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- This picture will be hidden in the Blue Ink somewhere.
- 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

- Formal is tomorrow night from 8:00-10:00 pm at the school.
- Thank you to Mrs. Costello and the student council for a fun Cabin Fever Week!
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are this Wednesday, the 4th and next Wednesday, the 11th.

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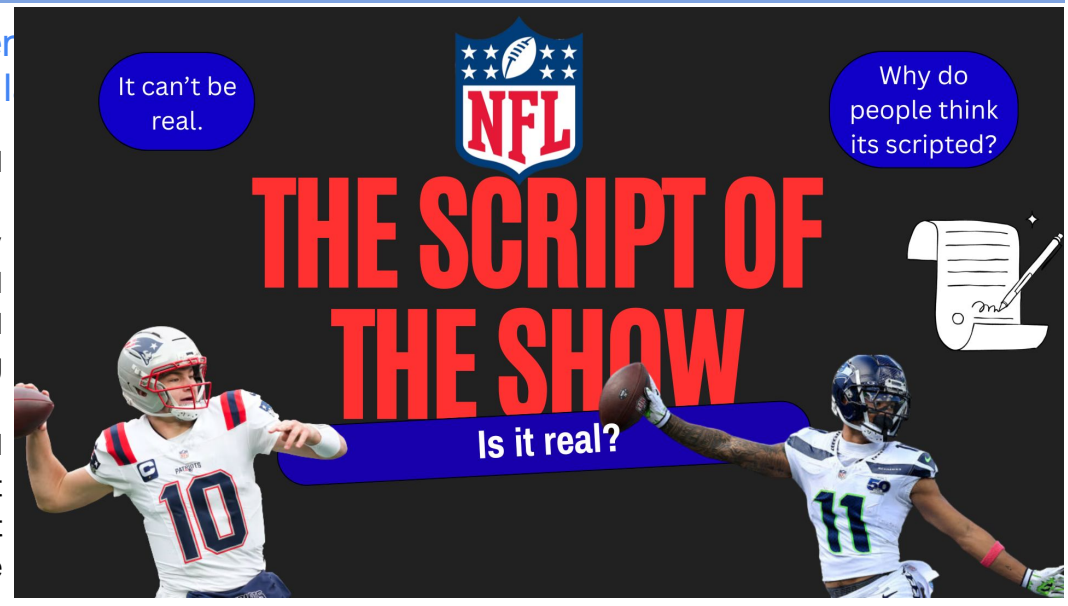
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The NFL is not scripted

by **Colton Buchholz**
staff writer - editorial

Time in Garretson has come to an er
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The NFL season is nearing an end and the Super Bowl is in 10 days. With it being so action packed, that also means the "script" is becoming a hot topic again.

There is absolutely no way there could be a script to one of the most physical sports in the world. There are too many ways to throw it off like injuries, player incidents, and sports betting on games.

In the NFL, scripting a game is just way too hard to script. For example, the Broncos this year were looking at the Super Bowl as the favorites to win it all, but their star quarterback, Bo Nix, was sidelined after breaking his ankle, and destroying the teams championship hopes. Also, with NFL players making multiple million dollars a year, there is no reason to fake injuries, go to rehab, and act injured just for a skit.

NFL players, although very talented, are still human. People will make mistakes like missing field goals, fumbling, and dropping passes. You can't plan for a player to make a human mistake, it would throw off the whole script/plan that the league would have to rewrite it every single week. But most people don't question the players incidents, they question the referees. Everybody thinks the refs are favoring one team, like the Chiefs, but they just make mistakes just like the rest of us. It just isn't possible to follow a script without human mistakes.

Lastly, sports betting makes this theory impossible. If there was a script, it would be illegal to place bets on a game because of the fact that people could somehow get their hands on the script and make millions. Obviously many people and even former players have tried to "leak" the script; if it was true, the betting and high money wagers would be illegal or shut down by the government or some other force.

In my correct opinion, the NFL isn't scripted. There would be too many flaws and issues within the system that would make this not possible. People need to accept the fact that some players are better than others and can win non-stop. Quit complaining about one team being good and just watch the game.



Q & A with District Officer Alexis Christensen

Recently, a GHS Junior, Alexis Christensen was elected to be the 2026 district FFA student advisor. Alexis attended a 3 day long district officer training camp where she attended meetings, planned upcoming events, and furthered her bond with fellow officers. This is what she had to say agout the fact.

Q- What was the process of making it onto the officer team?

A- "Prior to the interview, there was an application to fill out that asked basic questions, such as why you wanted to be an officer and what your qualifications were. After that came the interview at different LDEs. You sat down in a room with two state officers as they asked you questions, some random and some very intentional, to see how well you would work as part of a team."

Q- What are your jobs/ duties included with this role?

A- "My duties are to listen to members' concerns, help plan events, raise funds, support other officers, as well as complete a variety of other tasks."

Q- What does this opportunity mean to you?

A- "This opportunity means that I get to grow as a leader not only for my chapter, but also for my future. The training and responsibility that come with this position will hopefully prepare me for my state office application."

Q- Where was the officer training camp held?

A- "The district officer training was held in Fort Pierre at the Casey Tibbs Museum."

Q- What has been your favorite memory so far?

A- "My favorite memory was probably when we got free pie and made Kelton, the district president, give it to his roommates, along with Miss K's wrong turns, as always."

Interview by Harper Hanisch

It's back

Popular multiplayer game floats back into the mainstream after five year hiatus

by **Chase Costello**
staff writer - editorial

Among Us, one of the most popular games in 2020, is coming back in 2026. After it peaked in 2020 everyone thought it would fade away forever. However, it is making a comeback after the new year. Thank you to new and better updates, nostalgia, and renewed interest in multiplayer games.

A big reason among us is coming back is because their developers kept caring and supporting throughout the times of drought. Throughout the big and small changes and updates more and more players started to comeback and new players started to join the game. They were small bugs and mistakes that they fixed. Some mistakes they fixed were stuck in space, pre-game lobby glitch, and being killed during meetings.

Another big factor for the uprising of among us is the nostalgia. Many players remember playing the game during the pandemic. When everyone was stuck in their homes with nothing to do other than play games and eat. Laughing over accusations and betrayal when their friends would lie about being crew mate or imposter. Nostalgia becomes a powerful trend when coming to gaming and other activities. With more content creators on YouTube and TikTok creating more interest throughout the game there numbers have risen quite a bit.

In conclusion, Among Us is coming back in 2026 and will be back for some time. With all the new features among us has brought in a whole new generation. They have proved that games built around creativity, social interaction, and being able to connect with others through a game has helped them grow.



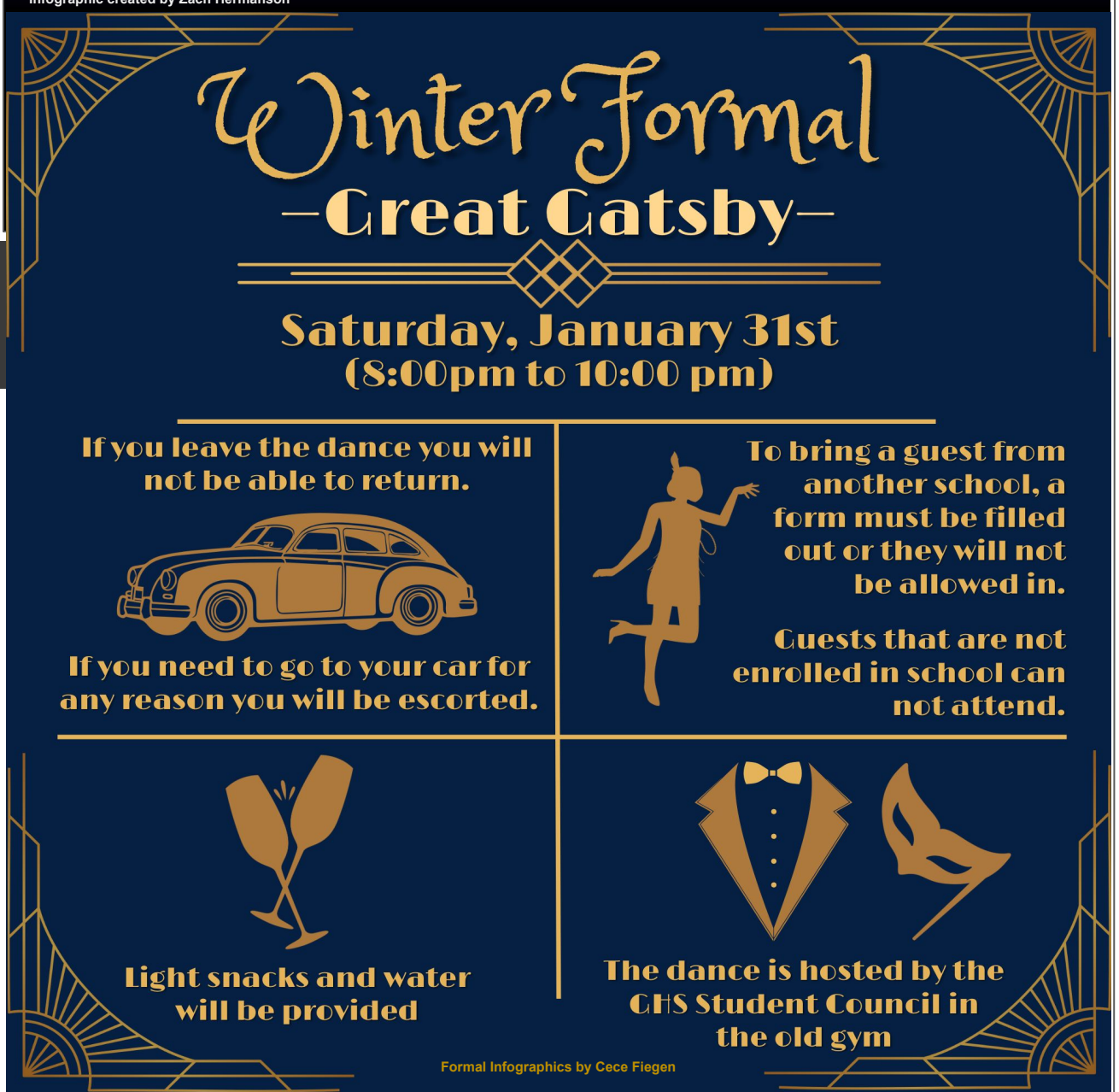
Two Truth and a Lie

#1 Devil's Gulch is made of Sioux quartzite, a rock formation about 1.6 billion years old, also used in historic buildings in the Sioux Falls area.

#2 Garretson's early economy did rely on stone quarrying and agriculture, and quarrying declined as railroad construction methods changed.

#3 Jesse James jumping Devil's Gulch on horseback is a legend, not historically confirmed. There's no solid evidence it actually happened.

Infographic created by Zach Hermanson



This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 30
- CABIN FEVER WEEK - Spirit Day
- Blue Dragon Olympics @ 8:30
- USD Honor Band

Saturday, January 31
- Girls Wrestling @ Brookings (9:00)
- Wrestling @ Parker (10:00)
- GBB @ DSU v. Howard (9:00)
- Winter Formal @ Old Gym (8:00-10:00)

Tuesday, February 3
- GBB v. Baltic (4:30/6:00)
- BBB v. Baltic (4:30/7:30)
- Wrestling Quad @ Baltic v. Luverne, EPJ, Baltic, Canton (5:00)

Wednesday, February 4
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:00-6:00)

Thursday, February 5
- GBB @ MCM (6:00/7:15)

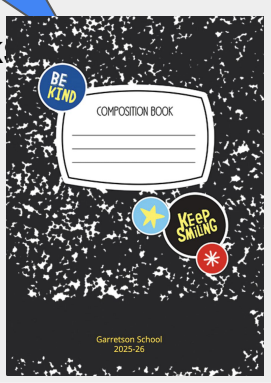
Friday, February 6
- BBB v. MCM (6:00/7:15)

Saturday, February 7
- Wrestling @ Conference in Clear Lake (10:00)

Worth Mentioning

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the students who have been recognized for showing positive ACE qualities (Attitude, Character, Effort). Our five winners from November are Cooper Smith, Alyssa Olson, Drew Chester, Caylix Buchholz, and Bryce Howe. Please see Mrs. Costello in study hall for an extra reward.

ORDER YOUR '25-'26 YEARBOOK today. They are $30 each, a steal for the millions of memories made this year. You can order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com. Please come find Dr. Buchholz if you have any questions.



A wrap on the week

by **Blake Benson**
staff writer & infographic creator

Cabin Fever week provides homecoming style fun for the winter

To get rid of the winter boredom, Garretson High School is hosting Cabin Fever Week, a fun week with activities that students can look forward to during the school day. Cabin Fever Week has fun events every day so that students have something to look forward to and the week feels less stressful. But it's not all about the games. There are dress up days also Mondays dress up day is preppy polos Tuesday is Hawaiian day, Wednesday is pajama day, Thursdays is athletes vs mathletes, and finally Friday is spirit day.

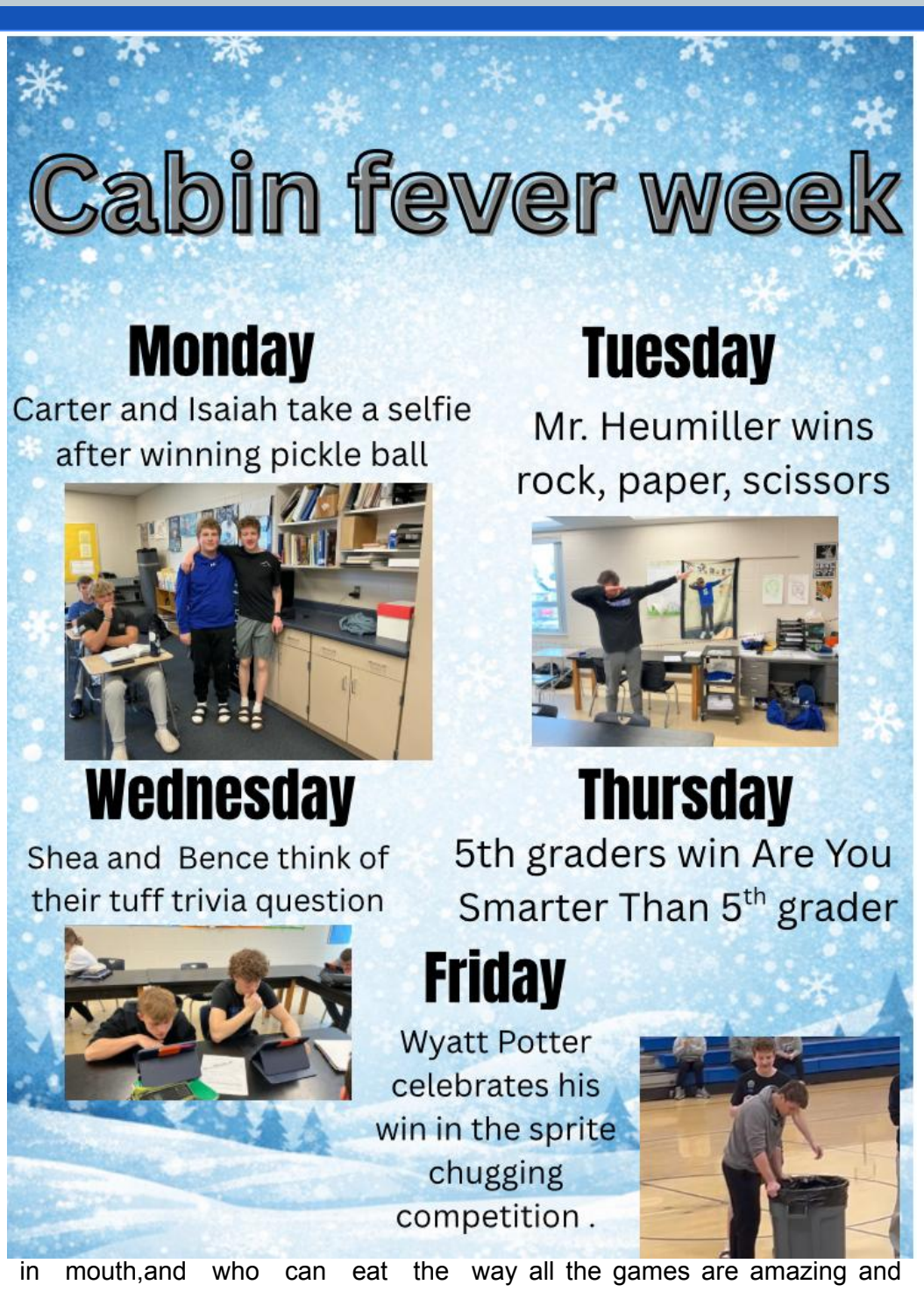
To start off the week on Monday, it was a pickleball tournament. This game is very unique and it's a game that anyone can play. Last year Jackson and Chase Arend took home the honors of winning the tournament, but not this year. Carter Siemonsma and Isaiah Coburn got their revenge and took home the crown.

On Tuesday it was in class Rock, Paper, Scissors. This is a simple game that students can just have a quick challenge with their classmates right in the classroom. Although it is simple, it can be very competitive. The winner of rock paper scissors was Mr. Heumiller.

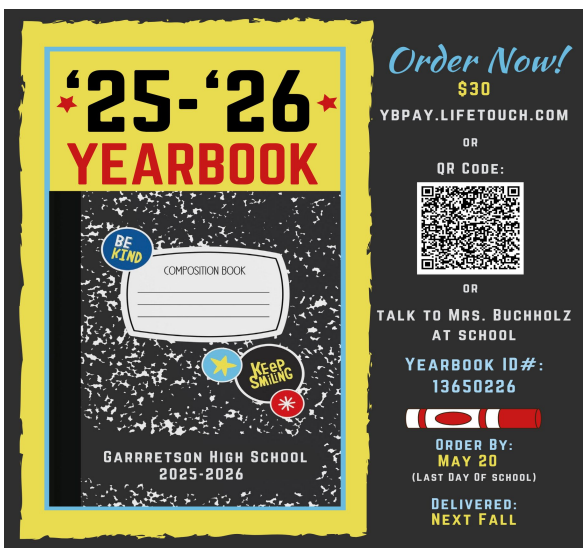
On Wednesday, students will have the chance to participate in, in class trivia. It is a great activity that allows students to show their knowledge level on topics while competing with other students in the school. Trivia is one of the most enjoyable ways to learn and at the same time be in competition, and it keeps students from getting bored during the day in school. The winner of in class trivia is all the students!

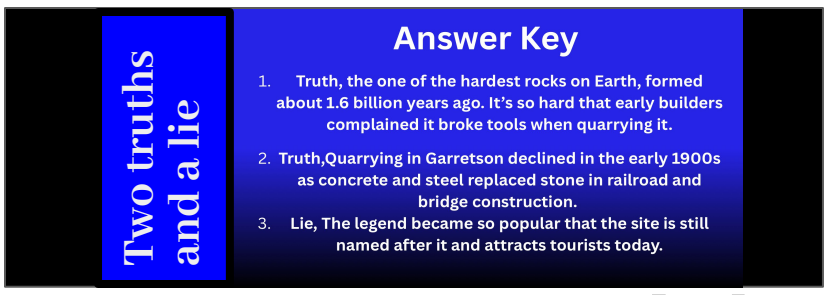
On Thursday 2:15 p.m. The game is Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Which is one of the major events of the week. This game has the students being challenged with questions that at first look easy but actually are pretty difficult. It's fun both for the players and the audience. The sophomores were the only grade that beat the 5th graders so the 5th graders came out with the win.

On Friday 8:30 a.m. Blue Dragon Olympics mark the end of Cabin Fever Week. This game is arguably the funnest one of them all. Students will get the chance to get called on to the court and compete in a game that is drawn. Some games involve who can finish the pie first, marshmallows in mouth,and who can eat the watermelon the fastest. On the other hand, it can be an active game like dodgeball or mattress race. Either way all the games are amazing and lots of students are looking forward to having a break to have fun and compete in their favorite games.









Senior Activity Spotlight





