, Jaden Bly, and Haley Sage.

The team did well, and not only that but Mara Vandenberg, senior runner placed first in 100, 200, 400m dashes.

The times were impressive. In an order of 12.6 for the 100m, 28.6 for the 200m, 63.4 for the 400m. Mara at this meet was also awarded as an MVP runner. Giving Garretson a good look for the future.

The track team has been preparing themselves for their next meet(s) in the near future to come, running to keep in shape for the distance, or lifting to give themselves a little boost for the throw. Guys and girls both do very

well in track, and are traveling a short distance out to Chester.

Some of the track members enjoy the track meets, others not so much. The runners do when it comes to getting out and burning the energy they have gained during the days away from the track field. Good luck to all your track meets in the future ahead, run, throw, and play hard out there.

Golf

By Zebadiah Johnson

Last Friday, the Garretson golf team earned another first place finish for the season. The meet in which they earned the victory was the Garretson Invitational which, as the name suggests, took place in Garretson. Freshman Isaiah Mader had an outstanding score of 74 strokes over 18 holes, which earned him first place for the meet. Garretson had another great score in Micah Mader, who earned second place with 77 strokes.

The girls earned the fourth place spot out for the home meet, and with the girl's team being made up of first

year golfers, they did not do bad. The team earned first place overall at Garretson's home meet.

The second meet the golfer's competed at for the week was the Baltic Invitational in Renner. The competition took place this last Tuesday under sub-par conditions. Windy and cold temperatures do not make for the greatest golf experience, this fact is represented in the relatively high amount of strokes overall for the meet.

Isaiah Mader once again placed, this time claiming the 9th place spot

with a score of 92 strokes. The team as a whole did fairly well, girls claiming the 4th place spot and the guys taking 3rd.

The Garretson golf team will compete today at Dell Rapids for the Big East Conference tournament, and on April the 29th at Salem for the McCook Central-Montrose Invitational.



Back into Swing

By Tabi Klingenberg

Last Thursday, club baseball dropped one against Sioux Falls Christian 2-0 at Chansler, bringing their winning streak to a halt with three wins and one loss, respectively.

"They're very tough. They have really good pitching and it's an all-around good program," junior, Micah Mader mentioned.

This one loss against a difficult team to beat will presumably not effect the streak of how the team will do throughout the season.

The originally scheduled game last Monday vs. McCook Central-Montrose at home was canceled due to Academic Awards Night. The cancelation of the game will benefit the players and give them the opportunity to succeed better on the field.

"It gives us more time for resting but we need to get back in the swing of things. Pun intended," explained junior, Jacob Fitzgerald.

Mader believes that Garretson will have more time to work on what they struggled

with and the extra day might turn out to be a big help.

"We played really good defense, but our hitting struggled the whole game and we pitched well so next time around if we just get on their pitchers," noted Mader.

The team is feeling confident about their upcoming game due to a previous victory. Garretson will have their chance for recovery Sunday evening when they play Lennox once again at home.

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Lights, Camera, Action

By Sylvia Larson

"If you're going to play a part that's not really you, it's best you're on stage." -AnnaRosaRoseMarie, *Stereotype High*.

18 of Garretson High School's finest actors and actresses will be starring in this spring's two act play, *Stereotype High*.

"The geek. The freak. The stoner. The dumb jock. The mean girl. The thespian. The [bad girl]. The lonely girl. High school is full of stereotypes – or is it? Told in a series of interlaced vi-

gnettes, these "stereotypical" teens fight tooth and nail to reinvent themselves. There's nothing more powerful than the teen who stands alone, proud of who they are," reads the play's official blurb.

In *Stereotype High*, eight senior-aged protagonists attempt to navigate the crushing and dramatic world of high school while carrying the weight of the stereotypes that they may or may not have brought upon themselves as they bloomed into young-

adulthood. Preparing to enter the real world, they try to ditch their stereotypes and show people who they really are.

Katie Geisler plays a stereotypical bad girl named Skye. Skye is so over being the girl that everyone uses for their own pleasure. She just wants a nice guy, a guy that doesn't feel entitled to anything of her. She may be a promiscuous on the outside, but on the inside she's really fragile and sensitive.

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The stereotypical jock, Chuck, is played by Cole Feigen. Chuck is just a big dumb hunk... or is he? Chuck is tired of being expected to achieve great things. He wants to be someone that nobody expects anything of.

Feigen explains that he thinks the characters are a bit over-done, especially for Gerretson, but still thinks the play has a good moral: Be true to yourself.

"Perhaps the moral falls along the lines of that you should get to know someone on a deeper, more personal level before you start to form a judgment of their character," commented Geisler.

Ronald, the stereotypical nerd, is played by Zebadiah Johnson. This geek of a guy is going to score a 35 on his ACT without having to study, then take it again just to score a few more points. Ronald is convinced that no girl is interested in him, and is willing for try anything to get one. Beneath it all, Ronald is a really nice guy, and it's sad but true that most of the time, nice guys finish last.

The stereotypical stoner, Alex, is played by Bryce Wollmann. People talk about him as the guy most likely to go to juvie or rehab. What people don't know is that he DOES have plans for

the future. Believe it or not, he does get good grades, and you'll never guess why he's really in this illegal business.

Joshua Leister plays the stereotypical freak named Andrew. He's not afraid to state his opinions. He goes to fight against the power, and thrash in his heavy metal. But, beneath it all, is he just a guy with different inclinations looking for acceptance?

If you've seen a teen movie in the last decade you'll know who she is; the mean girl. Played by Siri Wollmann, Jeanie dominates her high school hallways with an iron fist and designer sunglasses. She's got a posse of followers at ready to do whatever at her beck and call. Is she really just your everyday Regina George, or is there a part of her bubbling towards the surface, ready to follow her dreams and be nice?

Meghan Nelson plays the stereotypical unmatched-clothes-wearing thespian, the girl everyone assumes is crazy. AnnaRosaRoseMarie knows all the words to every show tune out there, and belts them out every opportunity she can, all day long.

Lastly there's Rita, the stereotypical lonely girl, is played by Jessica Fuesten. She has a lisp, and is painfully awkward in social situations. She sits alone at lunch and other kids avoid her. She's

looking for a man, armed only with a wooden block. Eventually she gets tired of waiting.

Supporting actors and actresses and stage crew include: Kyrstyn Beck (Mrs. Slattimore), Sylvia Larson (Miss. Johnson), Alex Uhl (Stoned Guy), Jacob Leister (Disgruntled Movie Goer, Frankenstein, and Lifeguard), Tabitha Klingenberg (stage hand, Teen Girl, ComicCon Attendant, and Lady in Waiting Room), Rebecca Weiland (stage hand, Nurse, and Teen Girl), Abrianna Scholl (stage hand and Teen Girl), Marc Rattenborg (Teen Guy), Joshua Thomas (Teen Boy), and Hailey Steffes (Too-Young Girl).

"This show is very deep. It has all the stereotypical people you'd see in high school, but you find out really quickly that those people aren't everything their stereotypes say they should be, and that in many cases they want to change or be somebody else," director Marissa Wollmann told the *Garretson Gazette*.

The cast has been working long and hard to make this play a success, and are excited to display their talents to you next weekend.

"Thursday, April 30th and Saturday, May 2nd, 7:00pm. Be there," encourages Geisler.

Senior Spotlight

NAME: Brianna Mudder

SENIOR PROJECT: Volunteered at the Teddy bear Den in Sioux Falls and learned to sew

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Basketball, Football Stats, Track Stats

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:

Attending and participating in sporting events and seeing my classmates

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend USD to major in Pre-Med or Nursing



Scholarship Corner

- **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.