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Spring sports stay busy

by Addi Kratochvil
staff writer

The track team went to the Baltic invitational on Tuesday and today and tomorrow they're competing in the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in Sioux Falls, also part of the team will be attending the Parker on Saturday. This week is a busy week



Jordyn Williams legs out her portion of the relay against a touch Sioux Falls Christian Charger team at a meet earlier this season. The girls 400m relay has only gotten stronger as the year has progressed.

for the sports teams. Golf went to Baltic on Monday for their invitational, and on Tuesday they traveled to Colman-Egan for their invitational.

Track & Field

The first track meet this week was in Baltic where the athletes got a decent day weather wise. Preston Bohl continued to show his strength in distant running placing first in the 3200m relay with a time of 10:15.8. Bohl continues to help his relay team (Sam Schleuter, Carter Siemonsma, and Collin Olson) who ran the 3200m

relay placing third with a time of 09:14.4. These boys will also be competing in the relays on Saturday.

The girls track team found success like the boys. Lily Ranschau took second place for the 400m with teammates Reagan Altman, Hannah Frewaldt, and Jordyn Williams relay with a time of 54.1 and 100m hurdles with a time of 16.1. In the 1600m run Tayler Benson brought home third with a time of and Ava Ockenga placed eighth with a time of 6:34.0. Our senior shot put thrower Oliviyah Thornton got second place

Track and Golf continue to travel, find success

with a distance of 34'9 feet.

Track & Field is splitting this weekend as some athletes will be at Howard Wood today and tomorrow while others will be heading to Parker on Saturday.

Golf

Golf this week had some good weather as well. Tuesday they traveled to the Northern Links Golf Course in Renner. The boys came into the meet ready to compete with Cooper Long with 83, Dylan Kindt with 84, Ryan Flanagan 90, Dylan Jessen. The girls came in strong with Autumn Gaspar scoring 89, Katie Hanson scoring 99, Maci Rotert scoring 103, Addi Hove scoring 109 and Mataya Trower scoring 114.

On Thursday, the boys went to Colman including Cash Pullman, Blaine Trower, Joe Sundvold Cole Jessen, Treyton Decker, and Noah Schotzko.

The boys came away with three medals. Pullman earned 10th with a 103. Sundvold took 13th (106), and Trower finished 15th (115).

Garretson is back in action today.

A swing and a miss

Baseball gets first win of the season but then falls in next contest

by Natalie Kuhnert
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The Blue Dragon Baseball team had games Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week. The Blue Dragon boys (1-3) won their first game of the season on Monday with a score of 3-0 against Hanson.

The boys had back to back games and played against Scotland on Sunday and lost 4-11, and then had another game on Monday against Hanson and won 3-0. The baseball team played at Flandreau on Wednesday for their first away game of the season and lost with a score of 6-11.

"The game on Sunday was alright when the seniors were in and then when we put the younger guys in it went downhill," said sophomore Treyton Chester. Chester also said, "We've had more games than practices this year so far so that doesn't help." Chester also claimed he needs more time hitting to improve and move forward with the team.

"We're doing okay right now, we are 1-3 right now, we just won our first actual conference game so we're in the right direction," said senior Dylan Kindt. Kindt is in his last year of high school baseball and said, "We just need

to develop and play together as a team, make less errors and just play smarter baseball."

"Sunday's game was not the best, it was just a game to get every guy in and get a look, it was our last game before we start our true season with our conference games" said Kindt.

Junior Carson Clark said, "We're just figuring some things out." Clark also claimed, "we got killed but we should be able to beat Scotland because they're terrible." "DK's (Dylan Kindt) was on the mound Monday so that was good for us" said Clark. Clark and Chester both claimed that they need to improve on their fielding and hitting.

"I'm good at being in the field but hitting is not so good for me" said senior, Jayse Miller. Along with Chester and Clark, Miller also claimed he needs to improve on hitting the ball when up to bat.

Although the boys have struggled a little bit this season their hard work is starting to pay off with wins including their first win against Hanson on Monday. The Baseball teams upcoming games include, Saturday against Lennox at Lennox, A double header with Tea and Tri-Valley at Colton, Tuesday against Baltic at home, and Wednesday vs Mt. Vernon at Plankinton.

Academic awards celebration held last night

The annual National Honor Society, Academic, and Fine Arts Awards celebration was held last night in the Garretson old gym.

Among the highlights of

the evening were 27 new members being inducted into the Splitrock National Honor Society Chapter.

Also 73 high school students earned academic

letters or pins based on their strong performances in the classroom.

Finally seniors were awarded multiple scholarships including \$22,000

being distributed to 17 seniors from the Garretson Community Scholarship Foundation.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Over 16 billion jelly beans are made each year in anticipation of Easter.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: The phrase "don't take this the wrong way" has a 0% success rate...choose your words carefully.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why did the baby chick cross the road?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What is the best way to make Easter easier?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 6

- Golf @ BEC in Garretson (9:00)
- Track @ Dakota Relays (2:00)

Saturday, May 7

- Track @ Dakota Relays (9:00)
- Track @ Parker Invite (9:00)
- Baseball @ Lennox (7:00)

Sunday, May 8

- Spring Play @ Old Gym (4:00)
- Baseball @ Tea in Colton (5:00)
- Baseball @ Tri-Valley in Colton (7:00)

Monday, May 9

- JH Golf @ BEC in Parker (12:30)
- Track @ Dell Rapids Invite (2:30)
- JH Track @ BEC in MCM (3:00)

Tuesday, May 10

- FFA Awards Banquet (6:30)
- Baseball v. Baltic (8:00)

Wednesday, May 11

- Golf @ MCM (9:00)
- JH Golf @ Dell Rapids (11:00)
- Baseball @ MVPCS in Plankinton (5:30)

Thursday, May 12

- Track @ BEC in Beresford (2:00)

Friday, May 13

- JV Golf @ Chester (10:00)

Saturday, May 14

- 5th-8th Band Solo Contest (8:00)

Worth Mentioning

YEARBOOKS are now available for purchase for the 2021-2022 school year. Order yours now! Just \$30. You can place your order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com or through Mrs. Buchholz at school.

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 13 Days
Our next break is the start of sum-

JOKE: To meet up with her PEEPS.

BRAINTEASER: To just put an "i" where the "t" is

Students get first hand experience at state capitol

Senior Madi Decker and junior Morgan Damman work in Pierre for two weeks as pages for the senate and house

Every winter students from around the state of South Dakota have the opportunity to apply for and, if selected, work at the state capitol during the legislative session. Garretson has had a few students take advantage of this opportunity in the past, but this year two Blue Dragons took the leap for this unique, in-depth political experience.

Senior Madi Decker and junior Morgan Damman spent two weeks each in Pierre during the legislative session earlier this year.

Q: What inspired you to apply for the Legislative Page program and what was the application process like?

Madi D: The upperclassmen that had gone before and Mr. Hughes all encouraged me to apply. The application process wasn't too bad, we just needed to submit a cover letter, two letter of references and have a legislator sign our application.

Morgan D: I was inspired to apply for the legislative page program because Mr. Hughes brought it up to me. I'm also interested in a law and government career, so I knew this would interest me. When applying, we had to fill out many basic forms and choose the best dates we would be available. Then we had to write an essay about why we should be chosen and why this interests us.

Q: Did you serve in the House or the Senate? Did you have a preference?

Madi D: I served in the Senate, I'm glad I got put into Senate instead of the House because the Senate is way smaller than House so I was able to talk to more Senators and get to know them.

Morgan D: I served in the house under my sponsor Representative Barthel. I would've rather served in the Senate because they had some of the bigger bills and also got out two hours before us some days.

Q: What were your primary responsibilities?

Madi D: Some of the basic responsibilities included delivering mail to Representatives and Senators desks, attending the small meetings and getting the Legislators what ever they need (water, coffee, printed papers, or even food), and during the chamber meeting (all of the senators meeting together), one of the pages would start the pledge and then we would do the same things as during the small meetings (water, coffee, printed papers, or even food, lastly was phone duty, we would just sit by our chamber phone and answer the phone and if they have a message for a Legislator, we write it down and deliver it to their desk,

Morgan D: Our first task in the morning was sitting in on committee meetings. In the meeting we had to run errands such as printing and managing the guest sheet. Then we were in charge of phones and writing down messages for representatives. We also had to work in the mail room. Then at the end of the day we sat in the chamber during debate running errands.



During the two week period of service, the pages create a strong bond and relationships. The girls that were serving in the House of Representatives during the 4th session are pictured above. Garretson's representative, Morgan Damman, is pictured at the far right end.

Photo submitted by Morgan Damman

Q: What were the biggest surprises you encountered while you were out there? What happened that you didn't expect or know about?

Madi D: One of the biggest surprises to me was probably that I actually understood some of the things that were going on, right before I left we had been talking about the House and Senate in government and how they work, so I was able to understand what they were doing and how they voted.

Morgan D: My biggest surprise was when they started talking about Palisades State Park in Garretson. They were debating fixing the road leading into the entrance and some of the representatives even asked me about it.

Q: Is this something you would do again? Why or why not?

Madi D: If I had to opportunity to do this again I think I would, I liked getting to meet all the legislators and gaining a better understanding on how our state runs. I would probably just like to a different term, I went the first two weeks and there wasn't very much for us to do compared to the different terms.

Morgan D: There were numerous students there that served last year, but I feel like I got my experience and I want to let others get into the program now!

Q: What would you tell someone who was interested in applying to be a Legislative Page next year?

Madi D: If I were to talk to someone interested I would tell them to go for it, its an amazing experience and you meet people that you never would have before and build relationships with them. (just don't apply for the fist term haha)

Morgan D: I would definitely recommend wearing comfortable shoes because you're walking around all day. Also bring boots for when you're walking into the capitol in the morning because the snow blowing on your feet and into your shoes is horrible.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to share?

Madi D: It was a great experience. I really liked it.

Morgan D: The representatives were super nice and even gave us their treats that they got from different businesses.

Applications for the Legislative Page program come out in the late fall, early winter for the Legislative sessions in January and February. Look out for more information next fall if you are interested.



Madi Decker (pictured in front row, third from the right) served in the South Dakota Senate during the first term, as the legislative sessions were just starting. The Legislative Pages for the first session are pictured here with Governor Kristi Noem (left side) and Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden (right side).

Photo submitted by Madi Decker

A mother understands what a child doesn't say

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 8

by Madison Prellwitz staff writer



The second Sunday of May this year... Mother's Day! A day to celebrate and appreciate not only your mother but all the mothers in the world. This isn't just a day for Mothers but as well as your Grandmas, Aunts, ect.

Whether that be your biological mother, or someone that has impacted your life as another mother. This isn't just a day for Mothers but as well as your Grandmas, Aunts, ect.

Some people may appreciate their mothers for the simple reasons. She gives me a home, she cooks my food, she cleans up after me, etc. "I appreciate my mother because she pays for my gas," Sophomore Tyler Edmunson said jokingly. "No, but I really appreciate my mom and everything she does for me."

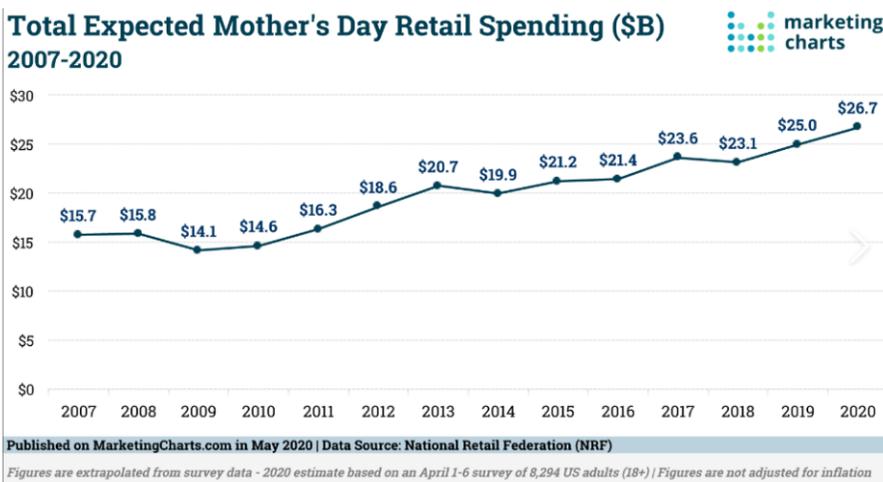
Sophomore Kaylin Koch touched close to the heart while she said, "She shaped me into the person I

am today, and I wouldn't be able to do life without her."

But everyone has different opinions on why they think we celebrate Mother's Day. Some may think that's a day to do things with your mom, and treat her like you would a birthday. Some may think it's not necessary to celebrate Mother's Day when they have birthdays to appreciate them.

Junior Hunter Abraham claimed "I plan to make my mom breakfast in bed like I have in the past." Abraham also stated he thinks cards or flowers would be a good gift for Mother's Day. Along with Abraham, Koch and Edmunson say cards, chocolate or flowers would be good gifts for Mother's Day.

Although sometimes parents can get on our nerves it's important to appreciate them not only on Mother's Day but everyday.



Out with the old and in with the new

by Madison Prellwitz staff writer



After serving in the principal position at other school districts, Mr. McGregor brings a student focus to Garretson for the upcoming school year.

Going into the 2022 to 2023 school year. The Garretson School District is going to have a lot of changes mostly in the elementary with a lot of new staff and moving staff around. The most noticeable and the only one for high school and middle school is our new principal Mr. McGregor

With this being said Mr. McGregor has worked at other schools like Parker Freedom and Scotland. As the Garretson School district needed someone with experience under their belt he seemed like a good fit for our school.

Mr. McGregor has no intentions to change anything at first but to adapt to this new environment before making any changes in our school district. The Garretson students would love it if Mr. McGreg-

or would be involved in sports for Garretson students and interact with the kids in the hallway and outside of school.

As a school district this will take some time to adapt to the new changes but as a school district we will get through the change together.

Senior Spotlight

Sam Shellum



ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

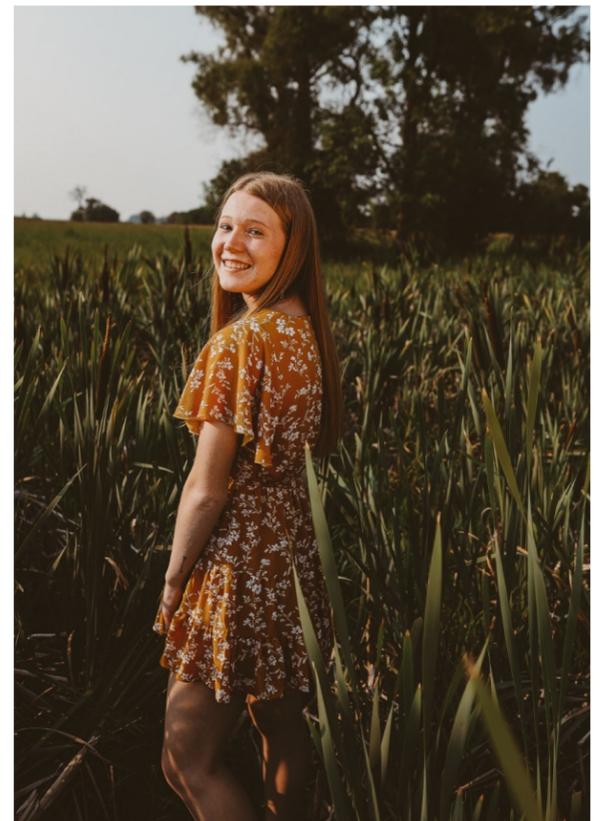
- Football Cheer
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- NHS
- Mentoring
- Yearbook
- Choir

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:

Talking to Mrs. B everyday

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Attend DSU for elementary education



Senior Spotlight

Kylee Fueston



ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
 Dance
 Choir

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
 My group

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
 Attend Lake Area Tech for dental assisting

CLASS OF 2022

Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menus

The food to fill your bellies for the upcoming weeks:

Menus subject to change

Current Count



65

BREAKFAST

- Monday, May 9:** Waffles or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels
- Tuesday, May 10:** Muffin Top with Yogurt or Cini Minis or Iced Long John
- Wednesday, May 11:** Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza or Warm Apple Frudel
- Thursday, May 12:** Pancake and Sausage or Cini Minis or Iced Long Johns
- Friday, May 13:** Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels

LUNCH

- Monday, May 9:** Beef Goulash or French Toast Sticks
- Tuesday, May 10:** Loaded Hash Browns or Popcorn Chicken Bites
- Wednesday, May 11:** Super Nachos or BBQ Rib Sandwich
- Thursday, May 12:** Cheeseburger Macaroni Skillet or Hot Ham & Cheese Melt
- Friday, May 13:** Mozzarella Bosco Sticks or Hot Turkey & Swiss Melt