

<p>Garretson, SD Friday 1:00 PM Wind and Rain</p>  <p>36 °F °C</p>	<p>Because of April storms, pay close attention to school related activities. Many have been postponed</p>
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Blue Ink



Onto a new chapter for Garretson

Read all about your new mayor's, Greg Beaner, thoughts and views

by **Mason Hofer**
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The voting for the new mayor of Garretson was on Tuesday, April 10 and more people came out to vote than ever before!

There was a total of around 300 votes, the population of Garretson is a little under 1200, and there are around 600 students that attend Garretson School. Overall there was a 37% turnout. The results of the election were as follows:

- Greg Beaner: 137 Votes
- Bruce Brown: 99 Votes
- Tom Godbey: 56 Votes

Making Greg Beaner the new Mayor of Garretson!

Being the mayor of a town many times focuses on trying to grow the city as much as possible, whether it be by bringing in more businesses or attracting new residents.

Beaner has high hopes for Garretson's growth. "The mayor and council have to work well together.

The current council is very focused and has similar ideas. There is already a plan in place for a bike trail/walking path around Garretson. This would probably be the biggest thing that we could bring to Garretson," stated the newly elected mayor. "The continuation of our sidewalk plan is a major addition too. Lastly, the senior class thought it would be really cool to get a B&G Milky Way in Garretson...I would have to completely agree with them, but we will have to work on that last one."

Growth, expansion, development, advancements, what ever word you want to use, it is the most important thing for a small community. "In the next 5 years, I would like to see the community grow by about 75 homes. This sounds like a lot but it is only 15 homes per year. The biggest step is having a development area to build in. Housing is very expensive in areas like Sioux Falls and Brandon. You get a lot of value for your dollar in Garretson. Why is growing im-

portant? If we don't grow our population, our schools and business won't grow either," stated Beaner.

Over the last five years, Garretson has grown a total of one in population. This doesn't mean that we've only gotten one more person in our city it means that people are leaving as fast as people are coming.

It is now time for the next chapter of Garretson, with a new person in office we may be able to make reasons for people to stay.

Greg Beaner had one more thing to add for the students to see. "I have served 16 years on the city council and want to do a good job as mayor. Hopefully, I can do as good of a job as Mayor Tim Mullin. During this term I'm going to take it one day at a time. If things go well and people like what the mayor and council are doing I'm going to continue. Remember, if you have thoughts and ideas please share them with your council person or myself. We would love to hear them."

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: According to a 2013 study, chewing gum may help improve concentration.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Put clear nail polish onto the outer threads of a button. This will keep it from unraveling or popping off your clothing.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: If two fish try out for choir, which one will be chosen?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Name three consecutive days without using Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday.

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 13

- K & 1st Grade Field Trip @ Children's Museum in Brookings

Saturday, April 14

- Track @ Jesse James Invite (Has been rescheduled)

Monday, April 16

- 8th Grade Student/Parent Transition Meeting @ 6:30
- Dual Credit Meeting @ 7:30

Tuesday, April 17

- Golf @ Chester (10:00)
- Track @ Beresford (4:00)

Wednesday, April 18

- Spring Athletic Physicals

Thursday, April 19

- Golf @ Flandreau (10:00)
- JH Track @ Garretson (4:00)

Worth Mentioning

Track and Field travelled to their first meet of the season yesterday. The Blue Dragons ran, jumped, and threw in Menno and had a successful opening competition. Garretson's next competition is slated for Tuesday at Beresford

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](#).

A little lawlessness never hurt

anyone *Some laws just aren't applicable anymore (or ever), thus breaking them may not be that big of a deal*

by **Heather Huether**
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If you love to travel especially throughout the United States, you know that there are all sorts of different laws per state. These differences can vary between the speed limit, tax amounts, or things involving bathtubs. All around the US there are many weird and awkward laws. So now you can know so you don't end up doing something you shouldn't while you travel.

In Arizona donkeys are not allowed to sleep in bath tubs, and in South Carolina it is illegal to keep a horse inside of a bathtub. North Dakota also has some weird laws, one being it is illegal to lie down and fall asleep with your shoes on. But in South Dakota it's okay to sleep with shoes on, but don't you dare fall asleep in a cheese factory.

In Alabama if you'd like to wear a fake mustache it's okay... until you go into a church. It is illegal to wear a fake mustache that causes laughter inside of a church. And if you were to be in California, it is illegal to

eat a frog if it died during a frog-jumping contest.

How many of you have shared your Netflix password with others? While in Tennessee you can get fined or possibly sent to jail for doing so. And in Virginia children are not allowed to go trick-or-treating on Halloween. Looks like I won't be going there in October. Speaking of holidays, in Idaho it is illegal to give your special someone a box of candy weighing more than 50 pounds.

Maybe Garretson can relate to this one. But in Kansas there is a poorly worded law that states that if two trains were to meet on the same track, neither shall proceed until the other one passes. How can he pass if there is a train in the way?

Now that golf season is here, remember to make sure none of your golf balls are explosive. Or maybe just don't visit Massachusetts. In Massachusetts it is illegal for one to own an explosive golf ball. Just think they made this law cause

some random person, or people, were just chillin' at home or on the golf course with some explosive golf balls.

Have you ever wondered what it takes for a pickle to be considered a pickle? While neither have I. But in Connecticut a pickle cannot legally be considered a pickle unless it bounces.

If you were to own an elephant in Florida, and tie it to a parking meter, it must be paid for as it would if it was a vehicle. And in North Carolina it is illegal to use an elephant to plow a cotton field. Not just any field, but a cotton field. Why a cotton field?

All around the United States there are some pretty weird laws. These laws were put into place because one person, or multiple people, were doing these things. Or maybe it just happened too often. After reading these we can all agree that each state is weird in its own way, and the United States is just full of random nonsense.



Cell phones have unpleasant effects

Use of cell phones could be bad for your health

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In the United States, 72% of people own and use a cellular device without taking time to truly think about the risks involved in using them in their daily lives. Technology like this has no doubt changed the daily functions of life, but it might not be as harmless as you think. Cell phones could cause brain cancer; headaches; and affect memory, learning, sleep, and behavior and have many other negative consequences.

Cell phones emit radio waves which have caused many to fear the possibility of cancer or tumors. However, this has been tested and came back with no results indicating this. But this may be due to the short time span in which phones have been widely used making the data insufficient. They can also cause headaches in users who do not limit the amount of time spent per day.

A shocking statistic was released in *Time* stating that humans now have a lower attention span (eight seconds) than that of a goldfish (nine

seconds). This can be traced to the massive amounts of time spent rotating between multiple electronic devices. Many companies are now trying to finish their advertisements in under six seconds to retain the attention of the potential customer.

Memory, more specifically short term, is becoming a thing of the past as cell phones are constantly hurling information at us, making it harder to retain knowledge. Due to the large amount of data available, the phones are pulled out instead of trying to remember or figure out the answer. Our phones have replaced the need to remember anything with its omnipresence in today's society.

Learning is also impaired, by turning the focus away from the information at hand and bringing it onto your phone. Phones distract the mind which leads to shallower thinking and more time spent on the task which can reduce the time in which young kids get to be outside or hang out with friends.

The hours spent between multiple electronic devices has greatly reduced the amount of sleep both kids and adults are getting. 40% of the

population is sleeping six hours or less which is an hour less than the recommended time for adults. Scrolling through phones can keep kids up through the night, leaving them groggy the following day and spiraling down a vicious path which can cause stress, reduce alertness and motivation, and impair memory.

One of the biggest issues coming from phone use is behavioral and psychological issues. The addiction has spurred different social expectations and ways of communicating. Many in the younger generation isolate themselves to use their phone leading to poor social skills and mental issues.

The side effects of cell phone use are not widely known throughout the world, but some countries are finding they cause negative effects. Countries like South Korea have already begun to put limitations on cell phones, realizing that face to face communication is superior. Although the technology has huge benefits, the health issues that could arise may make you want to rethink your habits. Technology is good, but only in moderation.

10 things you might not have known about Vikings

by **Sylvia Larson**
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1. Viking men made their wives handle the finances, because they thought math was witchcraft.
2. It was recently discovered that half of Viking warriors were female. The bones were previously misidentified because regardless of gender, they were all hurried with proper war-time armor.
3. Vikings didn't actually didn't wear horned helmets, and there isn't much evidence to support that they wore helmets at all.
4. If Viking couples got divorced, the man was shunned and the woman was praised.
5. Viking men would bleach their hair blonde using a lye based soap.
6. The popular nursery rhyme 'London Bridge is Falling Down' is likely based on a Viking named Olaf the Stout who fixed cables from longships to the bridge and pulled it into the Thames.
7. Most Viking boots were made of goatskin.
8. Vikings loved riddles.
9. The first Viking raid was in Lindesfarne in 793.
10. Wrestling was very popular among Vikings.

Senior Spotlights

Ryan Fick



Senior Project:
Learning to take photos

Activities Involved In:
Golf, Cross Country, Band

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
Not having to do Zeb's math homework

Plans for Next Year:
Attend SDSU to major in electrical engineering

Nicholas Lundberg



Senior Project:
Drawing and framing pictures

Activities Involved In:
Baseball

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
brian_flick and the grain elevator

Plans for Next Year:
Air Force and Augustana University

Track travels to Menno for first meet of season

Spring is here, whether Mother Nature is going to admit it or not. Track & Field has been going strong for a month. After a few cancellations and postponements, the track & field athletes were able to compete in their first meet yesterday finally as the Blue Dragons travelled to Menno.

While there were some successes here and there, room for improvement is still present. Garretson has a great combination of veteran experience and youthful energy that should work in their favor later in the year.

But getting that first meet under their belts has made some student-athletes optimistic that the rest of the season will be a little more tolerable than the brutal, weather-beaten beginning has been.

Places to get a summer job and how to nail the interview

by Peyton Sage
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Summer is only 35 days away; many students are starting their search for a fun summer job

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, many students are left wondering what they will do with all their free time. Many students plan to hit the mall, Wild Water West, Thunder Road, and when August comes around, the Sioux Empire Fair. Older students will begin saving up for hefty college expenses while also having a little extra cash on the side. Giving cause to the need for spending money, it may be a good idea for anyone 14 and up to find a summer job.

For those who are unable to drive or just want to save up on gas, there are many opportunities for work in Garretson. For example, the Garretson Food Center, the Garretson Community Pool, Blue Dragon Academy, Dollar General, and Palisade's State Park are all hiring (with some age requirements).

In Brandon, there is a plethora of job opportunities for students to apply for. McDonald's, Subway, Tailgators, Sunshine Foods, and B&G Milkyway are just some of the few paying jobs only fifteen minutes away.

If students are willing to drive a little further, Sioux Falls has hundreds of jobs available for teens 14 and up. To list a few, Yogi Bear Campground, all Hy-Vee stores, most clothing stores in the mall, and almost every fast food restaurant is hiring.

In order to obtain one of these

jobs, it is important to practice answering interview questions as best as possible. For helpful tips from managers, teens can go to AskA-Manager.com or simply look up what kind of answers managers are looking for.

In order to look presentable for the interview, teens should first show up in nice clothing. Girls are expected to wear khakis, appropriate skirts, or dress pants with a nice button up shirt. Boys are expected to wear khakis or dress pants with a nice flannel or button up shirt, but nothing too over-the-top fancy.

More helpful tips include answering questions as honestly as possible, smiling, maintaining eye contact, and sitting with a good posture.

The most effective way to nail an interview is to make a great first impression. To do that, managers say they most look for introducing oneself, a firm handshake, and showing a genuine interest in the job by asking questions.

After the interview process, teens can expect to hear back in no more than two weeks. In most cases, teens will hear back from a manager in less than a week. The key is to be patient, and if a manager doesn't call back, it is a smart move to call the business and thank them for their consideration.

Best of luck!

Trump's call for troops on the southern border

Trump not first president to send National Guard to border with Mexico

by Greg Arana
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President Trump has called for National Guard troops to head to the US and Mexico border. This seems to be a reoccurring order most presidents make during midterm elections. Trump is sending them down to aid in the fight against drug trafficking and illegal immigration.

Trump's call is not unprecedented as two former presidents did this during their midterm elections also. Both former President Barack Obama and George W. Bush called for troops to aid the border patrol. Obama sent troops back in 2010 and Bush sent them four years before that in 2006.

Combined Obama and Bush sent roughly 29,000 National Guard troops with non-law enforcement duties to the southern border.

Bush's operation lasted two years and was later named Jump Start. During this operation there were 6,000

troops deployed to the border.

Obama, during Operation Phalanx, sent 1,200 initially. The main focus was to assist with the same ideas as Trump: illegal immigration and drug trafficking.

Trump has named his operation "Big Step" with his decision to send troops. Trump has been more of a military guy and wants to fulfill one of his campaign promises. The promise he wants to keep is to build a wall on the southern border and make Mexico pay for it.

"We're going to be doing things militarily," Trump said, "Until we can have a wall and proper security, we're going to be guarding our border with the military."

The president said that if this wall doesn't get built soon he's going to keep sending more troops to the border.

It is estimated that the wall is going to cost around 25 billion dollars.



Prom Snapshots



Prom was last Saturday, April 7. If you have any photos you would like to share with the yearbook or would like a copy of the group photos, please contact Ms. Buchholz.