



Garretson Weekly School Newspaper - Garretson, SD - Volume 2, Number 4

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: President James A. Garfield died after being shot by an assassin, 1881.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:
How many apples can you fit into an empty box?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What is green and has wheels?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, September 20

- 7/8/JV Football @ Viborg Jamboree
- Soccer v. Groton @ 1:00

Monday, September 22

- Class Color Day
- Coronation @ 7:00
- Powder Puff @ 8:00

Tuesday, September 23

- Western Day
- FFA Land Judging
- Volleyball v. Dell Rapids
- Soccer @ Mitchell

Wednesday, September 24

- Holiday Day
- Cross Country @ Dell Rapids

Thursday, September 25

- Generation Day
- Marching Band @ Arlington
- Volleyball v. Chester Area
- Soccer v. Sioux Falls Christian

Friday, September 26

- School Spirit Day
- Dragon Olympics
- Homecoming Parade @ 1:15
- Pep Rally @ 2:15
- Football v. Alcester-Hudson

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Give Blood, Save a Life!

By Allison Kruger and Beth Schmidt

On Tuesday September 16th, the community blood bank, aka "The Blood Mobile," stopped by Garretson, South Dakota, thanks to the Garretson FFA sponsorship of the annual event.

"The Community Blood Bank is a non-profit, joint, cooperative venture of Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center and Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls," stated the blood mobile supervisor.

The mission of the Community Blood Bank is to ensure a safe, reliable supply of blood in Sioux Falls and the communities they serve. Those areas conclude eastern South Dakota, southern Minnesota and northwest Iowa.

Only 5% of the population donates blood at every stop the Blood Mobile makes. That is not many lives that get saved. That can change if one goes and registers to donate only one pint, which can save up to three lives. Eight donations equal one unit.

Five hundred and fifty units of blood are needed every week to meet the needs of the hospitals in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Accident victims may require 50 to 100 units of blood during their course of treatment. Cancer, trauma, and surgery patients require transfusions to survive.



Garretson resident Terry Stoterau finishes his donation at the Blood Drive on Tuesday.

Bone marrow transplant patients need platelet donations from an estimated 120 people, and red blood cells from an estimated 20 people.

"Children being treated for cancer, premature infants, and children having heart surgery need blood and platelets from donors of all types," commented the supervisor.

"It does not take much for donating your blood. It takes about 25 to 30 minutes: 5-10 minutes to interview, 5-10 minutes to donate, and a few minutes to refresh following donation," stated the supervisor.

"Eight out of ten of us will require blood or blood products in our lifetime," commented the supervisor. Much of today's medical care depends on steady, safe supply of blood from healthy volunteer donors.

Someone needs blood every three seconds. 4.5 million American lives are saved each year through blood transfusions. You will SAVE lives by donating blood! So look for the big red bus and donate today!



Principal Chris Long entering the Blood Mobile.

First ACE Award Winners Recognized



Girls' Cross Country:
Junior Haley Sage



Cheerleading:
Junior Katie Giesler



Volleyball:
Junior Morgan Gloe



Boys' Cross Country:
Senior Joshua Liester



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Winning Streak Continues

By Sylvia Larson

Yet another win for the Garretson Blue Dragons varsity football team last Friday in Baltic. Garretson defeated the Baltic Bull Dogs 34-14 with their third win of the season.

"We've done good so far, but we still have to work on some things," stated senior Tony Weiland.

Furthering his analysis of the game, Weiland commented, "We've improved a little everywhere since the first game."

Prep up for Poetry and Prose

By Lana Braswell and Abriana Scholl

Romeo, Romeo wherefore art thou Romeo... just kidding. Get into character and raise your voice, because it's that time of year again! You guessed it, it's oral interp season!

Every year, oral interp gives students an opportunity to be creative and bring out a different character in themselves.

It's open for kids from seventh grade to senior year. Unlike declam, oral interp is like a whole new level.

"Oral interp is a dramatic art where people may use a script while performing. The performance is judged on how well they communi-

cate. Not adding any props or extra material," middle school teacher and first year oral interpretation coach, Mr. Andrew TerWee, stated.

This year, due to the busy schedule of most teachers and the retirement of Ruth Sarar, the club has been handed down to TerWee.

"Well, I'm pretty new to it. I've enjoyed it so far, adding all the enthusiasm for extra enjoyment," TerWee expressed.

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"I think we have the potential to be undefeated this year," declared Weiland.

Garretson, ranked 5th in 9AA, doesn't play tonight because they of a conveniently placed bye-week. But the team has been getting ready for the big game next Friday against Alcester-Hudson, ranked 4th in 9A.

There is nothing more devastating than losing your own homecoming game, so hopefully the winning streak continues. Go Big Blue!

"The school didn't have any other clubs, and I wanted to try something new at the time," shared freshman Sylvia Larson, who has been an Oral Interp member for three years now.

"Oral interp is a really fun activity for people who like public speaking and acting. You get to transform into a different character and forget about your problems for as long as you want," stated Larson.

We hope to have a great year for oral interp. So grab your script and put on a show!

A Chance for Redemption

By Tabi Klingenberg

August 28th, the Garretson soccer team played their first game against Vermillion where they lost 0-4. After a well-played first half, the Blue Dragons were looking for a rematch to put a whole game together.

Last Monday, the GHS soccer girls went to Vermillion, where they experienced the loss of the seventh game this season, dropping their record to 1-6.

By the end of the rematch, the Blue Dragons were beat, 0-6.

"Even though we lost, we played with our hearts and that's all that matters," stated freshman Caitlyn Trower.

The team claims that their biggest challenges include working together, getting along, being aggressive, and being the first one to the ball.

"It's a fun game to play. The best part about it is that you really feel part of a team and you don't feel like you're the only one on the field," responded sophomore Brandy Greenhoff.

So far, they have won one game this year against Sioux Falls Christian with a score of 1-0.

The Garretson soccer team is striving to improve over the rest of season through hard work, energy, and a better attitude towards the game.

"I'm kind of hoping that we can play well together and that our defense is strong so I won't have to make too many saves," quoted junior Cassie Faber.

She continued, "Being goalie is one of the



Junior goalie Cassie Faber kicks the ball into play after a save.

most thrilling, yet scariest positions to play in soccer. I love it."

Although the team isn't off to the best start, with some hard work and a good attitude, they can catch up and finish the season strong.

Junior High Football Continues to Mirror Varsity's Success; Junior Varsity Improves

Junior High

On Monday, the junior high football team traveled to Baltic in attempt to ape the varsity squad by securing their third win of the season.

The seventh and eighth graders were able to do just that, downing the Bulldogs 32-8.

Ethan Kippes was one of the players leading the charge for the Blue Dragons. He had two separate runs, 43 yards and 17 yards, each producing a touchdown. He manufactured a total of 105 yards in the game.

Also having his hand in two touchdowns during the game was Brennan Mudder. He first

completed a 44 yard pass to teammate Hayden Pierret. Then he took it in himself on a 57 yard run. Mudder ended the game with 77 yards on the run game and 113 passing.

Even though the number of plays and time of possession was fairly even, Garretson almost tripled Baltic's total yardage, tallying up 308 to the Bulldogs' 110.

Allowing only eight points for the home team, the Garretson defense really stepped up.

Mudder had seven tackles. Trenton Karli and Ben Konechne each had three and one-

half. Cory Bryan and Ethan Kippes took down three a piece.

Junior Varsity

Although they still came out on the wrong end, losing 36-28, the Garretson junior varsity team showed some strong improvements.

Sophomore Aaron Hoon facilitated a touchdown to sophomore Jacob Hansman and then caught one from freshman Keaton Wagner.

Hayden King also contributed to the offense with a rushing touchdown.

Both teams will see their next action tomorrow morning at the Viborg Jamboree.

Violence in the NFL

By Jared Fitzgerald

The NFL is cracking down on abuse after having possibly the worst past two weeks in NFL history. Big name stars like Adrian Peterson and Ray Rice are in the middle of this big fiasco.

On February 15, 2014, Baltimore running back Ray Rice and his then-finance, Janay Palmer, got into a dispute in an elevator at Revel Casino in Atlantic City. Rice and Palmer were arguing and could not stop; with built up anger from the night, Ray Rice snapped and knocked Palmer out.

Panic settled in and Rice began to drag Palmer from the elevator. The cops were immediately called and the couple was arrested on simple assault charges.

"[Rice's actions were] completely wrong. [There's] never an instance where you should put your hands on a woman," stated Mr. Hughes.

Rice was indicted on aggravated assault charges on May 27, but that would not stop the duo's wedding the very next day!

Rice and Palmer got married, even in the middle of their big media out roar.

Sophomore Brendan Harris said, "Part of me wants to say what Rice did was ok, part of me wants to say it was not ok."

Although Palmer dropped the charges and Rice would avoid jail time, he could not stop from being suspended from the NFL. They handed out a two game suspension and that started a HUGE controversy.

Fans and media blew up, thinking what Rice did deserved way more than just a two game suspension. The NFL ended up saying that they messed up and Rice is now suspended indefinitely.

With all this starting to leak two weeks ago, the NFL had no clue that this was just the beginning of their troubles.

A couple days after Rice's case started to settle, another one hit. This time it concerned Adrian Peterson, Minnesota Vikings' running back.

Being accused of switching his four year old son, Adrian Peterson had a warrant out for his arrest.

Peterson states he was just trying to show discipline towards his son when the child started to interfere with his younger brother's game.

Mr. Hughes commented, "He went overboard."

Harris commented, "He just got in trouble because he is in the spotlight."

The Minnesota Vikings deactivated him for their match up last Sunday against the Patriots. But just a day after that the team reactivated him. However, the league changed the course of action by placing him on the exemption list.

With the case still under review, Peterson is now ineligible to play until his child abuse case is resolved.

Possibly being one of the worst months of NFL history, the commissioner is ready for it to be over by putting in new rules about abuse. While everyone focuses on the players, very few people are thinking about the victims; everyone knows who were really hurt in this situation.

No one knows when all this fighting will stop but everyone hopes it does soon.

Volleyball Struggles in BEC Tourney

By Zeb Johnson

This last weekend, and the Thursday that proceeded it, the Garretson volleyball team competed in the Big East Conference volleyball tournament. The tournament was held in Chester on September 11 and in Montrose on September 13.

The team began the tournament going up against the first seeded Chester Flyers, not an ideal situation by any means.

The girls faltered in the opening set against Chester, scoring one point for every two of their opponent's, for much of the game.

When the girls finally got into the groove of the game, it was too late and the set finished 14-25 with a win for Chester.

The next two games followed the first with scores of 17-25 and 9-25, respectively.

"The team starts off doing well. But when girls don't do as well as they hope against a team they think they should be beating, they get really down, and that has been hard for them to recover from," said assistant coach, Kelsey Buchholz.

After the tough first game, the Lady Blue Dragons took on another team of Fliers, this time from Flandreau.

Both of the teams went into the game with one win each, and hoped to add to that number. The girls put up a great effort and nearly won a few sets, finishing 13-25, 22-25, and 15-25 with the matches.

After the game finished, the girls had a one day reprieve from the action of the tourna-

ment, which continued on Saturday in Montrose.

The final match of the tournament for the Blue Dragons was a rematch against the Baltic Bulldogs, a team that had beaten them earlier in the season.

The game got off to a good start for Garretson, with the score being 8-10, Baltic ahead. But soon after, Baltic became unstoppable with a 12-0 scoring run against the team. Garretson ended the set with a loss, 9-25. The next two games went by with the same result in both, the scores being 18-25 and 19-25.

This week the girls faced off against Flandreau on Tuesday and West Central on Thursday, falling to both teams in all three sets.



Success Continues for Garretson Cross Country Teams

By Tait Johnson

After the stand at home, the Blue Dragon Cross Country teams headed to Sioux Falls for the Nike HeartLand Preview meet.

"This is no ordinary meet. There are schools from Minnesota, Nebraska, and even Iowa," stated sophomore runner Jared Fitzgerald.

Although the tough competition provided new challenges for the Garretson harriers, the girls' and boys' squad finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Leading the girls' squad was freshman Carmen Bohl, who placed 14th with a time of

16:12.96. On her tail was senior Teisha Carnicle, placing 15th with a time 16:21.61.

The boys' team was lead by junior Evan Fick, who placed top ten! Fick earned seventh by running a 17:51.53. Finishing shortly after Fick was senior Joshua Liester, earning his 14th place with a time of 18:12.95.

Another addition to this course is its obstacles. There is a set of whoop-de-dooos and six hay bales.

Carnicle stated, "I like the obstacles. It adds a whole new element to the race."

The Nike HeartLand preview sets the stage for the Nike HeartLand regionals, held November 10th at Yankton Trails Park.

The Nike HeartLand race is split in to four sections: girls' gold, girls' green, boys' gold, and boys' green. Runners earn their way into the gold races; whereas, the green race is offered to anyone who signs up before hand.

The team traveled to Chamberlain yesterday: boys claiming first, girls claiming third. The team will be running at Dell Rapids next on September 24.

ISIS Shocks the World

By Micah Mader

The Middle East has been overrun with war and terror consistently for approximately the past 100 years. The two Muslim sects, the Shias and Sunnis, have been battling each other since the first century.

Members of this newly formed terrorist group, ISIS (Islamic State in Iraq and Syria), originate from al Qaeda (responsible for the 9/11 attacks). In fact, the groups separated due to ISIS' ultra-violent methods that were too brutal, even for al Qaeda.

Recently, ISIS has been making headlines by beheading innocent citizens, kidnapping women and children, and expanding their Islamic state through northern Iraq and parts of Syria.

Due to these high-profile brutalities and ISIS' mastery of using media to shock the world, the United States is gaining momentum on building a multi-national coalition to thwart ISIS.

This will surely not be a quick victory, but to allow this brutality to continue would be

blatantly against our constitution, and ultimately, what the USA stands for.

February 19th, 2013, Abu Mosa (ISIS spokesman) spoke on behalf of the terrorist group, saying, "We will raise a flag of Allah in the White House." Several days later, he was killed by American trained troops in Syria.

Clearly, they have not yet realized that it is a horrendous idea, because last week they threatened the USA again. "If you threaten America, you will find no safe haven," President Obama commented on the issue.

Immense debates on whether or not the USA should drop troops in enemy territory have popped up in coffees shops and lunch tables throughout the country lately.

"I don't think the USA should send in troops, because the last time we did, it didn't accomplish much," replied junior Garret Sands.

Regardless of the despicable threats, ISIS has issued to the American people, rest assured, the USA does not tolerate terrorism.

Royalty Candidates Announced



Standing: Tanner Gutzmer, Mara VanDeBerg, Lydia Olson, Blake Severson, Matt Johnson, Joshua Liester, and Teisha Carnice

Sitting: Bryce Wollmann, Taiya Bunde, Brianna Mudder

Senior Spotlight

NAME: Bryce Wollmann

SENIOR PROJECT: Restoring a slot machine

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Football, Powerlifting, Jesse James Players, FFA

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: Joey the Janitor, Orange Chicken, and Sweater Thursday

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Go to college for nursing



Student Opinion Poll

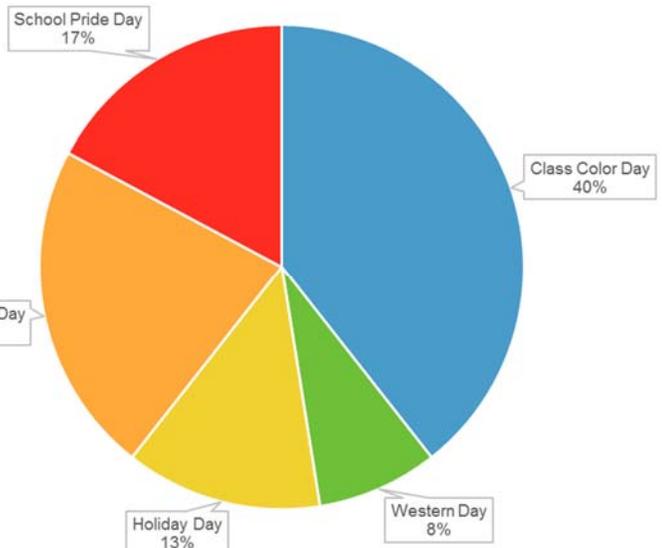
Students were asked which dress up day they were most looking forward to for homecoming festivities next week.



Take a moment to vote on the student

opinion poll for next week's *Blue Ink*. Polls are located inside Mr. Hughes' room and Mrs. Buchholz's room.

ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: One, then the box isn't empty anymore.



Joke: Grass, I was lying about the wheels