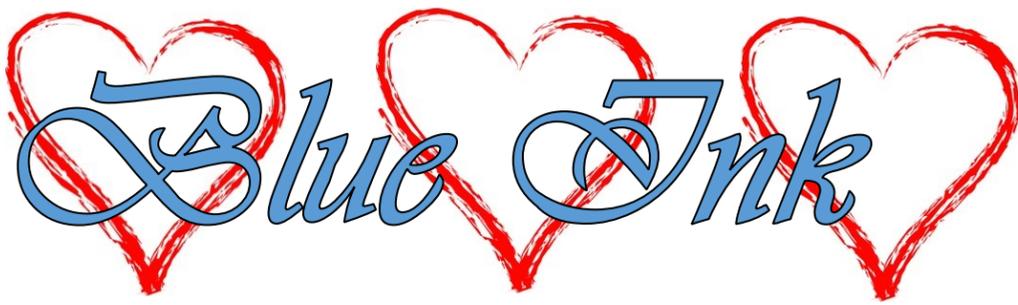


Photo by Nadalie Johnson

Wrestling went 2-1 in their quad Saturday. They travel to Freeman for Regions and state qualifying on Saturday.



Wrestlers look to clinch spot in state tournament

by Riley Altman
staff writer

As the winter sport season comes to an end, the Blue Dragon wrestlers are looking to clinch a spot in the state tournament. The tournament is being held in Rapid City this year; the weekend of February 22 and 23.

Last weekend the blue dragons wrestled in Arlington. "I think last weekend was great, we all did well," said senior wrestler, Ben Konechne. Many of them going 3-0 on the weekend. "We definitely wrestled well, but we still have work to do before regionals," stated wrestler Dominic Abraham.

The wrestling team still doesn't know who they will



Preston Bohl goes after his Elk Point Jefferson opponent.
Photo by Nadalie Johnson



Dakota Johnson looks up at his coaches after getting the pin during the home quad last week. Johnson has consistently fared well this season.
Photo by Nadalie Johnson

wrestle at regions this weekend. Abraham says he needs to be prepared to wrestle Calles from Howard. Isaiah Robinson is looking out for Skyler Swatek from Elk Point. Senior, Hayden Pierret, said, "I don't know how everyone else will show up but I'm showing up to win."

"I'm not nervous about facing anyone in regionals, I know what I have to do to get to state. I have the best coaching staff in the state to help me get there," stated Konechne. Konechne also added, "We are in the toughest region in the state and it's been that way for many years. We can't have any bad days, myself included. We have had an amazing week of practice leading up to the second most important tournament of the year."

Coach Bohl stated, "We have a lot of guys who are capable of making it to state, it's just a matter of who shows up to win." The Blue Dragon wrestlers will wrestle in Freeman this Saturday, February 16.

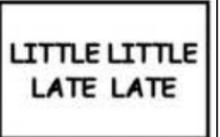
This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: About 3 in 10 Americans skip celebrating Valentine's Day all together.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Exercise is good for your body and your brain. It is proven to increase brainpower up to 10%.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What did one drum say to the other drum on Valentine's Day?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Can you solve this rebus puzzle?



Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 14

- GBB v. Sioux Valley (4:00/5:00/6:30)
- BBB v. Sioux Valley (4:00/5:00/8:00)

Friday, February 15

- No School—Teacher In-Service

Saturday, February 16

- Wrestling @ Region Tourney (10:00)

Monday, February 18

- No School—Presidents' Day
- FFA Meals of Hope
- GBB v. Beresford (4:00/5:00/6:30)
- BBB v. Beresford (4:00/5:00/8:00)

Tuesday, February 19

- GBB @ Baltic (6:15/7:30)

Wednesday, February 20

- FFA Blood Drive

Thursday, February 21

- GBB v. Dell Rapids (4:00/5:00/6:30)
- BBB v. Dell Rapids (4:00/5:00/8:00)

Friday, February 22

- FFA Petting Zoo

Worth Mentioning

Choose Kind

- February Precept: "It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers." - James Thurber
- January Precept: "No man is an island, entire of itself." - John Donne
- December Precept: "Fortune favors the bold." - Virgil

The Galveston Giant gives good history

Jack Johnson makes history in the African-American community

by Sam Gonzalez
senior writer

"If it seems like you are playing around and not practicing, that when you know you really love it" - Jack Johnson

On December 26th, 1908, Jack "the Galveston Giant" Johnson became the first African-American to become the world heavyweight boxing champion. In honor of Black History Month, the Garretson *Blue Ink* once again will recognize someone who had an impact on the African American community.

Born to ex-slaves and being the third of nine children, Johnson knew the meaning of hard work. At the age of 16, Johnson started boxing when he won his first match for just a dollar and 50 cents. Soon after, Johnson started rising up in the boxing world and was determined to get the world heavyweight title. Unfortunately, at this time, most white boxers would refuse to box any black.

Yet Johnson exceeded the limits

when he fought to former champions, Tommy Burner and Jeff Jefferies and won both after 14 rounds. With this new profound fame and money, Johnson lived a lavish life, while

white men were angered that he was at the top. The win against Jefferies created riots. Johnson was determined not to only fight in the ring but racism as well, which later in life dubbed him as "The Great White Hope". This title became a movie about the injustice of his life as a



black boxer.

Jack Johnson put his gloves up at the age of 50, and at 68, he died in a car accident after madly leaving a restaurant that refused to serve him. In 1954, eight years after his death, Johnson was put in the Boxing Hall of Fame.

Bouncing through a busy basketball week

Garretson basketball programs faced busy week after rescheduled games due

by Jayden Clark
staff writer

As February comes to a close, the basketball regular season does also. Both the girls' and boys' basketball teams are trying to finish off their respective seasons strong and secure momentum going into regions.

Girls Basketball

The Lady Blue Dragons have had a slew of successful games in the past few days. Last Saturday, they faced the Colman-Egan Hawks (8-9). They won the game by a margin of 12 points, 54-42. Sophomore Lizzie Olson led the team with 20 points and 17 rebounds, and freshman Jaelyn Benson added 11 more points and five rebounds.

This past Monday, the Blue Dragons traveled to Elkton-Lake Benton to take on the Bobcats (1-17). They finished the game with a score of 62-19. Olson led the team with 12 points and five rebounds. Benson added ten more points and five assists. Much of the other points were scored by numerous players on the lady dragons' team.



Sophomore Lauren Heesch pushes past the Pheasant defense and converts for two of her 10 points on the night.

Photo by Ms. Bly



Senior Trevor Fiegen drives in on the Parker defense. Fiegen led the Blue Dragons with 12 points.

Photo by Ms. Bly



Sophomore Lizzie Olson fights for the tip during the varsity game at Parker. Garretson went on to win 64-45.

Photo by Ms. Bly

against the Parker Pheasants (7-10), who they had lost to during the Big East Conference previously in the season. Kindt stated, "We should have beat them [the Parker Pheasants] the first time, so we needed to win this game for our revenge and redemption." The Lady Dragons defeated the Pheasants 64-45. Olson led the team with 29 points and 18 rebounds, with sophomore Lauren Heesch adding another 10 points and six rebounds. Kindt put up another six points and six assists to round out the game.

The Lady Dragons are back on the court for tonight's double header versus the Sioux Valley Cossacks (4-14). After that, they play again next Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday against the Baltic Bulldogs (3-14), the Beresford Watchdogs (13-2), and the Dell Rapids Quarriers (10-6) before they start regions the following week.

Boys Basketball

The boys' basketball team traveled to Parker Tuesday night looking for a win against the Parker Pheasants (11-4). They were unable to attain this goal, losing 62-35. Leading the blue dragons with 12 points and eight rebounds was Senior Trevor Fiegen. Senior Drew Blosmo added another nine points. The Blue Dragons will be back on the court tonight versus the Sioux Valley Cossacks (13-5), and the again next Monday versus the Beresford Watchdogs (7-9) and Thursday versus the Dell Rapid Quarriers (9-6) before they start region play the following week.

Football in February?

Introducing the AAF, your new favorite football league.

by Mason Hofer
staff writer

Football is back! You heard it right, football is back, but it's not NFL or College. Introducing the AAF (American Alliance of Football) this new league is a combination of previous NFL and CFL (Canadian Football League) players, with eight teams. This brand new league begins at the beginning of February so football fans rarely have to be away from their favorite sport, its duration is also ten weeks.

The Teams Consist of:

Eastern Conference

1. Atlanta Legends
2. Birmingham Iron
3. Memphis Express
4. Orlando Apollos

Western Conference

1. Arizona Hotshots
2. Salt Lake Stallions
3. San Antonio Commanders
4. San Diego Fleet

Along with the fresh new teams, comes with a fresh set of rules! Rules in the AAF are similar to the NFL except in these categories.

No Kickoffs

This is a weird one for football fans. Even though this has been discussed for the NFL, the odds of it happening are very slim. Teams will simply begin their drives at the 25 yard line.

Extra Points

The AAF is giving kickers a break, no extra point kick attempts. After every touchdown the team will attempt a two point conversion. Meaning kickers are only on the field for three point try's.

Overtime Rules

This is one that has been in college and a fan favorite for the NFL. Both teams will get a chance to score.

Unlike college, there is only one overtime in the AAF. Teams will get the ball on their own ten yard line and get a shot to score. If the game is tied at the end of overtime, it is ruled as a tie.

Games take place on Saturdays and Sundays, and can be viewed on NFL Network.



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Cupid's Arrow

by Kylie Uhl
staff writer

The day of love were it's full of romantic comedies and couples being all heart eyed for each other. While the singles feel either left out or happy they don't need anyone.

Not everyone however feels that way freshman Chloe Schleuter said, "You shouldn't use a day to make someone feel special, you should remind people how special they are everyday."

While junior Dustin Haas said "There's no reason to have it. It makes all the single people feel more lonely."

Junior Austin Top feels that, "If you want to do Valentine's Day with your significant other, you don't have to spend a lot of money, it's all about the feeling."

No matter how you choose to spend the day here are some ways no matter what your relationship status is.

Single

- Host a singles party
- Invite all your singles and celebrate to independence.
- Treat yourself
- Remind yourself you don't need someone special to feel special
- Do something nice for someone
- Valentine's Day is about love so do something nice to someone as a reminder of how great they are.

Friends

- Classic movie night
- What are friends for besides binge eating and your favorite movies.
- Gaming night
- Xbox, PS4, even board games
- Go out on the town
- Go live it up

Couples

- Recreate your first date
- Recreate that either amazing moment that started it all or that awkward moment that you'll never regret.
- Leave a note
- The little things matter a simple but meaningful note goes along way.
- Take a trip
- Plan a surprise trip or a planned one to a special place.

Other

- Relax bro: It's just another day



Student success at GMS Science Fair

40 students qualify for Brookings Regional science fair

by Ms. Julie Mueller
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Science fair has always been a big deal at GHS, with great past successes and invested students participating. This year, 36 projects were completed and shown in the 2019 Garretson Middle School Science Fair.

In Animal Science, Drew Pederson took first place with his project "Hair Day". He earned the title of Grand Champion and a blue ribbon. A red ribbon went to Abrianna Doppenberg, Lacey Lumpkin, and Cadence Magnuson with their project "How Does Weather Affect Chickens?"



Ari Omine and Alex Reker not only took first in the Behavioral Science division but also Co-Grand Champions overall.

In the Behavioral Science category, Arianna Omine and Alex Reker won first with "How Music Affects the Brain". The Reserve Champion title winners were Peyton Beckman and Allison Ebbing with "Pictures vs. Paintings". A red ribbon was awarded to Jenna VanHolland with "Does Chewing Gum Help You Concentrate?"

Earning blue and Grand Champion in the Biochemistry division were Morgan Damman, Kayla Genzlinger, and Anna Jones with "Electrolyte Challenge." There was a tie for blue and Reserve Champion with the projects "Do Different Brands of Flour Affect Cake Quality?" and "How

Much Sugar is in Something Considered Healthy?". These were done by Alexis Gawareck, Allison Gawarecki, and Bryn Swatek, and Adisynn Fink and Adair Hanisch, respectively. 3rd and red went to the trio of Carson Clark, Matthew Gilbert, and Cooper Long's "Mixing Your Own Marshmallows: Finding the Right Ratio Sugar to Corn Syrup".

Preston Bohl and Clay Lardy earned blue and Grand Champion in the Chemistry category. Their project was entitled "Citrus Race Car". 2nd and red went to Raegan Altman, Logan Bly, and Grace Hove's "Colored Candles vs. White Candles"; 3rd and red to Maverick Houg's "How Bouncy are Eggs?"

Energy and Transportation Grand Champion and blue ribbon went to Payton Campbell with her project "Does Heat Affect Tire Pressure?" Earning a red in the category with "What's Faster- A Homemade Car or a Factory Built RC Car?" was Carsten Rozeboom.

Engineering's division winners were the trio of Tyler Edmundson, Ethan Narigon, and Sage Solheim. They earned a blue and Grand Champion for "Which Bridge is Stronger- A Bridge Made of Wood or a Bridge Made of Metal?" Also earning blue and Reserve Champion was the project "How to Make an RC Airplane" by Zach Uhl.

Grand Champion honors in the Mathematics category went to Hannah Frewaldt, Makayla Heesch, and Emily Panning for "The Genetics of Eye Color".

Earning blue and Grand Champion in the Microbiology area was Autumn

Gaspar with "Are Your Electronics Germ Free?". Reds in the category went to Hunter Abraham and Peyton Abraham's "Organic vs. Inorganic Fruit" and Dmitriy Sys-a's "Is the Five Second Rule Real or Fake?" Those projects were 2nd and 3rd respectively.

"The Perfect Field Goal" by Dylan Jessen, Tryston Olund, and Jaden Richter earned a red in the Physics division. Also red was "Rocket Power" by Ben DeLoera and Dylan Wolf and "Will You Bank the Shot?" by Treyton Chester, Michael Olson, and Blaine Trower.

Grand Champion in Plant Science with a blue ribbon project entitled "Keeping the Volume in White Carnations" were Kylie Christensen, Sydney Olson, and Jordyn Williams.

There were Co-Grand Champions Overall this year with projects from the Animal Science division and the Behavioral Science area. These honors went to Drew Pederson, Arianna Omine, and Alex Reker. 40 of 71 students will advance to the regional competition in Brookings, March 19.

The Blue Ink asked Sam Gonzalez, one of the judges this year and a senior at GHS, some questions about the fair.

Q: What did you enjoy the most about judging projects at science fair?

A: I enjoy seeing what new ideas each group or person brings to the table. My biggest enjoyment is seeing the hard work someone puts into their project and being able to see



Ethan Narigon, Tyler Edmundson, and Sage Solheim received grand champion for their work on bridge composition in the engineering division.

Photo by Mrs. Mueller

the excitement in their face as they talk about it.

Q: Do you remember any science fair projects you did in middle school or high school? What were they?

A: I did one in 8th grade where I made Hot Ice and talked about the reactions it set off. I think I got a blue ribbon, and made it to Brookings.

Q: What would you say to encourage high school students that are considering participating in or helping out with the science fair?

A: As I judged, I realized that a lot of the students could have used a mentor, such as a high school student who has done it before. As a high school, we set an example for the younger students, and it's important that we help volunteer to help our younger peers so that we can help them succeed in any way possible.

There's a lot of success to be seen already this year, and there's sure to be success with these projects at regionals as well. These students coming into high school are bright, innovative, and creative, as seen in their effort and projects presented. The new face of science is rising, and the youth is growing up with it.



Peyton Beckman and Allison Ebbing (not pictured) earned reserve champion with their project of Picture vs. Painting in the behavioral science category.

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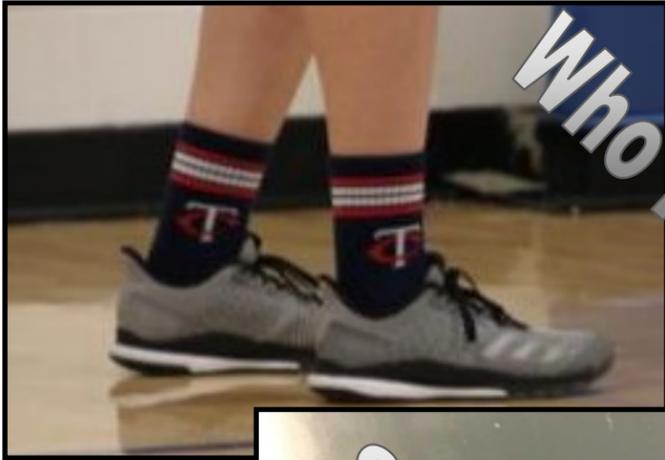


Drew Pederson focused his project in the animal science division. He studied if different types of shampoo affected hair growth in cattle. Pederson received grand champion in his category along with co-grand champion overall. Pederson also received overall co-grand champion last year with his project on cattle gestational periods.

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Garretson guessing

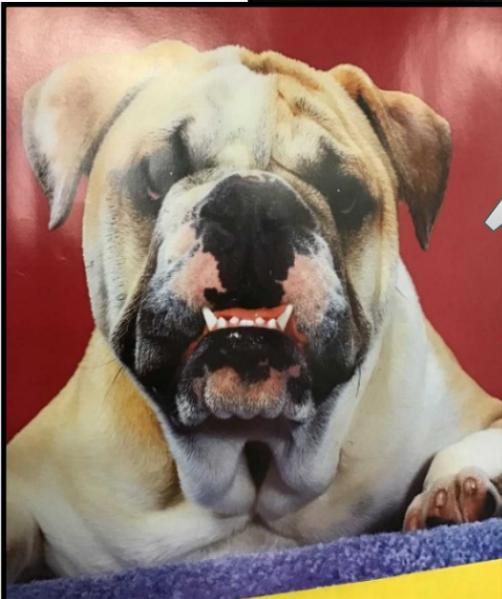
game *Send your guesses to the Blue Ink Snapchat for your chance at winning a candy bar*



Who Is This?



What Is This?



Where Is This?

Tingling your taste buds for 50 years

A sweet, a treat, and a snack turn 50 in 2019

by **Kylie Uhl**
staff writer

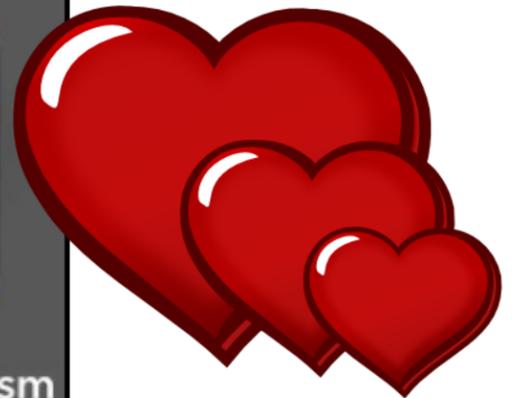
This mouth watering sweet turns 50 this year! We all remember going to GFC during STET and grabbing a blue blow pop. Well, The Charms Company invented the candy with the intention of it being a two in one treat and that's exactly it became the companies biggest seller in 1970. However later the traditional Lollipop and gum evolved into the tootsie pop.



Pop-ice presents Fla-vor-ice or as we know the treat as a freezie is also turning 50! The treat is a ice base with artificial flavoring hence the name Fla-vor-ice. The name for this treat is always up for debate depending on where you grew up. Since South Dakota isn't too far from the Canadian border the freezie name hasn't traveled far.



With the first crunch of the ring and the first grain of salt the Funyun was born. The 1969 classic chip was created by Frito-Lay employee George Bigner who inside experience with chips. The vegetable inspired chip isn't all bad for you compared to other chips. Funyun are made from cornmeal. That contain no cholesterol, zero trans fat, and low saturated fat. Basically means it's almost like they are good for you.



Senior Spotlight

Dakota Johnson

SENIOR PROJECT: Building dog houses

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Football, Wrestling, National Honor Society

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST: My friends, Mr. Hughes, and Ms. Howe

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Play football at Northwestern College and major is undecided



Scholarship Corner

Post-secondary financing opportunities

- **Simon Youth Foundation (due February 20):** Must be high school senior pursuing further education (\$1,500)
- **Michael J. Entringer Classic (due March 1):** Must have played at least two years of HS sports and exhibited good sportsmanship (\$1,000)
- **Split Rock Clinic (due March 1):** Must be pursuing a degree in the medical field (up to \$2,000)
- **Minnehaha Funeral Home (due March 5):** Must be high school senior pursuing further education (\$750)
- **Alliance Communications (due March 8):** Must be current customer of Alliance Communications (\$1,000)
- **Better Business Bureau (due March 8):** Must be high school senior pursuing further education (\$2,000)
- **Jesse James Fine Arts (due March 15):** Must pursuing a degree in fine arts including English, architecture, graphic arts, theatre, film (varies)
- **South Dakota Fire Service (due March 15):** Must son or daughter of a fire department member or active member of a junior fire department (\$1,000)
- **Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation (most due March 15-April 1):** Qualifications vary per scholarship (varies)

