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- Look for it throughout the issue as you read the articles and browse the pictures.
- Thank you Mrs. Granberg for creating the Blue Ink dragon

WORTH MENTIONING

- Spring sports meeting is on Monday, March 16 at 6:30. This is for all parents and students who are interested in playing a spring sport: softball, track & field, golf.
- The spring musical has been announced: “The Little Mermaid”

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FFA starts spring competition season

CDE season started with a busy March schedule

by **Harper Hanisch**
staff writer

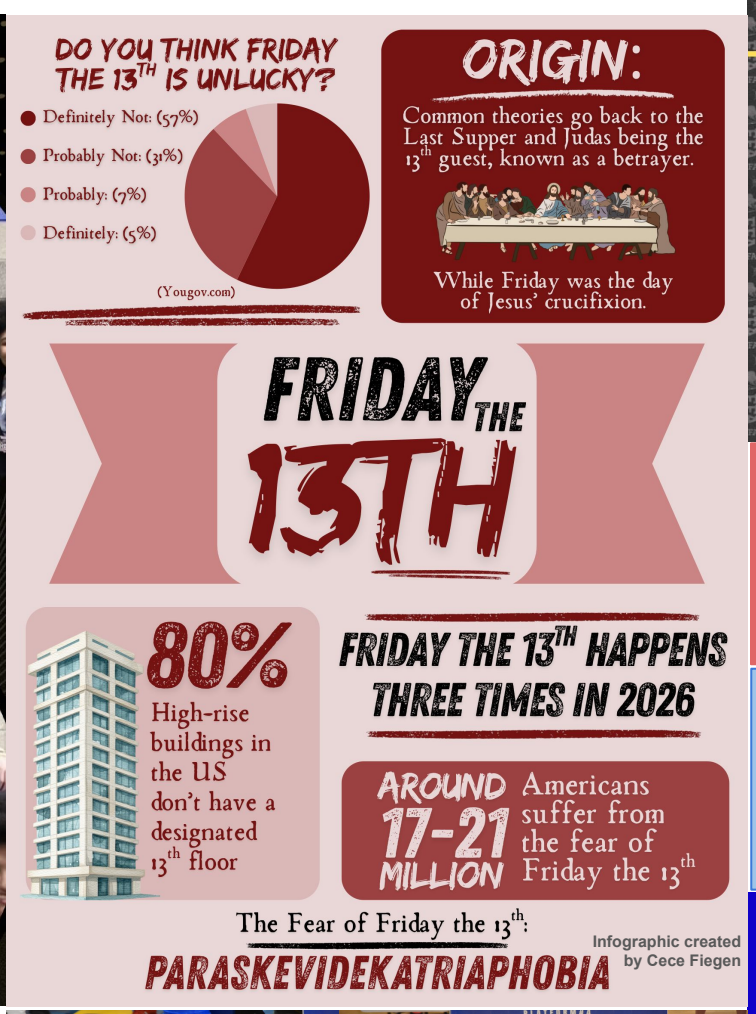
Monday, March 9 marked the start of the CDE season for Garretson FFA members. CDE stands for career development event. Within the CDE’s there are many different competitions. Some of these include horse, livestock, and poultry evaluations; milk quality and products; agronomy; and floriculture.

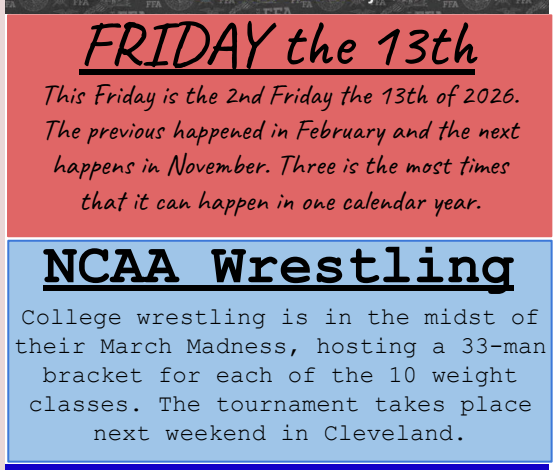
Ms. Kientopf, the GHS agricultural teacher, had a record breaking number of students that participated with almost 50 attending the season opening CDE. Kientopf said, “I am very excited to see what this season holds for our members. We have a lot of determined and talented individuals.”

High placing individuals included 3rd place Whisper Apple in floriculture, 2nd place Tanner Baatz in food science, and 4th place Brooklyn Trudeau in food science. Many teams placed in the top 10. Overall, the competitors said they had a great time and are looking forward to their next competition March 16 at Howard.









In its first year of organization, Garretson’s Powerlifting crew saw lots of success and growth in a quick season that last about two months.

The team was coached by Mr. Hughes and Garretson alum Bryce Wollman. Coaches Hughes and Wollman utilized their own experiences with lifting and muscle growth paired with contagious energy and charismatic encouragement to help guide the Blue Dragon lifters to success.

The Blue Dragons had the opportunity to participate in the state tournament in Baltic last Saturday. Garretson fared well in their inaugural season with five lifters medaling in the top five places.





NFL free agency

by **Blake Benson**
staff writer

Despite being in the off-season, the NFL is still commanding conversations

The NFL's free agency is happening and lots of teams already have been making big changes to prepare for next season. In free agency, a player whose previous contract has expired can negotiate and sign with a team that would like to have the player on their team.

One of the biggest signings so far was the resigning of Alec Pierce by the Indianapolis Colts, he received one of the largest contracts ever given to a wide receiver, $116 million 4-year contract extension.

Another player from free agency was the center Tyler Linderbaum from the Ravens to the Las Vegas Raiders.

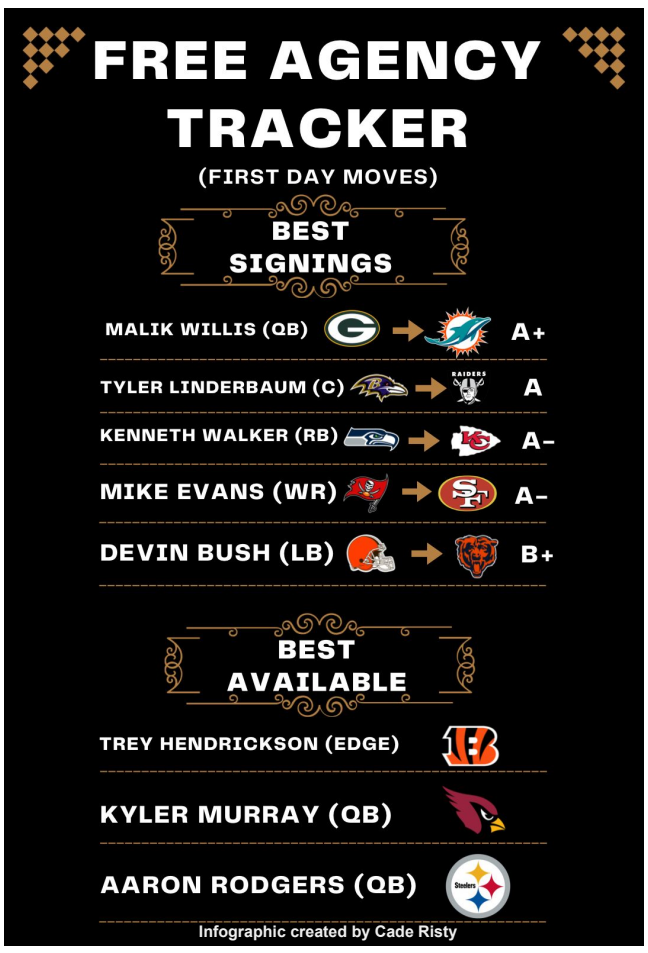
Other big changes were when the Miami Dolphins let go of Tua Tagovailoa and then signed Malik Willis and Geno Smith went from the Raiders to the New York Jets.

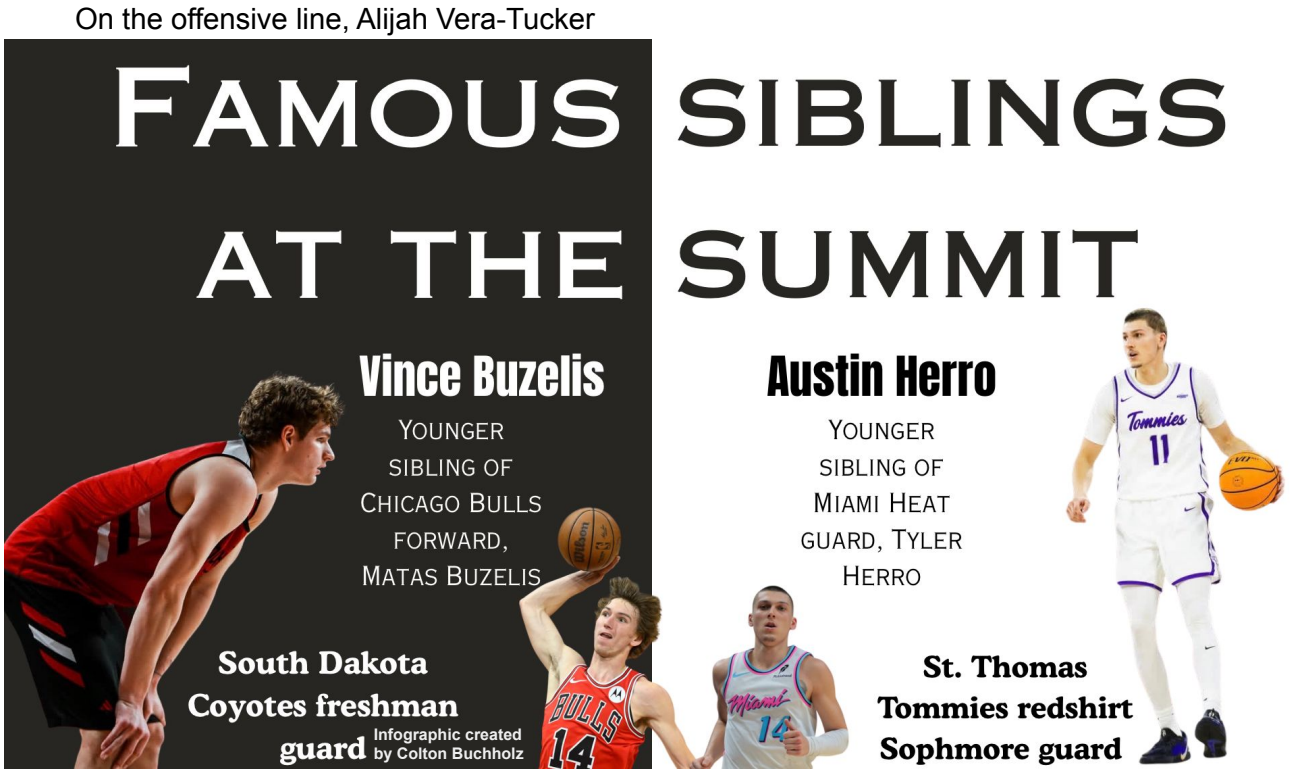
To round out the running back position, Kenneth Walker III was signed by the Kansas City Chiefs.

Odafe Oweh and the Washington Commanders have reached a large contract agreement and Greg Newsome II will be joining the New York Giants.

On the offensive line, Alijah Vera-Tucker signed with the New England Patriots, and the Dolphins re-signed tight end Greg Dulcich.

This year's free agent signings have produced plenty of large contracts as teams continue to work on improving themselves for next year. Making the upcoming NFL season even more exciting to watch.





Students take the stage for National History Day

by **Shea Smidt**
staff writer

This Thursday is the start of spring break, but it is also the National History Day regional competition. The junior class and those who wanted to made research projects about anything that related to this year's theme: revolution, reactions, and resolutions.

Garretson will be competing with all of southeast South Dakota schools for their region. High school social studies teacher Mr. Moehlenbrink said, "I'm very confident in our projects. The students have put in a lot of time and effort into these projects, which is not easy being that these are more time consuming and comprehensive than normal school projects."

There will be 29 total students and 9 total projects. The competition will be held at the Old Courthouse Museum in Sioux Falls, open to public starting at 12 pm.

Senior Spotlight
Nathanael Roberts



Activities Involved In:
Cross Country, Wrestling, Track & Field

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
Mr. Bohl

Favorite School Lunch:
Orange Chicken

Favorite Class You've Taken:
Physics

Plans for Next Year:
Go to Mount Marty to get a degree in Exercise Science. Then go for my Master's in that.

Class Of 2026

This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 11
- Women In Science Day @ STI

Thursday, March 12
- No School - Spring Break
- National History Day Comp. @ Sioux Falls (9::00)

Friday, March 13
- No School - Spring Break

Monday, March 16
- FFA @ CDE in Howard (10:00)
- First Day of Softball Practice
- Spring Sports Meeting @ Dragons' Lair (6:30)

Tuesday, March 17
- FFA @ CDE in Scotland (10:00)
- Band/Choir Pops Concert (7:00)

Friday, March 20
- First Day of Spring

Worth Mentioning

SOFTBALL PRACTICE starts on Monday. Track & Field will be the following Monday. And the last Monday in March will be the start of golf.

END OF 3RD QUARTER is TODAY, Wednesday, March 11. That means when we come back on Monday we are in our final quarter of the 2025-2026 school year..

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