

This upcoming four day weekend is Garretson's last scheduled break until the end of the year on Friday, May 18.

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Journalism and yearbook students honored for writing, photography

Annual convention provides chances for student journalists to better their skills, be recognized for their work.

by Mason Hofer
staff writer

Yesterday, March 28, the journalism team took a day off of school to attend the South Dakota State Press Convention held at the SDSU campus in Brookings, SD.

Garretson arrived at the convention right on time, as everyone poured into the large room. After a brief introduction and current events quiz, the students split into groups to listen to speakers that would help the class become better journalists/members of the press. Topics included photography, interviewing, yearbook, and fresh ideas for photos and stories.

After a brief lunch break students sat in on a panel discussion; four communications and media professionals and/or current college students talked about their experienc-



Attending the state convention yesterday were Sylvia Larson, Mason Hofer, Peyton Sage, Zeb Johnson, and Isaiah Mader. Each of these attendees were recognized with at least one superior for their journalistic contributions through either photography or newswriting. They also earned other honors for their work.

es, what they suggest for those interested in similar careers, and fielded questions from the audience.

After the panel, SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director of Fine Arts, Brooks Bowman announced the awards. There were four different newswriting categories (general news, sports, editorial, and feature story) and three photography. In January, students from across the state submitted pictures and articles that were published in their newspapers and yearbooks. Those submissions were then judged and scored based on content, headlines and captions, and composition. The advisor/teacher of the journalism classes could also submit their school newspaper and yearbook for judging also.

For the school publications, *Blue Ink* received an honorable mention and the yearbook, *Dragon*, received an excellent.

For the photography portion awards Garretson received four awards, Sylvia Larson, earned a superior in her sports photography and excellent in school activities, Isaiah Mader and Mason Hofer both took home excellents in school activities and sports, respectively.

For the newswriting field Garretson received 11 awards, Mader and Peyton Sage received a superior on a combination editorial over senior privileges. Mader also received one superior (feature) and one excellent (general news). Sage (feature), Zeb Johnson (general news), and Greg Arana all took home one superior. Hofer collected one superior (editorial) and two excellents (feature story, sports), and Heather Huether and Emily Malsom (general news) each received one excellent.

Students and publications received valuable feedback to improve their writing, skills, and composition while still working to provide a quality service and product for the Garretson community.

Facebook and Cambridge Analytica scandal arises

Information of 50 million Facebook users has been harvested and used for controversial reasons

by Isaiah Miles Mader
senior writer

Throughout the past weeks, Facebook has been under fire by users from around the world after data mining and sharing surfaced. Facebook gave Cambridge Analytica the rights to the social media site for academic purposes without truly realizing how it was going to be used, which has left many concerned about how safe their information actually is. This has caused users to delete their accounts and stock prices to fall. Facebook lost 80 billion dollars in market value thus far.

The data was harvested by a personality questionnaire invented by Aleksandr Kogan which was taken by roughly 300,000 people. It also got information from the friends of

those

users on Facebook. Kogan claimed he was using this information for an educational project which was false and turned out to be getting an in depth look at the American people and all of their tendencies.

Lots of controversy has surrounded the scandal because of the ties between Cambridge Analytica and the Trump administration. Many see this as a way to swing potential voters and impact election results by targeting ads based off of five personality traits developed through the sold information.

People are now questioning the motives of Facebook and wondering if forfeiting their privacy for the website is truly worthwhile.

Sophomore Rachel Kindt said, "Although Facebook offers many

great opportunities for staying connected with family and friends, you have to be willing to ask yourself if using the app is worth risking your personal privacy. And for me, it just isn't."

Senior Peyton Sage agreed, "My personal information was supposed to be kept out of the public but that has been completely disregarded. It makes me wonder how much of the info I keep 'private' is actually out there."

Mark Zuckerberg, CEO and founder of Facebook, is now on an apology tour in an attempt to save and reclaim the credibility of his company. He has agreed to testify before Congress and has already revamped the privacy settings to make them more user friendly.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: April Fool's Day is said to have stemmed from the shift from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian in the 1500s.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Adding baking soda to your water before boiling eggs makes it easier to remove the egg shells later.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why did the Easter egg hide?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What can be seen in the middle of the months in both March and April but not at the beginning or end of either month?
Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 30

- No School—Good Friday

Monday, April 2

- No School—Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 3

- FFA State Agriscience Fair @ Mitchell

- Track @ West Central (4:00)

Thursday, April 5

- JH Track @ Flandreau (4:00)

Friday, April 6

- FFA CDE @ Lennox

- Golf @ Mitchell (10:00)

Saturday, April 7

- Prom: Grand March (7:00)

Worth Mentioning

Garretson Pride Pool is still going strong and after some stunning upsets Jacob Schmidt is in first place. Just a few points behind him, tied for second, are Ryan Fick and Amyah Ockenga.

Garretson School Board approved the calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The first day of school will be August 23. The school calendar is now available on the school website or can be accessed via this [link](#).

Quiz Bowl defended their title with a convincing win over other Big East competitors on Monday. This marks Garretson's third championship in a row.

"Be the Change" Week approaching Tuesday

Next week, middle and high school students will participate in another "Be the Change" week, with a few additions

by Peyton Sage
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After weeks of media coverage stemming from the shooting in Florida, many people are saying that bullying in schools is the main culprit of mass shootings. To lessen the stigma around this topic, the Garretson high school and middle school student council members are organizing and implementing "Be the Change" events this upcoming week.

On Tuesday morning, students will gather in the gym for a special assembly to jump start the rest of the week. While the events taking place during the assembly will remain a secret until that morning, the student council encourages everyone to show up with an open mind.

To pay tribute to the 17 lives lost in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting, students are asked to write 17 post-it notes with positive words, saying 17 nice things to one another or write a letter of appreciation to someone who deserves it. Students



who participate have a chance to win prizes.

Along with doing random acts of kindness like these, students are urged to continue being kind to one another after the week comes to a close. Garretson believes that preventing bullying could potentially stop a student from committing such a tragic crime like the survivors of school shootings encountered.

To finish off "Be the Change" week, volunteer high school students will DJ a dance party for the middle schoolers during the school day. The playlist will consist of positive, uplifting songs to set the tone for the rest of the school year, and, hopefully, the rest of the years to come.

Impossible word search

Find DIMKYQ. First person to do so gets a prize, courtesy of the journalism staff

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Created by Isaiah Miles Mader

Easter

by Heather Huether
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This year Easter will occur on Sunday, April 1. Easter was first known as the day Jesus was resurrected. The celebration starts off with a period of fasting known as Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and goes on for 40 days (not counting Sundays). Then the Sunday immediately prior to Easter is called Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the Holy Week, which ends on Easter.

Easter also includes many non-religious traditions like Easter eggs, and related events such as egg rolling and egg decorating. According to history.com "It is believed that eggs represented fertility and birth in certain traditions that pre-date Christianity." Egg decorating may have become part of the Easter celebration because of Jesus' resurrection.

The exact origin of when the Easter Bunny tradition started is unknown. Although, some historians believe it came to America with German immigrants in the 1700s. Rabbits are usually known as enthusiastic



procreators of joyful offspring, so the arrival of baby bunnies in springtime became associated with birth and renewal.

An Easter dinner of lamb can also have historical roots, since a lamb was often used as a sacrificial animal in Jewish traditions, and lamb is frequently served during Passover. The phrase "lamb of God" is sometimes used to refer to Jesus and the sacrificial nature of his death.

Today, Easter is just as much a commercial event as a religious holiday, marked by high sales for greeting cards, toys, stuffed animals, candies (such as Peeps, chocolate eggs and chocolate Easter bunnies) and other gifts.

April Fool's Mad Lib

1. Plural noun _____
2. Plural noun _____
3. Noun _____
4. Item in house _____
5. Noun _____
6. Item in school _____
7. Noun _____
8. Plural noun _____
9. Plural noun _____
10. Noun _____
11. Noun _____
12. Action _____

Every year on April 1st, people play silly _____ (1) on their _____ (2). They might tape a _____ (3) to the _____ (4), put a whoopee- _____ (5) on their _____ (6), or use their _____ (7) to make a prank call. Not everyone enjoys the _____ (8) that their _____ (9) play, but it's all in good _____ (10)? Be careful. If you play a _____ (11) on a friend, they might just _____ (12) you back!

Senior Spotlight *Isaiah Mader*

SENIOR PROJECT:
Refurbishing a fishing boat

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Baseball
Golf
NHS

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:
Nothing except for Mrs. B

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Attend a four year university to play baseball and/or golf and eventually become a history professor



National powerlifter

by **Sylvia Larson**
staff writer

Powerlifting meets have a certain... aura. Sweaty guys and girls waiting around for their next lift, hundreds of jabbering parents and friends packed into the bleachers, the clangs of weights being pulled on and off the bar by a bunch of monster sized dudes, sweat and chalk dust staining the floor while nervousness and bravado fill the air. For GHS Senior Zebadiah Johnson, this place is home.

Johnson got into powerlifting soon after he moved to Garretson, influenced by 2014 GHS graduate Bryce Wollmann. It was a spur of the moment decision, he hadn't previously seriously considered lifting and only did it because he didn't have any other spring sports plans. He was unable to lift his sophomore year due to an injury, but hopped back on it last year and competed in state as a junior. He got 5th at state

that year.

He's been pretty successful this year, taking home 2nd place overall at his first meet of the season on in January and in February, he competed in the state meet in Brandon.

He qualified for nationals a few days before state.

"To qualify for nationals, I had to lift a certain weight in a USAPL sanctioned meet. For my weight class, I had to lift 472.5 kilograms (1041.7 lbs)," stated Johnson, "it was very easy for me to hit these weights and qualify."

USAPL High School Nationals were held in Appleton Wisconsin over the course of four days, March 22nd-26th. Junior Varsity competed the first two days. Johnson competed on the third day. Each day was divided



Photos by Sylvia Larson

into several sessions, and each session had two flights per platform. Johnson's session took about three hours, and he only had 10 minutes between each lift.

"I did well at nationals, but not as well as I could have. I underperformed on squat, but my other two lifts were pretty good," commented Johnson. He squatted 205 kgs (about 451 lbs), benched 137.5 kgs (about 303 lbs), and deadlifted 197.5 kgs (about 435 lbs). "My all time personal [squat] record is 505; so that lift definitely could have gone better. Overall, I went 6/9 on my lifts and had a ton of fun."

Nationals was an equipped meet, which means that all participants wore squat suits that help them lift more. Because of this, his state lifting totals can't really be compared.

He ended up taking home 9th, which makes him among the top ten strongest in his weight class in the entire nation.

"I will continue to train and compete in powerlifting as long as I can. Next year I plan to compete on the collegiate or open level," Johnson stated, "or a little more distant future, I hope to someday become a national champion."



84 men standing on a building in the UK?

by **Greg Arana**
staff writer

An average of 84 men take their own lives a week in the United Kingdom; that comes down to one death by suicide every two hours. A group in London has a plan to raise awareness about this situation.

American artist, Mark Jenkins, joined a group called CALM to help with project 84 to raise awareness about suicide. Together they made 84 life sized sculptures and set them atop a building for passersby's to see.

Jenkins and the rest of CALM are hoping to lower the numbers of male suicide in the UK with this project. The sculptures are to remember the ones that took their lives and to raise awareness within the society about the drastic numbers of male suicide.

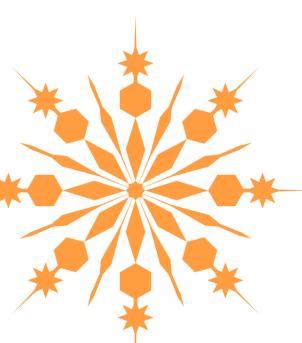
Orange Snow?

by **Greg Arana**
staff writer

Some skiers in Eastern parts of Europe didn't have the normal descent on the slopes. People in Bulgaria, Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and Russia witnessed rare phenomenon that is orange or yellowish snow.

This "orange snow" happens when sand from Africa's Sahara desert is blown into the atmosphere and travels northeast where it mixes with the snow of Eastern Europe. Pictures of the phenomenon have been posted to social media since it has fallen.

There was mixed feelings about the snow on the slopes and all over Eastern Europe. Most people took pictures because they thought it was cool other skiers complained about getting the sand in their hair and faces while on the slopes.



Store closings

Three stores in
or near the mall
set to close

The rise of online shopping continues to take a toll on brick and mortar retailers. Multiple companies have chosen to close some of their outlets if not all.

These decisions are affecting the Garretson shopping market as Sioux Falls stores located in or near the mall are all closing up shop: Toys 'R' Us, Icing by Claire's, and New York and Company.

These are not the only vacancies the Empire Mall has seen. Vanity, Teavana, and Wet Seal recently closed their store fronts.

Zeb's World

Week two: education

by **Zebadiah Johnson**
guest contributor—editorial

Here in the United States, we tend to think we do things pretty well. Our Constitution is pretty rad; we have fireworks, freedom, and plenty of other cool things that back our common assertion that we are the "greatest nation in the world". However, one thing we do not have is an education system that effectively prepares students for the real world, or fosters a love of learning in our youth.

As I said last week, education is one of the most valuable things that a person can have, but the value of certain types of education can vary between students. It may sound stupid to say, but students are people too. And just like all other people, what is valuable to one student may not be valuable to another. A student who is passionate about mechanics will most likely not be passionate about Shakespearean sonnets, so why does our education system mandate that students learn about sonnets but not motors? A cookie cutter curriculum that does not take personal interests into account only serves to dull curiosity, not grow passion for learning in young people.

Just like there are problems with what is taught in schools, how it is taught causes problems too. I repeat, not every student is the same, so why should we all be expected to learn at the same pace and in the same ways? Classes are taught at a pace and in a manner that will work ok for the majority, but in the process, neglect the few. Yes, for many kids notes and a lecture followed by quizzes work fine, but what about the students who need to move faster or learn the material in a different way? Just as democracy works to empower the many without hurting the few, our education system should function in the same way. Schools should not ignore the needs of certain students simply because they aren't in the majority.

My final gripe is that America's school system puts more emphasis on obedience than learning and creativity. Grades ARE important, but how well do those grades reflect the learning taking place? Do teachers work to instill the skills of critical thinking and to teach the subject or do they use the exact same lesson plan for every unit and rely on students to merely regurgitate notes back onto a piece of paper? In my opinion, the latter isn't actually learning, it is memorizing. Lectures, notes, and quizzes don't teach a subject; they teach obedience.

Beyond what I've already written, there are so many things that need fixing in America's education system; and believe me, it does need fixing. Just as Dr. Condoleezza Rice said at the Boe Forum, our K-12 system is of vital importance if the U.S. wants to continue to lead on the global stage; as it is what will drive American innovation and provide opportunities for her citizens. The solution to the problems found in our education system ARE capable of being fixed, but they will not be until the topic is brought into the light.