



The wrestlers, along with a few others, have become the super fans of Garretson events.

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Superfans overtake the student section

Garretson spirit runs deep in a core group of fans who bring energy and enthusiasm to the players and crowd

by **Mason Hofer**
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If you have gone to any home sporting event, but most prominently a girls home basketball game within the last three years, chances are you have witnessed some sort of “super fan” cheering as loud as they can. A super fan is a fan that goes all out during sports events. They do all sorts of chants and cheers to get the players and crowd hyped. Sometimes they get the opponents crowd involved as well.

This year the group normally consists of the wrestlers and boys basketball players such as Jared Fitzgerald, Jack Konechne, Chayce Schleuter, Ben Konechne, Trenton Karli, Brennan Mudder, Marc Rattenborg, Diontae Lymon, and Riley Nordstrom. This is not an exclusive list—just some of the ones most frequently seen.

These guys weren't the first to do it though, Bryce Wollmann, who is now a sophomore at Augustana was one of the original super fans.

“I'm so proud to hear that it's still going strong,” stated Wollmann, “Dressing up for games and cheering on my friends was one of my favorite things about high school”.

Wollmann was known for coming to



The Blue Dragon faithful get excited after an amazing “and one” by Shay Gibson in recent boys’ basketball action.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

pretty much every home sporting event (besides football because he was included in it) and being a super fan. “I'd say my favorite moment was when we won the game to go to the state tournament for girls basketball. Everybody rushed onto the court, it was wild” said Wollmann.

“Keep doing your thing! Cheer loud and wear obnoxious clothes, just re-

member to have fun with it, not everything needs to be so serious,” advised Wollmann to current super fans.

The super fans normally dress up in outfits and come into the gym as one. “It's kind of a group decision what we wear, but most times it's Jared or Riley,” said Brennan Mudder, current super fan.

“I love watching Macey splash threes and celebrating with my friends,” Mudder stated on what makes them want to do this. Wollmann's inspiration was “My sister played for the girls team at the time, and I just had fun trying to embarrass her.”

An example of their outfits is Jersey night where everyone wears a jersey of choice; this is the most frequently worn outfit. Other popular nights have been Gym Rat night, neon night, injury night, and western night. One of the chants they do is the classic “We've got spirit yes we do, we've got spirit how bout' you!” they chant this at either the non super fans or the opponent's crowd. The rollercoaster has also had a positive impact on the crowd's energy

These guys all seem to act as one. They come in the gym as one; they celebrate as one. The expectations are that the super fans will make their final appearance on Friday night as the boys take on Sioux Valley for the last home basketball game of the season.

Girls begin region play next week with the opponent and location yet to be determined.



Garretson superfans go all out for each theme night including “Gym Rat Night”. Posing for the photo are Riley Nordstrom, Ben Konechne, Jack Konechne, Drew Blosmo, Jared Fitzgerald, and Brennan Mudder.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: If you accidentally erase something just typed on your iPhone, you can fix it by shaking the phone and the text will reappear.

GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK: meeting = die Versammlung (dee Fair-zamm-lung)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do you call George Washington's false teeth?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Unscramble these Presidents' last names.

ojeeffrns, tnraum, mdaas, nncilto aftt, llnnico, trarce, isnwol, nargt

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, February 16

- Early Dismissal @ 1:30
- Parent Teacher Conferences @ 2:30-8:30

- JH GBB @ Sioux Valley (4:00)
- GBB @ Sioux Valley (6:15/7:00)

Friday, February 17

- No School—Staff In-Service
- JH BBB v. Sioux Valley (4:00)
- BBB v. Sioux Valley (6:15/7:00)

Saturday, February 18

- Region Wrestling Tourney @ Beresford (10:00)

Sunday, February 19

- National FFA Week

Monday, February 20

- No School
- BBB @ SFC (6:15/7:00)

Tuesday, February 21

- Region GBB Rd 1 v. TBD (7:00)

Thursday, February 23

- Region GBB Rd 2 v. TBD (7:00)

Friday, February 24

- State Wrestling Tournament

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.

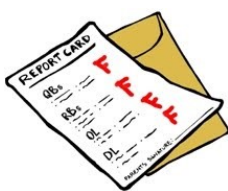


Ten things to do when you're grounded

Hoping that everyone has a successful conferences but just in case it isn't all rainbows and sunshine...

by **Samantha Gonzalez**
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Your hands are sweaty, your heart is beating at a fast pace and you are waiting to hear what your punishment is. Because right in front of you is the report card that is displaying an F...and you think to yourself “Ya, I really should've studied for that” Or even worse, the grade glaring back at you is a C and your parents are extremely upset.



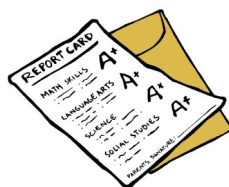
Parent-Teacher Conferences are here and for those who struggle and already know they're about to get grounded, here are ten things to do when you are stuck in your room with no technology...the horror.

1. Study for an oncoming test that got you in this position in the first place
2. Read a book or a chapter of one
3. Re-arrange your bedroom
4. Plan a way to get un-

grounded earlier

5. Take a nap
6. Learn how to dance
7. Learn something new - like trying not to be a procrastinator
8. Work out
9. Write a New Year's Resolution
10. Cleaning the house- sucking up more never killed anybody

Now for those who don't have to worry about being grounded, good for you. Those who aren't so lucky #1 and #5 are highly recommended.



Garretson girls basketball finishes season with onslaught of games

A busy end of the season doesn't take away from memories created by this year's senior crew

by **Jaden Braaten**
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Between the sweat, tears, yelling coaches, the good and bad practices, the Garretson girls basketball season is slowly coming to an end with their last few opponents. Over the last week the team played Howard, Hills Beaver Creek, and Parker.

Friday: The Lady Blue Dragons rival was Howard, which was also military night, the gym was full of anxious spectators. The leading scorer that night was senior Kindra Clark, with 12 points on the board. Junior Erynn Fink finished the game with 14 rebounds. The Lady Blue Dragons lost to the Howard Tigers 43 to 58.

Saturday: The GHS girls basketball team played Hills Beaver Creek. This game was also a double header, so the lady's knew they needed to play their best over the course of a long day. Clark once again was the lead scorer against the Patriots, with a total of 10 points. Fink led in rebounds with eight. The team however, lost to the Patriots 42 to 68.

Tuesday: On Tuesday night the team played Parker. The Garretson lady's were out to get the Pheasants as this game was a lot of back and forth. The lead scorer for Tuesday's game was sophomore Kylee Greenhoff, 12 points. Fink was leading rebounder with 10 in all. The Lady Blue Dragons lost to the Parker Pheasants 34 to 50.

During the Parker game, the Blue Dragons decided to show their appreciation for their senior players; this was senior night. The teams seniors this year are Brandy Greenhoff,

Macey Bohl, and Kindra Clark. Each senior explained some of their favorite memories, some advice, and expressed their excitement for the game of basketball.

Brandy Greenhoff: Advice I would give to younger players: to play each game like it's your last because you



Brandy Greenhoff guards the opposition in a full court press.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

never know what can happen and to play with confidence, intensity, and as a team, all while still having fun.

My favorite basketball memory was freshman year basketball, 8th grade basketball season, and this year's season. But overall the relationships I have made over the years.

My favorite memory this year was senior night because it made me think about how special everything truly is and how lucky I am to play with teammates who are determined and most of all being able to play with my sister.



Kindra Clark takes the ball up the court as the point.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

Kindra Clark: My favorite memory was probably state basketball freshman year. It was an awesome experience.

My favorite memory this season was probably senior night because it was a very special moment and it kind of hit me that these next games are the last organized basketball games I will ever play in.

The advice I would give to younger players is to take it all in because it goes by fast and play every game like it's your last.

My favorite thing about basketball was all of the girls I got to form relationships with. Some of the girls have become my closest friends, and I owe it basketball.

Macey Bohl: My favorite memory would have to be state basketball freshman year; even though I barely played, it was such an amazing experience.

My favorite memory this season would have to be bonding with my teammates at team meals and senior night because it made me realize that I only have a few games left and that it is my last year with my sister.

Advice I would give to the younger players is to enjoy every game and practice and play like it's your last because you don't know when it's going to be over.

My favorite thing about GHS basketball is forming such close relationships because if it wasn't for basketball I wouldn't be close with any of these girls!



Macey Bohl makes a pass to thwart the Tri-Valley Mustang defense.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

Military Appreciation Night a success

Garretson gives extra attention to past and present military personnel before Howard basketball game

by **Tabi Klingenberg**
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Military Appreciation Night last Friday, February 10th, at the girls basketball game against Howard, the packed gymnasium came to cheer on the home team, watch the elementary girls cheer, and finally take time to appreciate those who have, are currently, or will serve in the armed forces.

When the National Anthem ended, the audience took a moment to applaud these men and women. The event was well featured on KDLT and over 170 T-shirts were sold to promote the event. Proceeds went to the Garretson and Howard American Legion Units.



Above: Matt Hulscher, Garretson class of 2016, came back during Military Night. **Right:** Garretson's Legion presented the colors before the girls basketball game

Photos by Sylvia Larson



Scholarship Corner

Opportunities to gain a little more money before heading to college

First Bank and Trust:

- Up to two \$500 scholarships
- Deadline May 31;
- <https://www.bankeasy.com/assets/uploads/general/Garretson-Scholarship-Application-2017.pdf>

Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

- Scholarships ranging from \$250-\$5,000
- Deadlines vary, many are March 15
- <http://www.sfacf.org/scholarship-and-award-funds/>

Garretson Community Scholarship Foundation

- Scholarship amounts vary
- Deadline February 24
- Hard copy applications have been distributed, please see Mrs. Buchholz for another copy if needed.

This list is NOT comprehensive, but just a few scholarships that have been passed on. Please refer to your email for more scholarships sent on from Ms. Danielsen.



Boys basketball stays busy in their last week

A photo story from some of the boys' basketball season.

by **Sylvia Larson**
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Boys basketball (3-14) will wrap up their season before students step back into the halls of Garretson. The boys have had a busy last week playing four games in just over a week span.

The Blue Dragons were supposed to play Howard on Friday during a Military Appreciation Night double header, but the Howard boys had to back out due to excessive illness.

Garretson didn't really have a break though as Saturday they traveled to play Hills-Beaver Creek. The Blue Dragons were unable to come out with a win across the border.

Tuesday, Garretson visited the Chester Flyers who also took care of business with a 55-84 win, shutting down Garretson's offense in the fourth quarter.

The Blue Dragons have a chance to end their season on a high note with two games left in the regular season. They host Sioux Valley tomorrow for their final home game and then travel to Sioux Falls to take on the Chargers Monday evening.



Shay Gibson makes his 1,000 career point on a late-game free throw against Parker.

Photo by Shannon Nordstrom



Drew Blossmo drives by the Mustang defenders and makes the up and under.

Photo by Sylvia Larson



Shay Gibson takes on the Tri-Valley defender one-on-one and converts on the attempt.

Photo by Sylvia Larson



Senior Matthew Gustafson makes a play on the ball as teammate Diontae Lymon jumps out of the way.

Photo by Sylvia Larson



Aaron Hoon takes the charge against the Luverne Cardinal offense. Garretson came away with the 64-56 win.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

Aaron Hoon forces his way into position against the Vermillion Tanagers. Despite his efforts, the Blue Dragons were unable to secure a victory.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

Who wants to be second?

European countries target our 45th president as the object of their satire

by **Victoria Lippert**
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"We built an entire ocean, okay. An entire ocean between us and Mexico. Nobody builds oceans better than we do. This ocean it is so big, you can even see it from the moon. And we made the Mexicans pay for it."

Do you hear Trumps voice while reading this? Except that there isn't an ocean between Mexico and the United States...that's because these lines originate by the Dutch satire show "Zondag met Lubach" which was made to show Trump why the Netherlands should come second,

only, because "We totally understand it's going to be America first."

The video, in which the Dutch mock Trump as well as themselves, became popular pretty quickly. TV shows from more than 30 other countries inter alia: Australia, Iran and Spain followed the Dutch example and made their own "advertisements".

But not all these countries want to be second, Iran just doesn't want to be mixed up with the Iraq any longer when Trump wonders "Which one did I already attack and/or which one am I going to attack next?" and states therefore "Iran before Iraq", while the Czech Republic wants to be

"First, fifty-first" - or rather the fifty-first state of the U.S.?

You think it's pretty lame to take somebody else's idea and reproduce it? Maybe, but not if it is part of a campaign, which is supposed to show the solidarity in Europe. The different stations even have a twitter account and a website: everysecondcounts.eu together, which collapsed for a short time, because there were too many people on the server. It's not the first time that Trump was the reason for a server to break down.

Even the mars, participates in the competition, but their video is by far not as successful as the one from Switzerland, which has 10.8 million

clicks, and therefore more views than people living in this country. The latest promotional video was released by the small island nation Malta yesterday and there are probably more countries following. "Big" nations who are still missing are for example include Great Britain and France.

Trump is definitely a polarizing politician and that creates many possibilities to exaggerate and mock him and society. Some might say it's never going to be boring with him, but as funny as some of the videos are, they have oftentimes a slightly bitter aftertaste.