



The one-act play performed at the Region 2A competition in Canton on Tuesday; while they weren't a state qualifier, they delighted audiences

Blue Ink



Athletic recap *Basketball and wrestling continue to stay busy at the midpoint in their seasons*

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BASKETBALL

Last Friday, Jan. 21 both girls and boys played Vermillion.

The Garretson girls team (6-6) was down by double digits at the end of the first quarter. But the deficit to just three points at half.

In the second half of the game was all Vermillion (10-2). Vermillion was led by freshman Kasey Hanson who showed why she is such an important player to the team. She was a clutch shooter, especially from three.

At the end of this week, the lady ballers are playing in the Big East Conference tournament.

They were seeded #3 and squared off against #6 Chester in Chester. The girls took down the Flyers in a 75-60 shootout victory. They now play #2 Sioux Valley in Chester tonight at 7:30.

For the boys basketball team last Friday, the Vermillion game was tough physically and mentally.

First quarter Sam Schleuter scored all 8 points for the Blue Dragons. As they struggled to get in a rhythm offensively, there were multiple players in foul trouble throughout the game, who had to sit on the bench for a while (Schleuter, Kloth, Ockenga). This caused a timid reaction to get physical during the game for fear of more foul trouble.

Vermillion (7-5) took down Garretson 53-45. Leading scorers for the Blue Dragons were juniors Cooper Long with 15 points and Sam Schleuter with 13.

On Tuesday the boys traveled to Flandreau where C team and JV team earned their first wins of the season but the Blue Dragon boys varsity (5-8) was not able to take the W. Varsity lost to Flandreau 46-75.



Garretson senior Adam Hulscher locks up Marion/Freeman's Tim Epp as Epp tried to shoot. Hulscher quickly countered and, in an exciting and aggressive matchup, came away with the pin and six points for the Blue Dragons. Garretson came away with the 45-20 victory over the visiting Rebels.

Flandreau (12-1) was led by seniors Chase LeBrun and Tash Lunday with a total of 49 points scored out of their 75. Long put up 15 points and Clay Lardy put up 11 to lead Garretson. The Blue Dragons' next game on Tuesday, Feb. 1 in Baltic.

WRESTLING

Wrestling this week was on Tuesday at Lincoln High School with the Patriots and Parkston. Garretson lost their dual to Lincoln 18 to 63 and the Parkston dual by the same score. The Blue Dragons were lacking wrestlers due to skin conditions and illnesses.

On Thursday however, the team added a last minute dual against Marion/Freeman, who was supposed to visit the Blue Dragons earlier in the year but had to back out due to COVID precautions.

Garretson took down the Rebels 45-20 winning some key matches as well as taking advantage of the handful of opens in Marion/Freeman's lineup. The Blue Dragons have a all day meet in Wagner tomorrow.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: A newborn kangaroo is small enough to fit in a teaspoon.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Apples are more powerful than caffeine if you are trying to stay awake.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Where do you learn to make ice cream?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Solve **KJUSTK** this rebus puzzle.

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 28

- GBB @ BEC Tourney v. Sioux Valley in Chester (7:30)

Saturday, January 29

- JH GBB v. Home (9:00)
- JH BBB v. Home (10:00)
- Wrestling @ Wagner (10:00)
- GBB @ BEC Tourney v. TBD in Baltic (TBD)

Monday, January 31

- Band—Region Solo/Ensemble Contest

Tuesday, February 1

- Wrestling @ Beresford—Quad v. Luverne, EPJ, B/AH (5:00)
- BBB @ Baltic (5:00/6:15/7:30)

Thursday, February 3

- GBB v. MCM (6:00/7:15)

Friday, February 4

- BBB v. MCM (5:00/6:00/7:15)

Saturday, February 5

- Wrestling @ BEC/Lake Central Conf. Tourney in Parker (10:00)

Worth Mentioning

CONGRATULATIONS to Oliviyah Thornton, Morgan Moritz, and Drew Pederson on their Outstanding Actor awards at the Region 2A One-Act competition.

DRESS UP DAYS for games are now posted in the Bathroom Bits. Look in the top left corner.

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 13 Days Our next break is Friday, February 11. There is a staff in-service day after parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, February 10.

Bryant remembered *Two years after tragic death, Bryant still has impact on NBA*

by Madison Prellwitz
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This past Wednesday, January 26, 2022 is a day to remember for NBA player Kobe Bryant. Two years prior on January 26, 2020 Bryant as well as nine others including 13 year old Gianna Bryant passed away due to a helicopter crash while on their way to a girls basketball game. The Na-



Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gigi along with seven others lost their lives in a helicopter accident two years ago. Bryant and the other passengers were on their way to their girls' basketball game. Photo from ET: [eto_trending_kobelaidtorest_021120_vidpic.jpg \(1280x720\) \(etonline.com\)](https://www.etonline.com)

tional Transportation Safety board primarily blamed pilot Ara Zobayan for the result of the crash. It is known that weather conditions on the day of the accident was more than unsafe for the transportation of a helicopter.

Zobayan disobeyed the rules of being a pilot and continued to fly the helicopter with the passengers in it, despite dangerous conditions: through thick foggy clouds around the hillsides of Camarillo, California. The helicopter flew north for about

15 minutes before slowing down and circling near Glendale to make way for air traffic. Zobayan then followed along a highway into a hill near Calabasas, flying at least 400 to 600 feet above solid ground. A few minutes later a quick change in visibility only increased the danger of the situation

Zobayan then climbed 4,000 feet into the air but only ended up making it 1,600 feet before banking left and descending rapidly due to the extreme fog, then crashing into the hills. Two years have passed without our NBA player Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna.

The final four

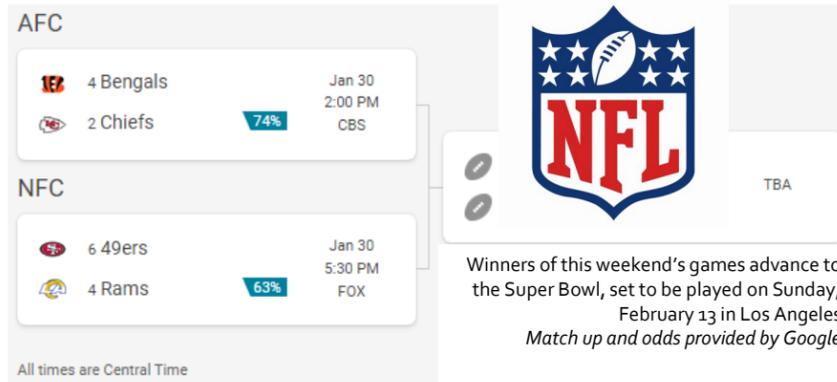
by **Adi Fink**
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Football is the most popular American sport. However, the NFL season is slowly coming to an end with just four teams left: 49ers, Chiefs, Rams and Bengals. With all the games close this past week, it sets up exciting AFC and NFC championship matches this weekend.

The Rams defeated the Buccaneers (30-27) and the 49ers took down the Packers (13-10). This sets up a Rams-49ers game to decide the NFC champion.

The game between the 49ers and the Packers was a very intense game with the 49ers down by 7 in the 4th quarter coming back and winning the game. The Rams and the Buccaneers game was a close one too. The Rams were down and kicked a field goal to win the game in the final possession.

NFL doesn't disappoint as games to decide championship matchups all come down to final plays



The AFC representative will either be the Bengals, which they won against the Titans (19-16), or the Chiefs. The Chiefs played the Bills, coming away with the 42-36 overtime victory.

The Bengals also scored a field goal in the 4th quarter to secure the win against the Titans. The Chiefs-Bills game produced 25 points in the final two minutes of regulation, pushing the game into overtime, where a touchdown gave the Chiefs the win.

Last weekend may have been upsetting to the Packer fans and

took them by surprise when the 49ers took the win in the 4th quarter, as the Packers were the front runner to come out of the NFC. With this also being said, the Titans fan were taken by surprise when the number 4 seed Bengals beat the number one seeded, Tennessee Titans.

NFL fan Blaine Trower said he thinks the Chiefs are going to win the Super Bowl because they have a good offense but they need to work on their defense and then have a shot at winning. What do you think will happen?

South Dakota attorney general in hot water

by **Addi Kratochvil**
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South Dakota Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg made a 911 call on September 22, 2020, saying that he hit "something" that was in the middle of the road on a late night drive. The following morning he returned to the accident site the following morning finding 55 year old Joe Boever deceased. Ravnsborg said that he did not see anything that night.

After further investigation the police found DNA of Boever on the car windshield and Boever's glasses in Ravnsborg's vehicle.

Ravnsborg pled no contest in 2021 and got away with misdemeanor charges, North Dakota Bureau of investigations said "that it is very possible that Ravnsborg knew he hit the man".

Ravnsborg is not out of trouble yet as the South Dakota Legislature is currently debating on whether they should impeach Ravnsborg.

Keeping up with the social



TikTok chair trend challenges flexibility

by **Adi Fink**
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To continue from past weeks of tiktok trends. One of the newest trends is the chair trend. Basically you do a handstand on the wall and you move your back down the wall to make it look like you're a chair and someone could sit on you.

This trend is a challenge on who can do it and who can't and don't be fooled. It is not as easy as you think it is. It's actually easy for girls or boys that are in gymnastics or were.

Well the creator of this tiktok is unknown, Mathilda has the most popular video of her saying that she could be a chair by doing a handstand on the wall anytime she wants.

While some people have had epic fails while trying to complete this pose, others have been able to successfully balance right from the start.

TikTok screen shot from: https://www.tiktok.com/foryou?is_from_webapp=v1&item_id=7053825718848883973#?@jeremylynch/video/7053825718848883973

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One Act Play *Big Bad entertains elementary, at regions*

by **Addi Kratochvil**
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Little Miss Muffet is reunited with her long lost adopted sibling, the Big Bad Wolf. This reunion happened in the middle of the trial, pulling at the heart strings of the jury.

Doing good or bad may be a matter of perspective. In the Garretson One Act Play, the big bad wolf is put on trial for actions seen in multiple other fairy tales including "The Three Little Pigs" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

The cast and crew has been working for a month before performing it to the elementary school and then taking it to the Region 2A competition Tuesday.

"The students did an excellent job," said assistant director Ms. Mac. Drew Pederson, who plays the judge in the play, said, "The performance went well but was disappointed in the outcome." Garretson did not qualify for state as Tea and Sioux Falls Christian took the top two spots. There were three actors that were recognized for their performances however. Pederson, Oliviyah Thornton, and Morgan Moritz were awarded Outstanding Actor awards.

Pederson stated, "The public performance should go well though." There is a community viewing of *Big Bad* Sunday, January 30 at 3:30 in the Old Gym.

Olympics

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This year's Winter Olympics start on Friday February 4th 2022 in Beijing china. With the US most successful Olympic sports being skiing, snowboarding, ski jumping etc. Don't let this years winter Olympics fool you while we still have COVID procedures.

For example all participants must be fully vaccinated with prove to go along with it, in order to be apart of the 2022 Winter Olympics. As well as Armpit sensors will be tracking the athletes' temperatures at all times.

Don't miss this year's Olympics that you can watch in NBC channel.

Must watch TV

by **Natalie Kuhnert**
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TV is a big thing these days; when it's cold and snowy outside, most people will stay inside and watch their favorite TV shows. There are many different TV platforms to watch shows and movies from, some of those include Netflix, Hulu, HBO Max, Amazon Prime and many more.

These platforms have new and improved interesting shows to watch. One of the newest shows on Netflix is *Too Hot To Handle*. This show is third in the top 10 shows watched on Netflix in the U.S. *Too Hot to Handle*, in their third season, falls into the category of reality TV. This show is about young good looking men and women who think they are on "Paradise Island" until Lana, the host, reveals that they are on *Too Hot to Handle*. These

Streaming services aren't just for reruns, new content produced Netflix, Hulu, etc catch attention

young men and women are on a all inclusive resort with a prize connected to rules. If they break any of Lana's rules, they get money docked from the prize fund.

Bryn Swatek said, "I watched one episode and I got hooked." Swatek also said "I would recommend it to other people because it's a really good show and it's interesting with all the drama".

Another show that is trending on Netflix is the show called *Stay Close*. *Stay Close* is also in the top 10 trending shows in the U.S.. *Stay Close* is about a man who vanishes for 17 years after Green did, it sets off a chain reaction in the lives of people connected to both men. This show falls under the genre of thriller and drama, and is a must watch. There are so many shows out there and these two are a must watch on the platform of Netflix.



Unique tastes and preferences

by **Natalie Kuhnert**
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Get excited! There are many new things coming to Sioux Falls but in order for that to happen some businesses will be closing.

There are four things that have closed or are planning to close in The Empire Mall. One of these businesses is Yankee Candle which closed January 15. There are two boutiques that are closing in the Empire Mall including Bohme Boutique which has been in the Mall for 10 years and the Utah Beautique, along with those closing will be PacSun, some new stores that have entered The Empire Mall are OF-



The much anticipated opening of Dave & Buster's is set for this summer. It is located at Lake Lorraine.

Fline by Arie, Windsor, Anthropology, and Sneaker Flavorz.

For those things closing, there are some new things opening in the Sioux Falls area including a new LEGO store which will be located on 41st street. Crumbl Cookie plans to open another store on the east side of Sioux Falls by Dawley Farms because the Crumbl on 41st street got so much business; Ava Nordstorm says "I go pretty often so I'm glad there will be one

closer". Crumbl is planning to make this new location more efficient by adding a drive thru and four self-serving check-outs.

Dave and Busters resumes construction after being shut down in 2020 and now they plan to open in 2022! Dave and Busters is located off Lake Lorraine by Hobby Lobby and Home Goods. Dave and Busters will be

the place to go with your friends when you want something to do as they have an arcade and food.

This summer Sweet Cheeks self-

serve ice cream and toppings is planned to open; this will be a great opportunity to go get ice cream with your friends on a hot day. This location will be located on 69th Street and Louise Ave and is very similar to Cherry Berry self-serve yogurt bar.

There are many new things coming to Sioux Falls in the next few months to look forward to!



A self-serve ice cream shop will be one of the first in Sioux Falls, joining the popularity of self-serve frozen yogurt bars.

Possible invasion

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In March and April of 2021, Russia pushed 100,000 troops and military equipment to the border of Ukraine which is Russia's highest amount of force used since the annexation of Crimea in 2014.

The ongoing issues between Russia and Ukraine stretch back to the Russo-Ukrainian War that started in 2014, Russia tried to set several treaties that requested, "security guarantees" also legally promising that Ukraine would not join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Russian-American diplomatic talks were held at the beginning of 2022 to resolve problems, which failed to defuse the crisis. This conflict is different from 2014 because President Putin is putting up a protective "Shield" against Ukraine while building an alliance with NATO. Russia is refusing to join if Ukraine joins NATO too, Biden has said that he will not be sending American or NATO troops to Ukraine but is keeping a close watch on the situation.

Scholarship Central

Opportunities to offset continuing education costs



- **Garretson Community Scholarship Foundation** (Multiple Scholarships at Varying Amounts Available): Due February 25. Must be a Garretson student with at least a 2.5 GPA. Pick up a packet from Mrs. B.

- **POET Never Satisfied Scholarship** (Up to \$5,000 Scholarship): Due February 14. <https://poet.com/neversatisfied>

- **VFW Continuing Education Scholarship** (Four \$1,000 Scholarships Available): Due February 15. Must be a current or son/daughter of current VFW Auxiliary member. <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education>

- **Alliance Communications Scholarship** (Two \$1,000 Scholarships Available): Due March 4. Must be living in a household that is a current Alliance communications customer. <https://www.alliancecom.net/about-us/scholarship>

- **First Dakota National Bank Scholarship** (Up to \$5,000 Scholarship Available): Due March 7. Must hold a First Dakota checking account.

- **Build Dakota Scholarship** (Multiple Scholarships Available): Due March 31. Must be attending an SD technical school. www.builddakotascholarships.com

Senior Spotlight

Morgan Moritz



ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Choir
Honor Choir
All-State Choir
One-Act Play
Premier Playhouse

Mainstage Ballet and Dance

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
I will miss Mrs. B and having fun with my

teachers because I like to talk to everyone

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Attend Augustana University for Music, Theater, Business

Senior Spotlight

Gentry Sanders

CLASS OF 2022

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
FFA
Trap Shooting

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Mr. Hughes

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Take a year off to work

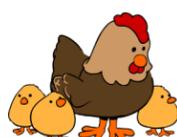


Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menus

The food to fill your bellies for the upcoming weeks:

Menus subject to change

Current Count



43

BREAKFAST
Monday, Jan 31: Egg & Cheese Omelet with Toast or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels
Tuesday, Feb 1: Biscuits and Gravy or Cini Minis or Iced Long John
Wednesday, Feb 2: Monte Cristo Sandwich or Warm Apple Frudel
Thursday, Feb 3: Sausage Breakfast Pizza or Cini Minis or Iced Long John
Friday, Feb 4: Cinnamon roll or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels

LUNCH
Monday, Jan 31: Italian Melt or Chicken Nuggets
Tuesday, Feb 1: Country Fried Steak or Homestyle Chicken & Noodles
Wednesday, Feb 2: Beefy Taco in a Bag or Oven Roasted Hot Dog
Thursday, Feb 3: Homestyle Spaghetti with Garlic Breadstick or Crispy/Spicy Chicken Sandwich
Friday, Feb 4: Cheesy Garlic French Bread Pizza or Homestyle Scalloped Potatoes & Ham