



The juniors upset the seniors in Powder-Puff, preventing the class of 2020 from a repeat victory on the turf.



# And the King and Queen are...

*Coronation kicks off the week*

by **Noel Johnson**  
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This year's homecoming had quite the spin on old traditions. Every annual GHS homecoming starts the Monday off with class color day, followed by coronation, leading everyone to the football field for competitive games of powder puff.

Unlike past homecoming coronations this year's had quite a kick to it. Instead of the returning royalty pacing back and forth building the suspense to which candidate of the court will receive the football and the bouquet that determined the new king and queen, balloons and buckets were used instead. Each member of the court from the king and queen sides had buckets flipped upside down with a balloon in the winners while the others had nothing. Is changing traditions really a good thing?

"No, as soon as I had got on stage I could see the string under the box and we could all see who had won," said Hayden Olofson.

"I thought it was good, and fit for this year but the tubs were very see through and we could tell who won," said Jayden Clark

This year's court members for the king and queen candidates were Kenzie Northrup, Malia Johnson, Jayden Clark, Aftyn Heitkamp, Bella Peters, Hayden Olofson, Trey Buckneberg, Brayden Beaner, Lucas Fitzgerald, and Dusty Haas. The votes then decided who this year's homecoming royalty would be. The 2018 royalty, Kelsey Keegan and Dakota Johnson, returned to their alma mater to crown the 2019 homecoming queen as Jayden Clark, and king Hayden Olofson.

"It's fun and nice knowing people voted for me," said Jayden Clark.

"It's the best feeling in the world," said Hayden Olofson.

Also a reoccurrence pointed out was that from the past five years, four of the queens had been soccer players. Is this because there is a greater amount or are soccer players more involved? Not only was that it but the repetitiveness of kings being football players is also another point. Why has the king and queen not been volleyball players or cross country runners, even just student who don't participate in a fall sport?

Either way, something new was tried even if it received mix reactions along with other possible coincidences that may have occurred this homecoming coronation. Coronations spin on hand-me-down traditions was one for the books.



Queen Jayden and King Hayden were crowned Monday night in front of a packed gym.

# Homecoming brawl vs. EP-J

*Blue Dragons return to the gridiron for final home game after bye week*

by **Mason Hofer**  
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Homecoming week is finally upon us, as the week has gone by, there have been many battles. Powderpuff, Ruff & Tuff, Dress Up Days, the scavenger hunt, are all leading up to the final battle of the week, the Homecoming game.

The Garretson Blue Dragons (3-2) will be facing off against the Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies (2-3) tonight at the Garretson Athletic Complex at 7:00pm.

"We've never played Elk Point be-

fore, so I'm excited for this week's game," stated senior Brayden Beaner.

Elk Point is ranked 13th in the power rankings and Garretson is ranked ninth. This would be a bad game for Garretson to lose due to the amount of seed points on the line.

"I think we are way better than we were at the beginning of the season. If we were to play that Webster game over again, I think we would take the dub," said Beaner.

This game on paper looks very balanced, with both teams having

similar records and similar sizes. Garretson's tallest player is 6'3 and Elk Points is 6'4. The average height for both teams is around 5'11.

The King is also finally making his return to the game of football; King Hayden Olofson returned to practice this Monday and is ready for game time. "It sucked being hurt, I'm so ready to go out there and ball out," stated the King. Olofson missed two weeks after injuring his knee.

Once again Garretson's homecoming game will take place in Garretson after all of the festivities tonight at 7pm.

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** The first homecoming is credited to the University of Missouri in 1911

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Eating watermelon can help reduce acne and keep skin healthy.

**CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK:**  
Sick = bolesna (female)  
= bolestan (male)  
= bolest (root)

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What happened to the frog's car when it broke down?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:**  
Solve this rebus puzzle. **dodo list**

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, October 4

- Game Show (8:30)
- Dragon Olympics (9:45)
- MS Kickball (9:45)
- Parade (1:30)
- Community Pep Rally (2:00)
- FB v. Elk Point-Jefferson (7:00)

### Monday, October 7

- JV FB v. Canton (4:00)

### Tuesday, October 8

- JH VB @ DR St. Mary's (5:00)
- VB @ DR St. Mary's (6:15/7:15)
- Soccer @ State A Quarterfinals

### Thursday, October 10

- JH VB v. Canton (4:00)
- C/JV VB v. Canton (5:00/6:15)
- VB v. Canton (7:15)
- XC @ BEC in Parker (4:00)

### Friday, October 11

- No School—Staff In Service
- FB @ B-E-E (7:00)
- Marching Band @ Sioux Valley

### Saturday, October 12

- Soccer State A Semifinals

## Worth Mentioning

**COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 4 Days**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the girls softball team who took third in the state competition last week in Sioux Falls.



# A little wit, a few twists, and a hoco hunt

by Nobel Nothstine  
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With all the classes relatively close this homecoming week in points, the deciding factors will boil down to Dragon

Olympics and the class hint hunts. The *Blue Ink* reached out to Mr. Long to get a little more background into this year's scavenger hunt which will potentially play big factor in which class wins the homecoming competitions.

**Q. Do you think this is something you'll continue to do for more years of homecoming?**

A. Well, we tried a scavenger hunt one other year, but it was all in one day. It was OK but the feedback wasn't enough for us to put that amount of work into it; they take a lot of time. This year, we tried a new approach and, at least to this point, we've felt that it has been received pretty well. If the majority is favorable of it we will do it again, and hopefully make it even better.

**Q. How do you think students have taken to it so far?**

A. Well so far, every clue has been returned so someone is at least paying attention to it.

**Q. Will the hints get progressively harder throughout the week?**

A. We're trying to make them progressively harder but are finding out that we have a lot of smart students that are figuring them out pretty quickly.



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**Q. Who's idea was it to add in a scavenger hunt?**

A. Mr. Schrank, Mrs. Gloe and I talked about it and decided to try it out.

**Q. Who comes up with the rhymes?**

A. That would be me.

**Q. Have classes been sabotaging other classes? Do you have any rules against it?**

A. At this point no, because they don't get the other classes clues unless they would have a sibling in the class. We would expect that each class would respect the other if somehow they came across a clue.

**Q. How does the point system work?**

A. 20, 15, 10 and 5 - some class may make a big jump at the end.

**Q. How significant are the scavenger hunt points in the overall points?**

A. Well if the first place team gets 5 and the last place team gets 20 points in this, that's a big jump.

First place in the scavenger hunt is over twice as many points as any of the classes had after four days. With two classes ending Thursday with 19 points, having a 20 point offset nearly guarantees a win. Hopefully all of the classes continue to fight fair and figure out the clues to help out their fellow classmates and secure a win.

Seniors	19
Sophomores	19
Juniors	14
Freshmen	10

# Garretson girls harriers run through competition

*Ladies take top honors at Sioux Valley*

by Preston Bohl  
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With the cross country season dwindling down to its last weeks, Garretson's girls have not disappointed. The girls captured their second consecutive win at the Volga Invitational this Tuesday and showed much improvement.

The Lady Dragons scored 31 points to win the meet, crushing the other competition.

The weather was not cooperative, but that did not stop the Lady Dragons. Leading the champion squad was MaKayla Heesch, who earned top honors with a time of 20:26. Kylie Christensen came in 10th as the second runner who ran 21:18, and Payton Campbell followed right behind in 11th with a time of 21:20. Jordyn Williams ran a time of 21:40 in 15th place as the fourth scoring runner. Rounding out the team was Tayler Benson who came in 18th at a time of 21:47 and Adair Hanisch who placed 39th running 23:07.

On the boys side, Preston Bohl led the Blue Dragons with a time of

17:48 coming in 4th place. Sam Schleuter ran 19:30 placing 30th, followed by Evan DeBates at 20:20 who placed 47th and Sam Konechene at 21:33 who placed 64th. The boys came in 8th with a score of 113 points.

After an outstanding performance on Tuesday at Volga, the Blue Dragons ran mediocre races at Lennox yesterday. Lady Dragons came in 5th place and the boys team finished 9th. "We had a tough week this week with two meets in three days which was hard on the kids, but we will be ready to roll next week. The girls will have a good shot at a Conference title, and we will try to get as many kids as we can to earn All-Conference", stated head coach Jason Bohl.

The Garretson harriers will run at Parker next Thursday for the Big East Conference Meet. This will be the cross country runners' last meet before the region competition which is held in Garretson at the River Ridge Golf Course due to water issues in Flandreau.



The Varsity Garretson girls team showcases their new hardware after the first place team finish at the Volga Invitational on Tuesday, October 1,

*Photo courtesy of Mr. Jason Bohl*

# Best dressed

by Oliviyah Thornton & Grace Panning  
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Garretson students were met with a challenge and attacked it full on. Each day brought along a new dress up day and the students did not hesitate to show off their creative skills. Each class showed how they could all work and come together to defeat the other classes.

## Monday

On Monday morning, in Garretson, High school students dressed up in their class colors. Seniors being black, juniors orange, sophomores neon yellow/lime, and freshmen pink. The *Blue Ink* went around an interviewed people and asked them questions for each day.

One of the most asked questions was, What's your favorite day so far? "Probably class color day," Why? "Well I wore everything pink, pink socks, four pink scrunchies, a bow, three head bands and our pink shirt," said freshman Dylan Jessen.

Since students paid for their own T-shirts. Students didn't need to find a shirt that was in their class color, and only needed to find their corresponding accesso-



## Student creativity was at its peak this week

ries. Many chose to wear bandanas, scrunchies, and even face paint. Many wore bandannas in their hair, around their neck, and on their legs. I saw one person have hand prints on their legs that they made with face paint in their class color. This day was also very exciting because sophomores boys won ruff & tuff against the senior boy and junior girls took the win over the senior girls during powderpuff. It was very cool to see everyone on the court in their class color. Overall this homecoming dress up day was one to remember.

## Tuesday

Garretson students really showed off their creative spirit for the second day of Homecoming with Cool Kids - Jocks vs Nerds. We got to see a variety of different nerds with students just bringing out their nerdy side or completely going out of character and dressing as a nerd. The signature glasses with tape, suspenders, a button up shirt, and khakis.

"My Favorite dress up day was Nerd versus Jock because I really got to express myself in my nerdy way without being judged (or at least judged a little less than normal). My plan for that dress up day was really simple, because of all the nerdy stuff I own, I just figured out certain things I would wear. I had one theme with my hair, shirt, leggings, and pins (Star Wars). And then another theme with my 'cape', rings, and earrings (Harry Potter)," commented Morgan Moritz, a sophomore, who took the nerd approach.

Being the day of Jocks vs Nerds some students didn't take the nerd



# Ruff n' Tuff was rough and tough

## Seniors looked to repeat as champs, for a few classes sophomores had other plans

by **Kylie Uhl**  
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It's the start of homecoming week and the seniors were talking the talk but couldn't walk the walk. Just another boring school day and boom it's 2 o'clock aka Ruff



Jayse Miller serves it up in the championship as the sophomores took on the seniors. The sophomores upset the seniors for their first ever ruff & tuff title.

Photo by Grace Panning



ions the senior class of 2020. Two points to go winner take bragging rights everyone watching and slap the ball is spiked and that's the end of the third set. With the sophomore class of 2022 taking the title.

When asked about taking the L, senior Austin Top said, "You know it's disappointing but I mean what are you gonna do about it. We were just not on our game. Last year ruff and tuff was definitely one to remember #2018Champions. My advice for underclassmen for ruff

n tuff is that you shouldn't take it for granted. I promise that you won't regret it and it's so much fun and you make lots of memories. If you don't do it, you just wasted some good hoco memories. Just know the seniors still rule the school."

The seniors, however we're not the only ones taking Ls that day. The junior class of 2021 did not win a single game of ruff and tuff and when asked about the outcome Cody Erickson said, "I definitely didn't think that that's how ruff n ruff would have gone for us. I was for sure expecting the sophomores to lose but I know next year we're obviously going to win."

n Tuff is already on according the reigning champ of the 2022 class Morgan Pierret said, "Next year I do hope we hold our title; the best part about it is the bragging rights and knowing we beat the seniors. I didn't think this year for ruff n tuff we would have done the best because we didn't win at all last year, but I'm happy we won."

With that the race for next year's title is already on according the reigning champ of the 2022 class Morgan Pierret said, "Next year I do hope we hold our title; the best part about it is the bragging rights and knowing we beat the seniors. I didn't think this year for ruff n tuff we would have done the best because we didn't win at all last year, but I'm happy we won."

Not only was Pierret thinking that there was going to be a different outcome but so did freshman Drew Peterson. "My first thought was that we were either going to get first or second place but later I thought it would've turned out worse but it ended with two very close games. I thought that because we had good players we would have a better game against the seniors. But I definitely think next year we will win ruff and tuff."

With many people wanting to win, Who will win next year and claim the bragging rights and title? The race to 15 has crossed many minds already. Strategies are being brainstormed and the memoirs are being made.

# One sound. One band. One love.

by **Nika Sapunar**  
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Last week, Garretson marching band went on a competition hunt. On Thursday, in Arlington they got second place. On Friday, in Beresford they won first place as well as receiving honors for outstanding percussion and outstanding color guard, which is a first under Mr. Sittig's direction. Luverne was also a successful day, missing top honors by two points.

I feel like the competition part is little rough but hanging out with friends is fun' said Mattea Fiegen, junior clarinetist. People who were in the band are very proud of what they have accomplished and so is their director. "We thought we did bad on Saturday but we got pleasantly surprised," said Caroline Hoskins, junior who plays the trumpet.

Our flag corp was so happy and excited too. 'I wasn't a fan of morning practices but I really love flags, its fun hanging out with people and just being there," junior Molly Hulscher. They did great job and are very happy about their accomplishments.

Garretson will be able to see the performance today during the parade.

# Best dressed continued from page 2

by **Oliviya Thornton & Grace Panning**  
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Being the day of Jocks vs Nerds some students didn't take the nerd approach but the jock approach instead. Students wore a variety of clothes ranging from dressing up as basketball player or softball players.

### Wednesday

The third day with Old Town Road - Country vs Rap had variety of Garretson students getting involved in the school spirit. The students who went the country route really showed how country South Dakota can get with cowboy boots, cowboy hats, and button up plaid shirts.

Other students decided to take the rap route and there was quite a few creative and fun ideas. From students wearing bright colored sweats, hooped earrings, and backward hats.

"I think all days this year are actually great! I was mostly excited for Country vs. Rap because it's something easy everyone can do but also something people can go super try-hard on! I personally went try-hard, but homecoming is always way more fun if you just commit! I planned for this day just by going around my house and grabbing anything remotely related to my rapper/"e-boy" outfit," Mattea Fiegen, a junior.

### Thursday

On Thursday, students and teacher dressed in different decades. Some being hipsters, greasers,



because it was really fun to see everyone's different outfits and to see the era that they picked."

I saw a lot of people who chose to go for the hipster era. They wore tie dye shirts, flower headbands, and sunglasses. I also interviewed sophomore Jaelyn Benson asking some different questions. Why did you dress up for this day? "I dressed up for throwback because I really wanted to go all out this year and make homecoming fun for everybody!" What did you wear for this day? "Mostly I ordered stuff and got a bunch from the halloween store in the mall." What was your favorite day? "This day and rapper vs country were definitely my favorite days because it was the most fun and I really went out of my comfort zone."

and even maffias. I interviewed sophomore Mya Long asking some questions. What did you dress as for Throwback day? "I dressed as an '80s girl." How did you dress up? "I wore converses, mom jeans, and a lot of neon because that was their style back then." What was your favorite day? "My favorite day has to be 8'0s





