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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: It was given to you; it belongs to you, but your friends use it more than you do. What is it?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: When do frogs and kangaroos celebrate their birthdays?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS: Friday, February 26

- National FFA Week—Petting Zoo, Amazing Goat Race, FFA Dress Day
- State Wrestling in Rapid City
- TATU Lock-In (Grades 4-5)

Saturday, February 27

- National FFA Week—Breakfast in Commons (7:00-10:30)
- State Wrestling in Rapid City

Monday, February 29

- Science Fair and Awards (6:30)

Tuesday, March 1

- BBB @ Region Tourney (TBD)

Wednesday, March 2

- MS Honor Band/Choir @ Celebration of Music Festival

Thursday, March 3

- No Preschool
- Preschool and Kindergarten screening (9:00-6:00)

Friday, March 4

- BBB @ Region Tourney (TBD)

Saturday, March 5

- 7/8 BBB/GBB @ Blue Dragon Classic (9:00)
- Music Department Pie and Ice Cream Concert (7:00)



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Garretson FFA Wants "Ewe" to Support Ag

By Alex Uhl

National FFA Week is upon us and just so happened to overlap with "I Hate Winter Week," which provided many different activities and dress up days for the whole school to enjoy. The Garretson FFA Chapter has brought back some of the same awesome activities this week that everyone loves and will hopefully provide a small oasis in this desert of mediocre school days.

One activity that's recently flown under the radar is the annual chicken bingo competition. In this luck-based activity, participants buy different squares on a 10 x 5 board that has a chicken on it. After most, if not all the squares are sold

out, the chicken is let loose onto the board. Whichever square the chicken poops on, that's the winner and the profit money is split between the winner and the FFA. The notable winner of the chicken bingo at the boy's basketball game was Superintendent Guy Johnson.

Another very popular show the FFA puts on is the annual Friday Petting Zoo. This is when the Garretson FFA members and notable community members bring in friendly livestock into a petting zoo to be shown off and to be interacted with by the Garretson School and the surrounding daycares. Some of the animals that were there include the following: goats, calves, a horse, lambs, a dog, a cat, and maybe even Carl the Llama.

The Garretson FFA also took the small trip over to the 2nd grade classrooms to

educate the young children on what agriculture is and why it is important to the future of society. They learn everything from where the ingredients to a hamburger come from to how plants grow using the sun and the rain. They also get to bottle feed young lambs.

The final activity is the FFA Breakfast on Saturday morning. FFA officers and some notable members cook up an amazing and healthy breakfast free of charge. It will take place in the school commons. This is just one way the Garretson FFA gets information out to the public about the wonderful things it does and agriculture and general, and is able to garner community support. As spring contests come closer and closer, the Garretson FFA will need to get ready to compete and win and show off their amazing skills.



Students got into the FFA action with their milk mustaches on Tuesday.
Photos Courtesy of Mrs. Julie Mueller

Girls Basketball Resolves for the Year

By Annika Hanson

The last game for the Garretson girls basketball team was an emotional ride for everyone. It all ended Tuesday night February 16th when we lost to Sioux Falls Christian and did not proceed in the rest of the tourney.

The final score ended 34-56. Garretson has played against Sioux Falls Christian once before, that score ended in 36-38 with Garretson's loss. Unfortunately Sioux Falls Christian picked up its game at the end and came back with vengeance in their hearts.

"They were stronger than we were but we didn't hang our heads and quit," commented Coach Dave Mudder.

The final game was a tender moment the whole team will never for-

get, especially the seniors. Mudder said he will miss the seniors greatly.

"The seniors have given us a lot of experience over the years and we will miss them, but this also gives a chance for the younger generation to step up."

Senior Jaden Bly has been playing for the team for four years. She became slightly emotional reflecting over her final game and past four years.

"Putting on that Garretson uniform for the last time was a very bitter-sweet moment," said Bly. "But we had a very good run and I'm glad that everything played out the way it did"

Seniors Morgan Gloe and Peyton Heitkamp have each contributed to the Blue Dragons over the years as well. Gloe even fought through a knee

injury her sophomore year. Gloe has been a part of the team for two years, and Heitkamp three.

Gloe also had a lot of emotions running through her mind after Tuesday's loss in the first round of regions.

"It came in the blink of an eye; you never know what game will be your last," Gloe said. "We got there and hoped that this game would not be our last but that unfortunately was not the case. Next time it will be the juniors turn and I hope they know that it is not fun when it ends"

In the end, the last game was not our best play but the girls played with spirit and heart. "We win as a team, we loose as a team. Congrats to Sioux Falls Christian," concluded Mudder.



Trump Continues Dominance in Republic GOP

By Micaiah Lee Mader

The United States presidential race is officially in full swing as of February 1st. The Iowa caucuses kicked off election season with a surprising winner in Ted Cruz. New Hampshire, Nevada, and South Carolina followed the Iowa caucuses.

For those who don't follow the election closely, you may think Mr. Trump is a very unpopular man, WRONG. After Cruz's small victory in the great state of Iowa, Donald Trump has won each of the next three states in convincing fashion.

However, after slamming a majority of the "minorities" in this country on multiple occasions, his numbers are predicted to drop the further south the polls go due higher minority populations.

Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz launched a battery of attacks against Donald Trump last night at a riotous republican debate. All three candidates par-

ticipated in a childish back and forth name-calling session where even the mediators lost control.

At one point Rubio claimed, "If Trump hadn't inherited money, he'd be selling watches in Manhattan." To which Trump countered, "I took one million and turned it into ten billion". Mr. Trump went on to say, "This guys a choke artist, and this guys a liar," while pointing at Rubio and then at Cruz.

The Republican bracket is now down to just five candidates; Donald Trump, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, and John Kasich. Carson and Kasich have been relatively quiet in the polls and in the news as of late. However, both candidates are looking to make up ground in the lower half of the continental United States.

Next Tuesday is Super Tuesday which holds astronomical importance in the political world. March 1, 2016 or

"Super Tuesday," is the largest single day for candidates to receive delegates thanks to voting in twelve states and one U.S. Territory. This day has been a turning point in many past presidential elections and serves as a key indicator as to who the nominees from each party will be.

The democratic side of the election has not been as rowdy or immature as the republican side. Despite Bernie Sander's win in New Hampshire, Hillary Clinton has a dominating lead in the polls as of today. Not only has she won two out of three primaries, she has racked up 505 super delegate votes while Sander's only has 71.

For those who are tired of the incessant election coverage, there's hope! I'm only kidding, strap in because we haven't even scratched the surface of the 2016 presidential election.

We Have an Extra Day to Live! Here's What to Do!

By Alyssa Bunde

There are 365 days in the year but surprise...2016 has 366! Thank you leap year; we now have an extra day to get our stuff together and be a little less of a mess...or another day where we pretend we don't have responsibilities. Okay, so maybe it is just another day but either way here's a list of things you could do on this extra day of the year.

Skip school

You have an extra day of the year...do you really want to spend it learning about math and adjective clauses? No. You should probably stay in school however if your parents are one of those that'd ground you for a month. Know your boundaries.

Learn something new.

Whether you're at school and being forced to learn or you've followed the previous suggestion, learning something new doesn't have to be boring. For example, learning a new recipe is

something fun and delectable. But in case you haven't learned anything today, here's a few quick fun facts. Elephants are the only mammals that can't jump. Butterfly's taste with their feet. Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.

Catch up on your Netflix series or start a new one.

We all know Netflix is amazing and if you don't have an account I'm so sorry. However, for those of us who are privileged, we know the wonders of that little red icon. While we all may think of ourselves as Netflix aficionados, the truth is half us haven't even scrolled through all the categories. For instance give some love to the oldies! *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *The Warriors* and for those who love a good scare *Rosemary's Baby* are great ones to watch.

Junior Hailey Steffes shared her sentiment over her plans for leap day, "I'd like to say that I'd do something really

fun but it'd probably just turn into another day. After all, another day, another episode of Gossip Girl."

Travel

Most of us are not like movie characters who can pick up their life and suddenly go to New York. A vast majority of us have responsibilities, so while we may not be able to have a spur of the moment adventure we can however plan for a trip! Summer is approaching quickly so that means the amount of music festivals and events to attend are going to be sky rocketing. So pick a few and start shopping for your perfect outfit and assemble your pals. If concerts aren't your thing you can always buy a plane ticket for a trip to a fun destination for a week or two!

Sophomore Keaten Wagner, who said he would like to travel on his day off stated, "I'd go to Chicago because there is a lot of gangs there...I would fit in."



Garretson Sends Four Wrestlers to State

As this paper is going to publication, four Blue Dragon grapplers are getting ready to take their place on the mats in Rapid City.

One wrestler from each grade was able to qualify out of the region tournament last Saturday. Senior Jacob Fitzgerald, junior Jared Fitzgerald, sophomore Chayce Schleuter, and freshman Hayden Pierret all made the trek west yesterday.

In the 106 weight class, Pierret (22-13) started his tournament off against eighth grader Sterling Rausch (32-10) from Webster Area. Pierret won his first round with a 5-0 decision and is

slated to face Sam Kruger (41-7), a seventh grader from Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes.

Schleuter (35-14) won his first match in the 120 weight class against sophomore Dylin Johnson from Lead-Deadwood via a major decision (10-1). Schleuter's next opponent is junior Logan Mahoney (29-7) from Philip Area.

At 138, Jared Fitzgerald wasn't as lucky as his teammates to advance in the first round. He fell to Devon Sievers (35-7) a Deuel junior. His next opponent is St. Thomas More sophomore Stone Durham (37-17).

Jacob Fitzgerald fell to the same fate as his brother in the first round, dropping the first match via pin to sophomore Dawson Semmler (25-4) of Philip Area. His next opponent is Gannon Martinmaas (27-17), a sophomore from Faulkton Area.

Log on to SDHSAA.com, SDPB.org, or watch live on South Dakota Public Broadcasting stations for up to date information on our Blue Dragon wrestlers. Look in next week's edition for a full recap of the state weekend experience.

February is Home to Black History Month

By Isaiah Mader

The origins of Black History Month date back to 1926 when Carter Woodson created Negro History Week. The date he chose was the second week in February because it collided with two men's birthdays who made major contributions to the abolishing of the slaves. These men were Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

In 1970 Kent State University expanded on Negro History Week, but it wasn't fully integrated into American civilization until 1976, the bicentennial of the USA. The president at the time was Gerald Ford and encouraged all Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor or throughout our history."

The month of February is designated for United States citizens to recognize and appreciate all that the African-Americans have done for our country.

This honorary month was also adopted by the United Kingdom and Canada although some years later.

English teacher Mr. Hughes stated, "It's a good reminder of the contributions they made, although I don't find it to be especially necessary." Although he jokingly said, "It is kind of a coincidence of it being the shortest month."

Many African-American men and women in our country's history have played very important roles in making our country the greatest in the world, although not many of them feel that way. This is why the month was created, to give them the credit they deserve and make them realize that everything they did is and will always be appreciated. Albeit it is confined to only one month, sophomore Keisean Deehr-Thornton said, "It makes it a little more special, and it's better than not having one at all."

Mr. Hughes was asked again on how he feels about having a month designated to remembering and celebrating the history of the black community. "It reminds me of certain aspects of African-American history that I do not take into account the rest of the year."

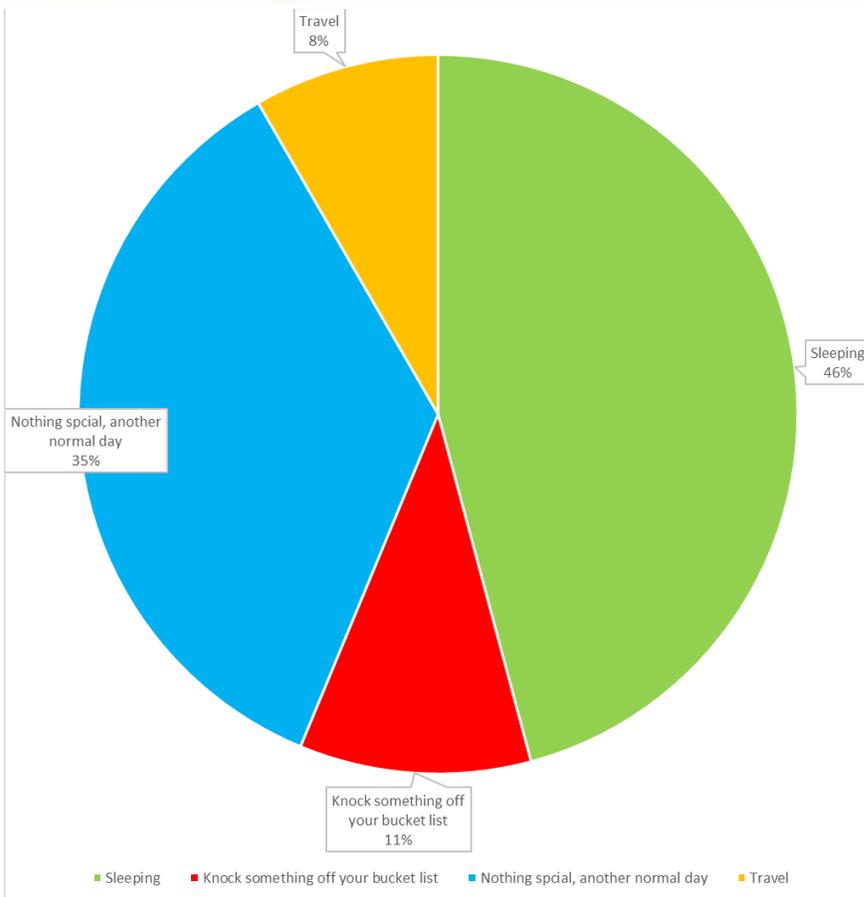
Many things throughout the U.S. are done in the month of February such as public service announcements are made, the NBA dedicates a lot of focus on it even changing their warmup shirts.

Although some extras are done to honor the African-Americans, this month no amount of celebrations, announcements, and reminders can really repay or do justice to these influential members for their valuable contributions to society, making America what it is today.



Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked what they would prefer to do with their "extra" day this year, since it is a leap day on Monday.



Not Your Typical Summer Camp

By Sylvia Larson—Guest Writer

Doesn't everybody just absolutely adore summer camp? The most amazing thing about camp, aside from the fact that you're away from your family for a while, is the friends you make and things you experience.

The University of South Dakota is home to two summer camps for gifted middle and high school students.

These camps are different from your typical summer camp. They don't ignore educational components like some other camps, and they pretty much have a little of everything.

One lucky Garretson student, sophomore Zebadiah Johnson, has had the experience of being a part of both camps each one time, and is planning to keep going back every year he can.

The five day South Dakota Governor's Camp is for students who will be in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade the next fall, and the eleven day Ambassadors of Excellence program is for students who will be in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade the next fall.

During camp, the campers are able to take classes on whatever they want. Classes range from rock climbing to

flower arranging, and a myriad of others. Governors also get to have a fun 'festival' day. This mostly occurs at a state park or something similar and includes swimming, water games, food, and fun. At the end of the five days, campers get to watch the ambassador show, a staff talent show, and make their own projects to display.

Ambassadors get to take classes for two days. After classes have concluded, production of the show begins. The ambassador show is a performance by the entire camp, featuring singing and dancing and costumes. It's put together and planned by several veritable musical geniuses.

Out of both camps, Johnson is most fond of the Ambassador's camp.

"Perhaps the best part of ambassador's camp is the family aspect of it. There's roughly 130 Ambassadors, but everyone shares the same experiences. The bonds formed over 11 days last for a really, really long time. When you're together with the same people for every hour of the entire camp, sleeping,

eating, and rehearsing, the friendships get pretty strong," Johnson recounted.

One thing Johnson has really enjoyed about camp are the classes, specifically modern battlefield medical techniques and political science. He also really enjoys the show.

"The biggest activity is obviously the show, and that's probably my favorite part. A ton of camp alumni come back to watch every year, so we feel pretty strongly about putting on a good show. Plus, there's no better feeling than getting a dance perfect," voiced Johnson. "The mantra of camp, the immortal words of the camp's founder Dr. Bruce, is 'Keep the faith, the best is yet to come'. I have a firm belief in them. If camp has taught me one thing, it's that the best is truly yet to come."

The Governor's camp and Ambassadors of Excellence programs are held in high opinion of Johnson and others who have attended. It may not be your typical summer camp, but considering its rave reviews, it's a place of acceptance, friendship, and fun.

Which Sign of Spring are You?

A fun non-scientific quiz generated by the Journalism class

1. Which quote do you relate to the most?

- A. "Early bird gets the worm"
- B. Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass but learning to dance in the rain"
- C. "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart"
- D. Home is where the heart is

2. Which color appeals to you the most?

- A. Red
- B. Yellow
- C. Blue
- D. Gray

3. Which genre of movies would you prefer?

- A. Action/adventure
- B. Comedy
- C. Romantic
- D. Classics

4. Which position in a sport do you hold?

- A. The leader...I take charge
- B. One of the starters
- C. The supportive bench player
- D. Student manager or statistician

5. Which insect are you most like?

- A. Bee
- B. Butterfly
- C. Worm
- D. Ant

6. Which pattern/material appeals to you the most?

- A. Glitter/bedazzled
- B. Bright colors
- C. Chevron
- D. Floral

7. What is would be your first instinct if you were lost in the woods?

- A. Search for a way out
- B. Think positively and hope for the best
- C. Cry/panic
- D. Wait for help



Personality Quiz Results: Which Sign of Spring are You?

If you got mostly **A**, you're a robin! Like our flying friends, you are bold and in charge. You are not afraid to speak your mind and let your opinion be heard. You tend to be the go to person when things get rough and there's no other way you'd want it to be.



If you got mostly **B**, you're a budding flower! The sun is shining; the birds are chirping, and no gray clouds could ever come into your blue sky! You see the best in life and people so you can often be quite foolish with trusting but most people wouldn't wish bad upon you because of your generous and joyful personality. You are the people person and love to be the life of the party.



If you got mostly **C**, you're melting snow! Grab a box of tissues before you watch any sappy movie because odds are you're the person who's going to cry out of the group. This isn't a bad thing though, it just means you are in touch with your sensitive side. People really appreciate this because your soft natured way and ability to do emergency



therapy sessions for your friends really come in handy!

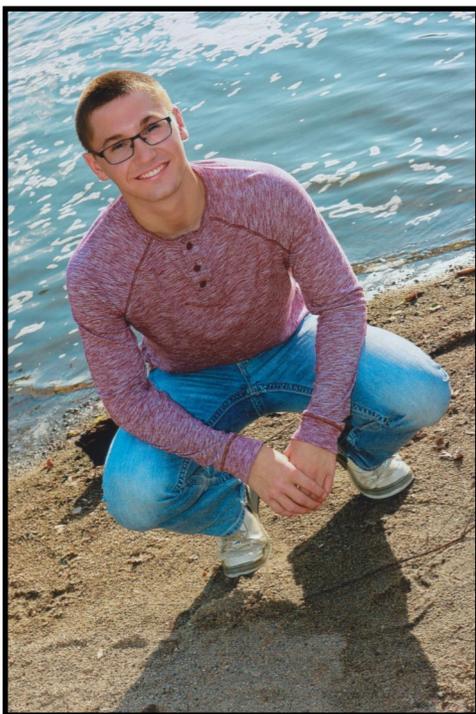
If you got mostly **D**, you're a bunny! Like most rabbits you tend not to stick around large groups of people. You like to keep to yourself or people you are comfortable with. You can be found often at your house rather than out an about. Words often do not coming flowing from you but when you do speak it's often quite wise and useful!



Scholarship Corner

- **Garretson Community Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Minimum GPA of 2.5. Multiple scholarships available. Due February 26, 2016
- **National Association of Women in Construction Scholarship (\$500-\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Pursuing study in a construction related field. Due February 28, 2016
- **Buick Achievers Scholarship (up to \$25,000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Studying engineering, technology, or design with an interest in the automotive industry. Due February 29, 2016
- **Amateur Softball Scholarship (\$500)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
- **American Legion Scholarship (\$500)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
- **Entringer Classic Scholarship (\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Participation in HS athletics for at least two years. Due March 1, 2016
- **Tip Top Tux Scholarship (\$1000-\$5000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
- **CHS Easter Farmers Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must be going into an agricultural field. Six scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
- **Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Must be attending a two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school. Must have at least a 'C' average and be sponsored by an NTCA or FRED Donor Circle member. Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
- **Minnehaha Funeral Home Scholarship (\$500)** - High School Senior with a minimum 2.5 GPA who plans to attain a 2 or 4 year degree from an accredited school. Due March 7, 2016
- **Alliance Communications Scholarship (\$1,000)** - Must be Alliance Communications customer and be a full-time student in the fall of 2016. Due March 11, 2016.
- **Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity Scholarship (\$2,000)** - Three scholarships available for South Dakota residents. Scholarship available on bbbinc.org. Due March 11, 2016.
- **South Dakota Firefighter Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must be son or daughter of a member of an SDFD. Due March 15, 2016
- **Build Dakota Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Planning to attend one of four technical schools in South Dakota. Due March 15, 2016
- **Citi Youth Leadership Awards (\$1000)** - Six \$1000 awards are available. Must have contributed at least 100 hours of service during the past 12 months. Service can include through community/religious organizations and/or school/community based service-learning projects. Due March 18, 2016
- **Home Builders Association Scholarship (\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available.

Senior Spotlight



NAME: Jacob Fitzgerald

SENIOR PROJECT: Woodworking

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Cross Country, Wrestling, Club Baseball, National Honor Society

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST: Friends and Sports

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Whatever I feel like doing

ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: Your Name

Joke: February 29th, because it's Leap Day!

