



Track and Field was able to compete in their second meet of the season yesterday, pushing through cold temps. They host the Jesse James Invite tomorrow.

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New captain in study hall room

by Peyton Hove
staff writer—editorial

Since February 22 Garretson High School has gone without a permanent study hall teacher. The retired Mr. Furness filled the temporary shoes for over a month, and now GHS finally found a new staff member, Mrs. Costello.

Mrs. Costello joined the GHS crew on April 1, and is enjoying every second. While talking to Mrs. Costello, she shared her personal life, the learning curves, and her excitement to be a part of the Garretson School district.

Q: Tell me a little bit about yourself.

A: I am from Sioux Falls and I graduated from Roosevelt High School in 2000 and then went to SouthEast Tech in Sioux Falls. I was previously a job coach at a behavioral program at a school in Sioux Falls. My husband Jason and I moved to Garretson about 3 years ago. We have three boys, a 6th grader Jacoby, a 4th grader Chase, and pre-K Grady. I love camping, football, and watching my boys play sports. My favorite movie is either "Shawshank Redemption" or "You've Got Mail."

Q: Why did you decide to become the new study hall teacher?

A: I decided to become the new study hall teacher because I wanted to be a bigger part of the community and the school district. I worked in the Sioux Falls school district for 10 years so I wanted to come to a smaller school, so I can have a more close-knit relationship and get to know more people than I could in a bigger setting.

Q: Where were you before?

A: I was in a behavioral program in Sioux Falls. I was a job coach, so I got to take kids out in the community and work with them in the community. I was housed out of a school in Sioux Falls.

Q: What are some comparisons and contrasts between small and big schools?

A: The small schools I feel like there is a lot more of a relationship setting, you get to know more people on a personal level as far as their interest and what they like to do and there is more to talk about. In a bigger school there might be more opportunities and other things kids can be involved in, but they are both equally great.



Meet the new study hall teacher, prom coordinator, student council overseer, and anything in between. Mrs. Costello is excited for her new position in Garretson and is ready to jump in wherever she is needed!

Photo by Peyton Hove

Q: What are your favorite things about the job so far?

A: Getting to know everybody has been a lot of fun. Also being a part of prom for once, something I wasn't a part of in Sioux Falls, and being with my kids here in Garretson. Everyone has been super helpful, especially the students.

Q: What other duties are you planning on fulfilling?

A: I plan on talking over on prom, student council, and concession stands which I'm very excited for all. And any other things that rise and sound like fun, I totally want to be involved in.

"I love her," said eighth grader Macy Rotert.

"She is pretty nice and she lets us do our own thing so I really like that," said sophomore Carson Clark.

"I love her, she is just chill and doesn't bother us," said junior Maren Bonte.

Mrs. Costello will be a great new addition to GHS. While adoring students rave about her, Mrs. Costello will continue to help students prosper and provide a safe place for them to study or relax. So make sure to stop by and welcome Mrs. Costello to GHS.

aiming towards informing today's youth on the dangers of tobacco products. They also went to classrooms where they would further inform the students on tobacco use.

The most popular attraction was the large inflatable obstacle course enjoyed by both the students and volunteers. While the obstacle course was the big ticket item Lauren Fick's favorite activity was their spin on the classic game "Mafia" which was apparently just mafia but with the mafia being a cigarette.

The event received most of its funding for educational information and all of its games from leftover TATU money from the previous year.

The Army National Guard also partially sponsored the event by providing treats and posters.

When asked about what their goal or meaning behind the event and its activities, Oliviya Thornton said, "The meaning was to educate the younger people about the dangers of smoking and vaping and tobacco as a whole, and with the combination of going to classes and teaching and the events we were pretty educational."

This year's TATU event was a smashing success that will have many looking forward to next year's event as they continue to properly warn young students on the dangers of tobacco.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The longest word that can be typed with only the left hand is "stewardesses".

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Sometimes you think weather shifts come out of nowhere; however a trick to keep you safe: when you see a halo around the sun or moon, get indoors immediately; a storm is coming.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why couldn't the flower ride its bike?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Solve this rebus puzzle

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 17

- Track @ Jesse James Invite (9:30)

Tuesday, April 20

- '21-'22 Sports Physicals @ Garretson School (9:00-3:30)

- Golf @ Chester Invite (10:00)

- Track @ Beresford/Alcester/Hudson in Beresford (4:00)

Wednesday, April 21

- '21-'22 Sports Physicals @ Garretson School (9:00-3:30)

Thursday, April 22

- EARTH DAY

- Golf @ Flandreau (10:00)

- JH Track @ Garretson (3:30)

Saturday, April 24

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

Worth Mentioning

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Girls State Representatives:

Lauren Fick, Jaelyn Benson, Madi Decker, Morgan Pierret, and Erin Steen, Mataya Trower (Journalism City). These girls are all sponsored by the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit 23. Girls State will be held May 31st - June 5th at the USD in Vermillion.

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 35 Days

Next break is summer vacation - May 19 is the last day of school

TATU

by Trevor Edmundson
staff writer

Two weeks back Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) held an all day event for 4th through 6th grade to spread awareness on the dangers of tobacco. Due to its scheduled date being April 1 the event was named "April Fuuls Day" making a connection between fools and a Juul.

The all day event was a specially held event in Garretson that included many different activities ranging from basic games to inflatables all

aiming towards informing today's youth on the dangers of tobacco products. They also went to classrooms where they would further inform the students on tobacco use.

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State FFA Convention a positive experience

by Dustyn Winterton
staff writer—editorial

Last weekend the FFA Career Development Event (CDE) teams left for Rapid City for their State Convention. I was one of the members of the teams and it was my first time going to the State Convention.

For the trip you stay in Rapid City for two nights and there are three sessions that are

held. On Sunday April 11th we left early in the morning and arrived around 3:00. When we got to the hotel we had time to hang out and go to the pool. After a while we left for the first session.

During the first session they gave out scholarships that seniors applied for and by the end of the trip the Garretson FFA Chapter members had gotten a total of \$1250 in Scholarships. These scholarships went to Evan Bly and Kennedy Houghton. During the first session they also had some guest speakers such as the mayor of Rapid City.

On the Second Day we did our CDEs and afterwards we went through the Career Fair which had a bunch of



FFA is known for their service and leadership, and while they were competing at state, they still found time for ways to give back, including making tie blankets for the community.

Photo courtesy of the Garretson FFA Page

second session there were 3 of the 6 retiring addresses which were cool to listen too.

On the third day we woke up early and went to the third and final session. During this session they announced the resolutions for the CDEs. Also during this session they gave the final 3 retiring addresses which were cool to listen too. After the retiring addresses they announced the new state officers.

All in all it was a fun event to go to and if you're wondering if you should join FFA I would say you should because there are a lot more activities that you could attend that are just as exciting.

Many thankful that a few articles were just a joke

booths from different colleges and businesses. The career fair was fun to walk through because you got to get different items from the booths. If you didn't want to go through the career fair you could do their day of service activity which was making tie blankets. The blankets that were made were given to the respective chapters who then decided where to donate them too.

Before the second session while we waited in the stands the officer team went on stage and played Mario Kart for a while. During the

Luverne Drive-In



by Camas Johnston
staff writer

Summer is on its way, bringing us more free time to enjoy the things life has to offer. Last summer with all of the indoor theaters being closed the Luverne drive-in was the only place where people could experience the art of cinema.

The Luverne drive-in will be re-opening on April 23, 2021. Unfortunately some things have changed slightly due to movie studios losing money last year and the lack of showing the ticket price has been changed from \$5 to \$7.

Concessions will be run once again and prices haven't changed. As of Friday April 16, 2021 there hasn't publicly announced the showings for the first week. Check their Facebook page for updates on showings.

New openings and re-openings in the area

by Morgan Swenson
staff writer

RAE'S GREENHOUSE—Garretson

The owner Rachel Hanisch of the greenhouse here on Garretson was asked a few questions about her small business and it's return this spring.

Q: What made you decide to reopen for a second year?

A: A couple of reasons I wanted to reopen; last year went well, even when you consider we were just getting started in the pandemic. The community really came out to support me and I had a wonderful time being at the greenhouse. This year we are planning on opening May 1st.

Q: Are you only seasonal?

A: Yes. Every year my plan is to only open when the weather consistently starts to warm up. So I'm thinking about the last week of April. I will stay open until everyone has their gardens planted and their pots under way. I plan on closing down again for the rest of the year. So approximately end of April to mid-to end of June. Although this year I will also have some perennials, which can be planted all summer. I will still probably be closing near the end of June.

Q: Where are you located?

A: Art and Marie Nordstrom have graciously allowed me to set up shop in their parking lot, which is on the corner of Dows Street and Highway 11.

Q: What are some of the reasons you decided you wanted to open up a business?

A: I didn't know I wanted to until last



year, I was thinking that I would like to have. I thought it would be a good opportunity for my kids to have a summer job and for the community of Garretson to have somewhere local they could get their flowers, vegetable plants and perennials.

Q: Why should people go to you and not somewhere else?

A: Well that is a good question. I receive my plants from Mensch's Greenhouse in Avon, South Dakota. They have been in the business for 70 years and do a wonderful job with their plants. They are healthy, hardy and never send me anything that looks bad. That can't be said for bigger box stores.

Q: Is this your only building or do you have others?

A: This is my only greenhouse, but I'm not opposed to setting up others.

JUHL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE AND REPAIR—Sioux Falls

"We have previously been in a family business that had been open for 20 some odd years," said owner Matt Juhl. That vital experience continues into their new start up, "We have always wanted to start our own car repair business. It has been a hobby in the family for a long time. I have been working on cars for as long as I can remember," said Juhl.

Opening June 1, potential employees need to have at least two years

of experience. Knowledge and passion are key points of emphasis for Juhl and the family service company, "You should come to us because everyone will have background knowledge on what they are doing and we will have brand new equipment.

The shop, located on 500 S Cliff Avenue in Sioux Falls plans to be open all week but closed for major holidays. More information can be found on the Facebook page: @Juhl Automotive Service and Repair



WEST MAIN TRADING—Pipestone

Still in the honeymoon phase of opening, West Main Trading is making its mark just 30 miles north and east of Garretson in Pipestone, MN.

In an interview with the *Pipestone Star*, owner Larry Miller said that he has always wanted to open a storefront and the opportunity in Pipestone was just too good to pass up.

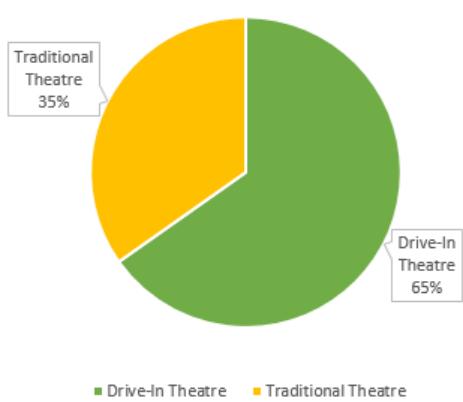
Miller's passion for flea markets and thrifting has now transcended into this business opportunity as West Main Trading offers a variety of items including antiques, collectibles, and one-of-a-kind items.

West Main Trading can be found on 209 West Main Avenue in Pipestone, Minnesota.

Movie Student Opinion Poll

Students shared their preferences on where they would rather go watch a movie

Movie Mode



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BOOSTERS: @BDragonBoosters

FOOTBALL: @BlueDragonFB

VOLLEYBALL: @BlueDragonVB

SOCCER: @GarretsonSoccer

BOYS BASKETBALL: @BlueDragonBBB

GIRLS BASKETBALL: @BlueDragonHoops

GOLF:

@ghs_golf2017

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Academic success prominent in middle, high school

Congratulations to 3rd Quarter Honor (GPA: 4.0-3.665) & Merit (GPA: 3.664-2.665) Roll Recipients

HS HONOR ROLL

Dominic Abraham
Peyton Abraham
Jaelyn Benson
Logan Bly
Preston Bohl
Maren Bonte
Kennedy Buckneberg
Caeden Bunde
Morgan Damman
Brady DeBates
Evan DeBates
Abrianna Doppenberg
Alexa Draper
Lauren Fick
Mattea Fiegen
Chloe Flahaven
Ryan Flanagan
Hannah Frewaldt
Joy Fry
Allison Gawarecki
Braedon Genzlinger
Kayla Genzlinger
Adair Hanisch
Katherine Hanson
Grace Hove
Peyton Hove
Anna Jones
Kaycie King
Luke Knebel Koster
Sam Konechne
Samantha Kruger
Clay Lardy
Madden Lardy
Mya Long
Brady Malsom
Morgan Moritz
Cdyn Ockenga
Acen Olson
Elizabeth Olson
Sydney Olson
Drew Pederson
Morgan Pierret
Lily Ranschau

HS MERIT ROLL

Hunter Abraham
Raegen Altman
Connor Bertotti
Evan Bly
Payton Campbell
Treton Chester
Kylie Christensen
Carson Clark
Trevon Cross
Madison Decker
Ian Doppenberg
Lucas Draper
Trever Edmundson
Tyler Edmundson
Cody Erickson
Jacob Facile
Adisynn Fink
Autumn Gaspar
Alexis Gawarecki
Isaiah Gnadt

MS HONOR ROLL

Matthew Rattenborg
Triston Rekstad
Ana Robinson
Rebekah Roth
Chloe Schleuter
Samuel Schleuter
Jacob Schroeder
Samantha Shellum
Rian Smidt
Sage Solheim
Erin Steen
Alexander Stephenson
Oliviyah Thornton
Blaine Trower
Mataya Trower
Zachary Uhl
Rave Uhlich
Jenna Van Holland
Sarah Welch
Jordyn Williams
Dylan Wolf
Christopher Wynia

Madelyn Hanley
Lauren Heesch
MaKayla Heesch
Kenzie Henseler
Caroline Hoskins
Maverick Houg
Kennedy Houghton
Adam Hulscher
Amber Hulscher
Molly Hulscher
Dylan Jessen
Gabriel Johnson
Hanna Johnson
Noel Johnson
Camas Johnston
Dylan Kindt
Aliyah Leedy
Devon Leedy
Cooper Long
Lacey Lumpkin
Aiden Magnuson
Cadence Magnuson
Jayse Miller
Sophia Mosley
James Nussbaum
Kyler O'Neal
Michael Olson
Seth Petersen
Tara Petersen
Cash Pullman
Caleb Roth
Carsten Rozeboom
Parker Schlenker
Nathan Skillman
Marissa Smith
Joseph Sundvold
Bryn Swatek
Tayson Swatek
Morgan Swenson
Dmitriy Sysa
Tierra Thomas
Mason Tillma
Caleb Westerbur

MS MERIT ROLL

Jade Bertotti
Nora Bonte
Alexis Christensen
Isaiah Coburn
Jordan De Witte
Kassidy DeBates
Anna Ebbing
Gracie Fiegen
Ella Frerk
Torielle Gehrke
Karlie Genzlinger
Michael Hanisch
Ashley Harris
Daniel Hoskins
Addison Hove
Brooklyn Jacobson
McKenzie Jansen
Aiden Johnson
Jake Jones
Kaylin Leedy
Dustin Mundt
Ava Nordstrom
Alyssa Olson
Collin Olson
Eliza Potter
Courtney Rogich
Maci Rotert
Elizabeth Roth
Carter Siemonsma
Jayda Snedeker
Kaitlyn Steinhoff
Aleah Wagner
Emma Wolf

Whisper Apple
Tayler Benson
Brock Bonte
Kaelyn Braun
Natalie Brazee
Mia Chrisensen
Reece Connelly
Jacoby Costello

Snickers survey

After hearing of a new Snickers variety: Brownie Snickers, the *Blue Ink* journalists were intrigued by whether that candy bar was really as good as it sounds and how it compared to other Snickers.

A taste test was conducted among the five Snickers varieties that could be purchased locally: Original, Almond Snickers, Brownie Snickers, Creamy Peanut Butter Snickers, and Crunchy Peanut Butter Snickers.

While early predictions were that the original would rank highly and the excitement for the brownie type was palpable. However, after the taste test, results waivered. Based on the journalism classes' taste test:

#5: Creamy Peanut Butter

- **Assessment:** It was a fine peanut butter/chocolate combination but honestly it was boring. It isn't anything special, if you really want that flavor combination go with the Crunchy Peanut Butter Snickers or a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup.

#4: Original Snickers

- **Assessment:** It's a classic; you know what you are getting with this Snickers bar, it just wasn't the most appealing option after trying other kinds.

#3: Almond Snickers

- **Assessment:** This is the perfect mix between a



classic Snickers and an Almond Joy or Hershey's with Almonds. It's not completely out of the box like some other flavors but it is definitely enough to excite your taste buds. A wonderful upgrade to the original Snickers.

#2: Brownie Snickers

- **Assessment:** The one that sparked this taste test, almost lived up to the hype. It was definitely different and everyone loved the brownie, but they just wanted more of it. If Snickers would up the brownie portion, they'd have a clear winner.

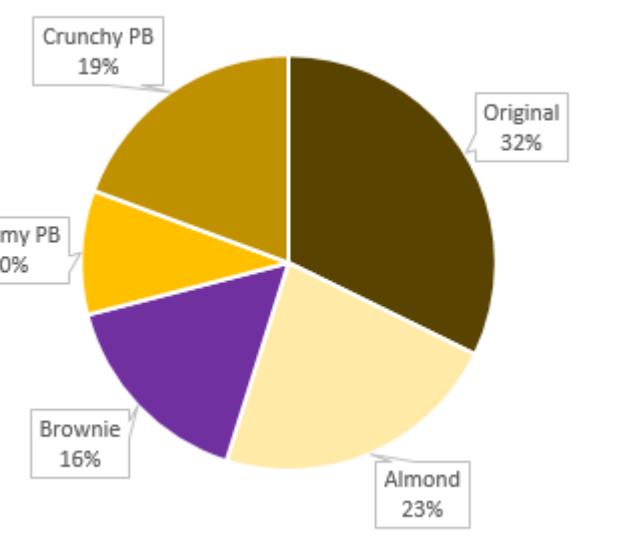
#1: Crunchy Peanut Butter Snickers

- **Assessment:** This is the ultimate cross between a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup and a Snickers, sure to appeal to any chocolate (and peanut butter) candy lover. It is the perfect amount of everything: sweet and salty, peanut butter and chocolate, crunch and chew. If you haven't had this one, you DEFINITELY need to try it.

A very brief taste test with Mrs. Buchholz's children showed Creamy PB taking top honors, narrowly edging out Brownie and Crunchy PB which ended in second and third, respectively. Almond finished fourth while the original was fifth.

Snickers Student Opinion Poll

Snicker Variety Preferences



Students were asked which kind of Snickers was their favorite. While the original Snickers one, many expressed that they hadn't tried any other varieties other than the classic but now that students were aware of the choices available, they were looking forward to trying the other kinds.

Spring sports in full swing

by Rebekah Roth
staff writer

Spring has finally arrived and so have Garretson's spring sports! Golf, baseball, trapshooting, and track and field have all begun their seasons and have become the talk of the school. Although, with the dramatically fluctuating weather occurring recently, many practices and meets/games have been postponed or canceled.

Track and Field

On Thursday, the Blue Dragons traveled to Lennox for a track meet. This Saturday, however, the track and field team will have the meet at home.

The previous track meet, which was intended to be on April 13, was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. "The weather hasn't been the best for practice or meets. We've had two meets postponed or canceled already and the practices have been cold and wet," said senior track member Molly Hulscher.

Still, Hulscher seemed to be thrilled about track and field starting again, stating: "The last track meet for me went well! I finished 1st in discus and 4th in shot put so that's always a great way to start a season! I think it was just good for everyone to get back in the track meet groove but we were all a little happy that we got rained out at West Central."

Golf

In addition to track and field, golf has begun its season. The golfers opened their year with the Lakeview course in Mitchell last Friday. They will have their first varsity meet in Chester on April 20.

"Practice has been going good," stated senior golfer Rave Uhlich. "We've got holes in when we can to get a full tee-to-green practice in."

When asked about the first meet, Uhlich answered: "I'd say it was pretty successful. Lakeview in Mitchell is a tough course to open the year with, but we were still able to put up some good scores. Peyton Hove and I both placed, so we had one boy and one girl."

"Our boys team finished in fourth place, but we were only 6 strokes off placing as a team, which is great since we only have two returning varsity players. I have high hopes for this season after last Friday."

"We've had a few practices that have been limited to the practice green, which is a great area to get practice in, but you also need some practice on the driving range as well. For the most part, we've just played holes in the cold and wind and just dealt with the weather, but I'm hoping it shapes up soon because golf is always nicer when it's warm," said Uhlich concerning the impact the recent weather has had on golf.

Trapshooting

Trapshooting was first introduced to Garretson High School and Middle School in the spring of 2017. This season started on April 5, and these last two weeks have been specifically for practice. Scoring begins next week.

Zachary Uhl, a sophomore who participates in trapshooting, discussed the practices with the *Blue Ink* staff. "The last two practices were pretty rough as far as scores go. Not only that we are trying to get back into the groove of things, but it's been extremely windy which causes the clay pigeons to 'bounce' or wobble. When this happens, the clay pigeon is extremely hard to hit."

Baseball

The last baseball game was against Baltic on April 12. Garretson came away with the 15-9 victory in a cold three-hour game. The team's record is currently at 1-0. The next game will be held this Sunday in Garretson.

Blue Ink birthday shout outs

Apr. 2—Connor Bertotti (sophomore): **Favorite Gift:** "My Bluetooth headphones because wires are just annoying"

Apr. 19—Autumn Gaspar (sophomore): **Favorite Gift:** "Puppy because she's big now."

Apr. 26—Austin Palmlund (sophomore): **Favorite Gift:** "Money, money."

Apr. 28—Norinda Sandbulte (Staff): **Favorite Gift:** "My grandson, Charlie (although he was two hours late for my birthday)."

Happy birthday to the following Blue Dragons!



If you want a birthday shout out—complete the Google form sent out to you at the beginning of September.

Senior Spotlight

Alex Stephenson

Best Part of Senior Year:

Having privs

What Will You Miss Most:

Nothing. I'm just ready for next year

Plans for Next Year:

Attend SDSU to major in Economics



Lizzie Olson



Activities Involved In:

Cross Country
Volleyball
Basketball
Track & Field Stats
Choir
NHS
FCA

Best Part of Senior Year:

Privs and the teachers being more relaxed

What Will You Miss Most:

Coaches, teachers, and cheering at sporting events

Plans for Next Year:

Attend USF for Pre-Law and to play Basketball



Matthew Rattenborg



Activities Involved In:
Football

Best Part of Senior Year:
Leaving early

What Will You Miss Most:
Being the captain of the mud brothers

Plans for Next Year:
Attend SDSU to major in Geography

