



While varsity came out on top, JV/C were handed their first losses of the season. JH VB also started yesterday. Photo by Madden Lardy

# Blue Ink



## New year, new teachers, new start

*Ms. Kueter joins the staff as one of the newest Blue Dragons*

by Nika Sapunar  
staff writer

Mrs. Kueter is the new fifth grade teacher and she is so excited to be teaching at Garretson. Kueter is also lending her talents as the assistant soccer coach.

**Q: Why did you come to teach in Garretson?**

A: So I graduated from college in Aberdeen; this is my first teaching job. I am originally from Brandon, what's the main reason because I am close to home, family and friends.

**Q: What are three things people need to know about you?**

A: So I got engaged this is summer, I have two younger twin sisters and I am the assistant soccer coach.

**Q: What are some good and bad sides of Garretson?**

A: I would say all good; I haven't found any bad yet. Good thing is the small community, and I live in Brandon so I can just drive down here. I am excited to be here, I think just this whole atmosphere here is great.

**Q: How did you decide you want to be a teacher?**

A: So my mom is a second grade teacher in Brandon, so that was a big deal. I grew up in education and I just knew I wanted to be a teacher for middle school. I played at her classroom growing up so I knew since then I wanted to become a teacher.

**Q: What's your favorite thing about teaching 5th graders?**

A: About that I just love how they are able to do a lot of things independently and its great that I can go deeper with some topics that get me excited because I can talk more openly. They are able to discover and learn by themselves. So that is kind of a big thing.

**Q: What are your hobbies? What do you do when you are not at school?**

A; Mostly when I am not at school I am helping with soccer, so that takes a lot of time. But I just love doing out-



Ms. Carley Kueter is the new fifth grade teacher at Garretson Elementary. She also is serving as the assistant soccer coach.

door activities. Other than that I love watching movies and laying low.

**Q: What would you be if you weren't teacher?**

A: I wanted to be a teacher since forever. In high school I considered social work or anything with helping other people, but then I decided teaching is for me.

**Q: Describe your teaching.**

I would say student centered, i just want them to have voice and choice over what they are doing.

**Q: Why did you decide to become soccer assistant?**

A: I just saw that position open and I talked to the principal and the coach. I played it in high school and they said that its good that I have experience and they gave me the position.

### This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Today is National Read a Book Day.

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Listen to classical music while doing homework. Research has shown that students who listen to classical music score higher on tests than students who listen to other genres.

**CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK:** Goodbye = Dovidtenja (doh-vee-jane-ya)

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why was school easier for cavemen?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** Solve this rebus puzzle. **DO 12" OR**

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

### Upcoming Events

- Friday, September 6**
  - Football v. Beresford (7:00)
  - XC Parents' Night (6:45)
- Saturday, September 7**
  - XC @ Luverne (9:30)
  - Soccer v. Worthington (1:00)
- Sunday, September 8**
  - Softball @ Pipestone (12:30/2:00)
- Monday, September 9**
  - 7/8 FB v. Beresford (4:30)
  - JV FB v. Beresford (4:30)
  - C/JV/VBVB v. Hills Beaver Creek (5:00/6:15/7:15)
- Tuesday, September 10**
  - XC @ Jesse James Invite—Garretson (4:00)
  - JV/V Soccer @ West Central (6:30/8:00)
- Thursday, September 12**
  - VB @ BEC v. MCM (6:00) & TBD (7:30)
- Friday, September 13**
  - Football v. MCM (7:00)

### Worth Mentioning

Welcome to our new students and staff members! #BlueDragonPride

**Choose Kind**  
- September Precept: "When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind." - Dr. Wayne Dyer"

## Garretson comes out with big win in Forestburg

*Blue Dragons too much for WS/W/SC, look to build momentum tonight*

by Preston Bohl  
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After a tough loss in week one against Webster, the Blue Dragons bounced back last week with a 21-0 shutout versus the Wessington Springs/ Woonsocket/ Sanborn Central Blackhawks.

The Blue Dragons played much better on the defensive side of the ball this last week. Freshman Jaden Richter led the squad in tackles with 7.5, junior Jake Schroeder came out with 7, and Parker Schlenker following with 4.5. Garretson left the Blackhawks scoreless and scored two of their three touchdowns defensively.

Junior Dominic Abraham and Senior Dustin Haas teamed for two of the touchdowns bringing it to the house for a pick six.

On the offensive side of the ball, quarterback Dylan Kindt was 6-14 with 83 yards and a touchdown. Cole Skadsen scored the only offensive touchdown with a 21 yard catch, his only reception of the night. Abraham had 19 carries for 77 yards, and Haas had 4 receptions with 35 yards.

The team showed great progress last game and are hoping to keep that train moving forward throughout the season.

As a team, everyone understands football is actually here and that it won't be as easy as the past few

years, because of the loss of many seniors and leadership roles as well as moving to a different class.

"We need to start stepping up and taking charge, because this season will not be an easy one with moving up to 11 man," stated junior Matthew Rattenborg.

The team is working very hard in practices and are bettering themselves every day, looking for not only wins on every Friday, but also great improvement.

Today, Garretson will be playing on their own turf, looking to catch a win. They are facing their fellow conference opponent in the Beresford Watchdogs who are 1-1 also. Kickoff is at 7:00.



# Elective favorite turned into club

by Oliviyah Thornton  
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*Hughes' film class gets bumped from schedule but still available*



"It was a need for a second section of US History to be taught and in a school this size we don't have enough teachers to go around teaching every class," said Mr. Hughes.

Film Appreciation was taken off as an elective as of this year. Many students were disappointed in the news and shared their thoughts with Mr. Hughes, who echoed their sentiments. But he felt that if students really wanted he could find another way to offer it.

"Film club was a response to some students who were looking to take my Film Appreciation class which was canceled this year," said Mr. Hughes.

Instead of having it as a class, he changed it into a club holding meetings during lunch on Mondays

and Fridays. A few students went to the first ever meeting last week.

"I decided to go because I really enjoy watching and learning about film. I've always taken Hughes's film projects in class maybe a little too seriously with the directing and costumes," said senior Nobel Nothstine.

Though, there are some worries concerning how the club will work.

"I do think it will be a little difficult to try and watch films in such a short amount of time, and with the days so far apart in the week," said Nothstine.

Either way it seems like a fun club to be able to take during lunch if you're bored or if you were looking to take the class you can now join it as a club.

# Triple tragedies strike over Labor Day weekend

by Grace Panning & Noel Johnson  
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Fire, bullets, and personal mistakes all laid down at the stake. Many are still in the process of grieving, recovering, and solving the problems that happened Labor Day weekend. Between the California boat fire, Odessa mass shooting, and the local Palisades incident.

## California Boat Fire

It was just another Monday night for some people, but for the crew of *The Conception*, fire was the last thing on their minds. *The Conception* was a 75-foot commercial vessel with 39 passengers on board. *The Conception* was supposed to be going on a fun Labor Day weekend diving excursion, but that all turned tragic with the first whiff of smoke.

The boat had long been operated with a modern fire-suppression system in its engine room. It was deemed safe to sail, having passed a Coast Guard inspection that required smoke detectors and fire extinguishers as recently as February. That however did not stop the fire from spreading into the rooms of the sleeping passengers. The cause of the California boat fire could take up to two years to determine, officials say.

It is unclear if the passengers awoke to try and find a way out, or died in their sleep. Thirty-four people have been identified and one yet to be found. Luckily, the crew who were on the third floor of the boat were able to jump off into the water before the fire spread. One crew member was sleeping with the passengers when the fire erupted. Families of the lost are still grieving over their loved ones. Everyone is wishing this tragedy would've never begun. Sometimes what's done is done, and all you can do is pray.

## Odessa Mass Shooting

This Labor Day weekend was a terror for many who live in Odessa, Texas due to the ill-fated shooting. On Saturday, September 1 Seth Ator, 36 years old, had been pulled over by police personnel for failing to signal at a turn. Ator, the gunman, pulled out an "AR- type rifle which he was not technically allowed to have own after failed background checks," said USA Today.

The gunman then shot the police officer who pulled him over and sped off. Ator started firing in no particular order killing seven and wounding 25, ages ranging from 17 months to 64 years old. Ator had hijacked a UPS mail van becoming trapped by police in a movie theater parking lot.

He was killed by the Odessa Police Department after a 2 minute shoot out. The OPD as of now still has not figured out his motive because there is no evidence leading to the reasoning behind this traumatic situation. "This is the second mass shooting in the past month after the deadly massacre at Walmart in El Paso, Texas" according to Houston Chronicle.

## Palisades Tragic Fall

This 80 foot fall tops it all. When we think of a waterfall, we might be thinking of a gorgeous piece of water falling off a cliff. This tragedy, however, was a combination of a rockfall and waterfall. During Labor Day weekend at Palisades State Park a 28-year-old Minnesota woman fell into the water.

The woman, whose name has not been released, was with two male companions. The two men jumped off the cliff on purpose, but she got cold feet, but slipped off accidentally. Witnesses say she hit her head multiple times the way down. She suffered only minor injuries from the rocks, and was able to partially break her fall on the way down.

The Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public that jumping off rocks into the water is prohibited at state parks. Since we've already had similar accidents like this, shouldn't we put up some fences? Wouldn't it make sense to have high fines for people who get caught jumping off a cliff? Why don't we have signage all over the place, warning of a potential death?

Similar issues were addressed at Falls Park in Sioux Falls after several accidents and drownings, now having more railings to keep onlookers safe.

Does the state need to hire more park officials to monitor these thrill seekers? It would be a good idea to put think signs up for the people who have lost their lives. These are questions for our state and town. Hopefully next time people will think before they jump.





# Volleyball takes down rival in five sets

by Mason Hofer  
staff writer

Volleyball is performing at a level that most everyone at Garretson has never seen before. The Lady Blue Dragons are kicking off their season with a 4-3 record. The program has grown exponentially



Peyton Hove (#4) sets up outside hitter Lily Ranschau (#7) for a kill in yesterday's matchup against the Baltic Bulldogs. Ranschau led the Blue Dragons with 11 kills on the night. Hove had 17 assists.

Photo by Cole Skadsen

since last season where we saw the losing streak come to a halt.

Last night the Blue Dragons (4-3) squared off against our rivals, the Baltic Bulldogs (1-2). Coming off of the jamboree on Saturday (Garretson went 2-2), the Garretson netters were already feeling pretty good going into this game.

Garretson took the first set with a score of (25-21), but let one slip away right after (16-25). The Blue Dragons realized they could not afford to go down two sets against Baltic; Garretson came back and

won set number three (25-17), but the Bulldogs were not going to make it easy on the home team. Baltic snuck away with set four with a score of (22-25). Sending the match to a decisive set, race to 15.

The Blue Dragons did not lay on their backs in front of the home crowd, winning the final set (15-11) to take the game!

The Lady Blue Dragons will continue their historic season this upcoming Monday against Hills Beaver Creek in our house.

# Slow start gets best of soccer team

*Kernels best Blue Dragons 4-1*

by Parker Schlenker  
staff writer

After a big tie with #1 ranked Sioux Falls Christian last week the Lady Blue Dragons soccer team couldn't figure out a way to stop Mitchell.

The Kernels started off strong, scoring a couple quick goals but senior Riley Altman was able to retaliate and score a quick goal.

But that wasn't quite enough to bring them back so the varsity team fell 4-1 after fighting hard all game.

"We started off very slow," stated senior Malia Johnson.

The JV Dragons also fought a hard game but weren't able to win the game either losing 3-2 with freshman Morgan Damman and sophomore Leigha Lacey scoring the 2 goals for the Blue Dragons.

The Garretson soccer team has a chance to get back on the right foot as they play Worthington at home

## "Kick-Out Cancer" Soccer Game

Saturday, September 7th at 1:00pm  
At Garretson Soccer Field

Support the Garretson / Dell Rapids High School Soccer Team and those affected by cancer.

Each person attending the game, making a donation or wearing a "Kick-Out Cancer" T-shirt can win one of the awesome prizes DONATED from these businesses!

- Netflix Movie Gift Basket with \$25 Netflix gift card, candy, popcorn, and pop donated by VP Livestock Equipment
- \$25 Gift Card from Lewis (2 available)
- Yeti Tumbler donated by Lewis in Dell Rapids (2 available)
- \$15 Gift Card to Scheels
- \$10 Amazon Card donated by the King Family
- 2 movie tickets to the Logan Luxury Theater in Dell Rapids
- 5 Kid's Buffets to Pizza Ranch
- \$20 Casey's Gas Card donated by Kerri's K-9 Klippers
- \$50 Gift Card to O' So Good Restaurant
- \$20 Gift Card to County Fair in Dell Rapids
- \$25 Gift Card to Papa's Pub and Eatery in Dell Rapids
- FREE Large Supreme pizza from The Gulch
- Bag of Honeycrisp apples from Hoversten Apple Orchard (6 available)
- Complete Car Clean-up (\$90 value) from Jasper Motors
- \$50 BP Gas Card donated by Crete Pro's Inc.
- \$50 Gift Certificate from Don's Auto and Tire in Garretson
- \$25 Gift Card to LaDelle and Fourth Coffeehouse in Dell Rapids
- \$15 Gift Certificate to Papa Murphy's Pizza
- \$20 Gift Certificate to Papa Murphy's Pizza
- Free Oil Change donated by Nordstrom's Automotive Inc. in Garretson
- \$25 Gift Card to Juice Stop (2 available)
- \$25 Gift Certificate to Sports Cabin in Garretson (2 available)
- \$10 Gift Card to Gilbertos

Saturday at 1:00 and West Central Tuesday in Hartford.

Saturday also is the soccer team's annual "Kick Out Cancer" night.

# Dorian grows in size, destruction

by Kylie Uhl  
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*After wrecking the Bahamas and Puerto Rico, Dorian works its way up the US coast*

Along the coast of Florida and in the Bahamas, Hurricane Dorian has started to make his way up the coast of the Carolinas. Dorian is a Category 3 storm with 115 mph winds. The hurricane destroyed some parts of the Bahamas for 48 hours, so far leaving 20 people dead.

According to the National Hurricane Center, they say Hurricane Dorian could bring "damaging winds and life-threatening storm surges along a large portion of the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic coasts" Thursday and Friday (yesterday and today).

So far Florida has missed a lot of potential damages, but the Carolinas and Georgia are bracing for impact.

A former Garretson resident, who now lives in Archer Lodge, North Carolina expressed her concerns and preparations. "What worries me the most is our power shutting off and when it will come back on. I'm also worried about it flooding our house. We've been buying a lot of food and stocked up so that way we should have enough," said Bryn Johnson.

"We've also been looking for a backup generator, but haven't had any luck



Photo of destruction caused by Dorian. Photo from the United States Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/25cc07f>

because they have all been sold out. I would compare it to a South Dakota snowstorm."

As of 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, there were more than 10,000 customers without power in Florida according to the state's Division of Emergency Management.

The state's largest utility company, Florida Power & Light, has more than 6,000 clients with outages. Even though Florida missed most of intense parts of the storm, they are still feeling Dorian's effects.

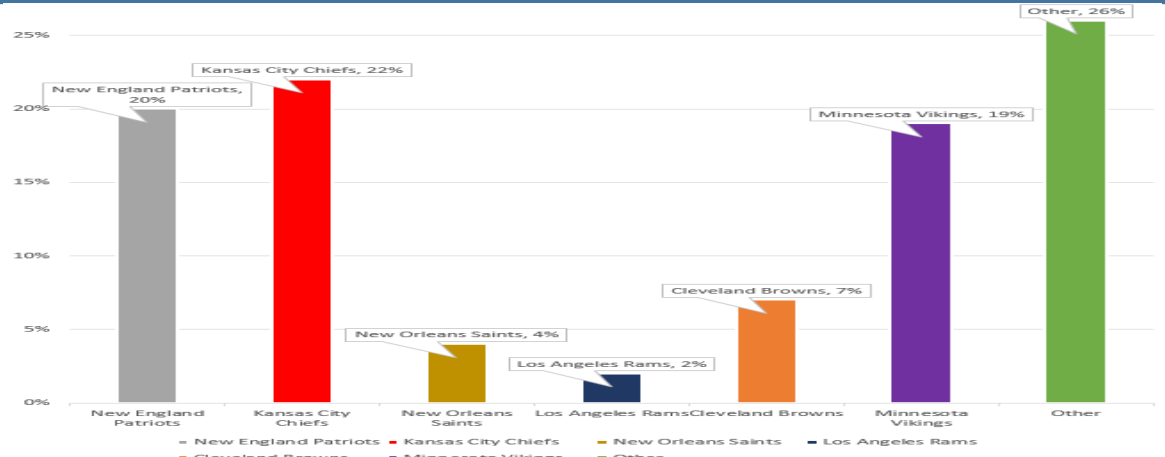
Miami's Coast Guard Air Station is familiar with these types of search and rescue missions. In 2005, they rescued nearly 800 people following Hurricane Katrina and more recently Hurricane Irma in 2017.

The Coast Guard has rescued a total of 114 people and six pets from a string of ruined islands off the Florida coast. They'll keep flying into the more devastated parts of the Bahamas as long as they are needed and have been since the last of the storm hit.

Many are now just waiting for the worst and hoping the storm won't bring a big destruction.

# Student Opinion Poll

The 100th NFL season kicks off this week. The *Blue Ink* asked the Garretson students who they thought would win the Super Bowl this year.





# Stand up for senior privs

#SeniorSZN

by Nobel Nothstine  
senior writer—editorial

Seniors, it's nearly that time again. Homecoming and privs are around the corner, just out of reach, and the *Blue Ink* is here to remind you all of that. There have been quite a few little trip ups already this school year, notably the cafeteria being more over-crowded than normal, senior project fiascos, and the extended date for senior privs.

Senior privileges are something that every class looks forward to getting in their last year of high school. These privileges allow students to go off of school grounds and leave 5th period through lunch, or lunch through 7th period (if their 5-7th periods are an online course or study hall). Since we have a fairly short lunch period with so many kids, an extra 50 minutes AND getting to go home seems like heaven.

Contrary to popular belief, we can have an impact in this school district. Not by complaining and biting people's heads off, but by being organized, composed, and reasonable. However, upset students are not completely unjustified in their feelings; there is a time and a place for students to stop and ask, "What is happening?", "Why?" and most importantly, "What can we do about it?". That time is now.

The *Blue Ink* reached out to principal Mr. Long for a brief interview to touch on these issues.

**Q: Why are senior privileges/homecoming being established late this year?**

A: Homecoming is basically set by just exploring the schedule and determining which week is best. Consideration is used for all fall sports in trying to get as many activities at home during the week of homecoming, football being the main one as it's more of the traditional aspect of homecoming. Our football schedule is set by the state and it's a bit odd this year...the week that ended up working the best was the last week of Sept./first week of October. It is one week later than it was last year.

**Q: With so many kids in the lunch room, freshman are having little to no time to eat at all. What current alleviations are being done to get kids out of the lunch room early?**

A: We have asked one class to come and eat around 12:25 (halfway through 5th period) and after they eat they finish the remainder of 5th period while the rest of 9-12 eat lunch. It has worked well to this point in helping alleviate the stress on the lunch room during the normal HS lunch time.

**Q: Would you consider moving the senior privileges up two weeks to mid-September?**

A: There is always considerations that can be discussed; we traditionally use the week after homecoming because we want our students present during homecoming week. At this point there has been no consideration of senior privs adjustments as we are less than 2 weeks into the school year and we feel that Senior Privs are earned and are just as they're named: a privilege and not a right.

**Q: What are the benefits of seniors having privs? How does that affect all of the students?**

A: I'm not sure there are any real benefits for other students if the seniors have privs..It's more or less allowing the seniors some flexibility in their day and allowing them some freedoms that are associated with gaining more responsibilities and having the maturity to manage their time more independently.

**Q: Why are senior privileges and homecoming associated with the same time-frame? Is it necessary?**

A: Having privs start early is really a benefit as, if you read the fine print, privs are not set to start until the second semester but we have allowed our seniors to have an extension of privs, starting significantly before the 1st semester.

Now that you've read the facts for yourself, the *Blue Ink* leaves you to figure out your opinion on these topics. Personally, I believe we need to be allowed freedom in the first place to learn how to best exercise it. An extra week of privs is an extra week of privs. Those of us who've worked hard in our classes to be able to leave early are ready to take on that responsibility. Giving us privileges and holding us accountable for them is treating us like the future students and citizens we intend to be.



## Blue Ink: First Take

by Mason Hofer  
senior writer

*New iPhone makes needed changes*

We are approaching tech guru's Christmas with the release of the new iPhone 11 on September 10th. There have been all sorts of leaks and other information that has been released about the new device, including the three variants of the phone, the iPhone 11, 11 Max, and 11R.

Every edition there are new specs to the phone along with enhanced existing features. Here's a list of things you can expect from the new iPhone.

### Square Camera

The iPhone 11 will have a square camera with three lenses in it. It is reported that the three cameras will take three pictures simultaneously and mash them together giving us an extra wide and extra tall view of all our pictures. No more cut off heads!

### Slow Motion Selfies

The front facing camera will be getting a huge upgrade, the upgraded edition will be able to record videos at 120fps and slow motion. The current edition tops out at around 30fps and cannot record slow motion.

### FaceTime Attention Correction

With the current way FaceTime is set up, you're never quite making eye contact with the person on the other end. Apple decided to correct this by editing your eyes to make it look as if you're making eye contact to give it more of a "real-life" feel.

### 5G

Even though there were expectations of this, the iPhone will not have 5G this year.

### Water Resistance

Apple expediently upgraded the water resistance on the new phones. It is rated an IP68, which means that you will be able to submerge the phone in seven feet of water for 30 minutes.

### Out With the Old in With the New

Apple decided to completely do away with Touch I.D. and 3D Touch, but dramatically increased the Face Identification feature.



Photo from entrepreneur.com sourced by Ben Geskin (@BenGeskin) via Twitter

## Meme of the Month

created by Nobel Nothstine

Look for a new meme, every first issue of the month.

when your friends ask you to go out on a school night



**Congratulations** to a strong start by our junior varsity teams. JV Soccer has started the season 3-1-1. JV football won their first contest earlier this week and JV and C volleyball have won both of their contests against Tri-Valley and Beresford.

**COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 1 Day**