



Garretson hosted the JH Track meet yesterday. Spring sports are staying busy with packed schedule

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Garretson sports have strong start to spring season

Track and Field, Golf, and Baseball are all underway and seem to be picking up steam

by **Tabi Klingenberg**
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Garretson spring sports are underway and seem to be picking up where they left off last year. The individual nature of golf and track allows for personal success while the multiple participants contribute for the team's positive performances.

Track

On Tuesday, April 18th, the Garretson track team traveled to Beresford where the Blue Dragons continued to dominate at the Alcester-Hudson-Beresford Invitational.

Freshman Riley Altman placed third in the 100m hurdles, eighth grader Liz Olson placed fifth in the 300m hurdles, the medley relay team finished in third place, securing fourth was the 1600m relay team, and the 800m relay took fifth.

As for the boys, junior Diontae Lymon placed second and senior Shay Gibson placed sixth in the 100m dash, Lymon also finished second in the 200m dash, senior Elijah Pierret placed sixth in the 1600m and fourth in the 800m, junior Jack Konechne placed sixth in the 800m run, Hunter Carver placed sixth in the 200m dash.

The boys did well in their relays too as they took first in the 800m, second in the 1600m, fourth in the medley, and sixth in the 400m relay.

Their next meet will be held tomorrow, April 22nd, in Chester at the Tom Main Invitational.

Golf

One of Garretson's best athletic activities just begun only a few weeks ago and is already starting off their season strong with only a few meets and tournaments under their belt. This includes the SD Golf Classic in Mitchell held on April 7th, the Early Bird Tournament here at River Ridge on April 1st, and the Chester Invitational, which was recently held on Tuesday, April 18th and played at the Lakes Golf Club.

SD Golf Classic is large tournament with the best golfers in class B. "[It's] kind of like a pre-state tournament. We have a very young team, so it was great experience, even though no one placed in the top fifteen. However our boys' team placed in the middle of the pack and actually having a girls' team again is exciting," coach Stoltenberg informed.

When the Blue Dragons competed at the Early Bird Tournament, there were no awards were given, however, coach Stoltenberg believes that both the boys and girls

put good team efforts together where the boys' team scored a round of 129, which was the best team score on the boys side, while the girls scored a 165.

Finally, when the Blue Dragon golfers competed at the Chester Invitational on Tuesday, Isaiah Mader earned sixth place with his round of 85 and the both teams earned fourth place out of the ten competing schools.

Stoltenberg stated, "Weather is definitely a factor in our sport, so we are looking forward to some more cooperative temps and wind conditions." Taking this into account, hopefully the weather will be in the team's favor when they compete today in Flandreau and at their next meet on April 24th at the Dell Rapids St. Mary Invitational.



Malia Johnson tees off on the #9 tee in Garretson during the Early Bird.

Elementary students get their jump on

Annual Jump Rope for Heart event took over the gym on Wednesday morning.

by **Sam Gonzalez**
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On Wednesday, April 19th elementary students participated in Jump Rope for Heart. This is a fundraising and physical event to raise vital funds for heart disease research and education.

Beginning in 1983 over 8 million have contributed to the event. The event was held in the new gym, with different sessions when different grades would come in for their session. This activity wasn't just jumping for an hour straight; to help students keep their dedication to physical activity and heart health, there were stations set up that each small group would transition to. When their time was up the next grade would come in.

Students worked on different jumping techniques and used double Dutch. A

few GHS students volunteered to help the younger students, those were; Kindra Clark, Brendan Harris, Noah Rieber, Preston Tower, Brandy Greenhoff, Elijah Pierret, Kaley Flanagan, and Macey Bohl.

As a volunteer, senior Kindra Clark said, "I really liked interacting with the kids and getting to know them! They look at life a little different so it's fun to see it through their perspectives! I got a pretty good workout too!"

Kindergarten Jump Roper Hailey Rotert explained, "We got to jump rope for awhile and drink water; we had lots of fun!"

Gym teacher Dave Mudder was the leader of the event, with about 300 elementary kids participating.



A few snapshots from the Jump Rope for Heart event at Garretson school on Wednesday. The whole elementary participated in this event.

Photos by Mr. Dave Mudder



"I think it went really well for the most part, most of the kids had a blast!" added Clark. The elementary will continue to register and fundraise for a good cause for many years to come.



JOKE: He's afraid the mouse.

BRAINTEASER: They read the same right side up and upside down.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: According to a recent survey, eating at least five home-cooked meals a week can help you live an up to an extra decade more.

GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:
Earth = die Erde
(dee air-duh)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why won't the elephant use the computer?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:
What do the numbers 11, 69, and 88 all have in common?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, April 21

- Golf @ Flandreau (10:00)
- JH Golf @ Howard (11:00)

Saturday, April 22

- Track @ Tom Main Invite in Chester (9:30)

Sunday, April 23

- State FFA Convention

Monday, April 24

- State FFA Convention
- Golf @ Dell Rapids St. Mary's Invite (12:30)

- JH Track @ Chester (4:00)

Tuesday, April 25

- State FFA Convention
- Track @ Danielson Relays in Salem (4:00)

- Spring Sports Pictures

Wednesday, April 26

- Band/Choir Large Group Contest

Thursday, April 27

- Preschool Field Trip to Zoo
- Art Show (5:00-7:00)
- Band Concert (7:00)

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



Worth Mentioning

City Wide Rummage Sales are this weekend. Some rummages started yesterday, while most are running today and tomorrow.

Club baseball played over the break and notched two wins for their record, winning both on Saturday and Monday.

Junior high athletes mirror success of the varsity

Seventh and eighth graders stay just as busy with their spring sports as their high school counterparts do

by **Sam Gonzalez**
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Last Thursday, six junior high golfers drove down to Chester along with at least 90 other athletes from different schools. Meanwhile later that day the junior high track attended at Tri-Valley.

Golf

For the Blue Dragons, only two placed but for the first meet of the year the golfers all put forth good nine-hole scores.

Dylan Kindt placed 8th shooting a 49. Evan Debates and Caeden Bunde also turned in solid scores but weren't

quite low enough to medal.

Chloe Schleuter shot a 58 which was good enough for 10th on the day. Marren Bonte and Katie Hanson were just a few strokes away from joining Schleuter as a medalist.

Eight of the junior high golfers are in action today at Howard.

Track

Some big accomplishments for the JH girls track during their previous meet at Tri-Valley was Jaelyn Benson placing third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:46.7. Garretson seventh grade girls also finished second place in all meter relay races. Oliviyah Thorton

placed second in shot put with a distance of 28' 7.5". Kaycie King placed second in the 100 meter dash with a 14.5 second effort. For shot put, Mattea Fiegen placed second, while Molly Huschler placed third not too far behind.

For the boys, Cadyn Okenga placed second in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:32.6. Isaiah Robinson placed fourth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13 seconds, but then placed first in the 200 meter dash with 26 seconds. Devon Leedy received first in the 1600 meter run at a time of 5:23.8.

These strong efforts were put to the

test in the cold weather yesterday as well. Garretson athletes stepped up in their home meet and continued to put forth solid efforts.

Thorton continued her strong performances in the field finishing first in a couple events. Leedy repeated as the 1600m champion while Ockenga and Isaiah Gnadl both had strong finishes in the 800m run.

The next JH track meet will be next Monday at Chester. Later on that week, JH golfers will have a meet on Monday, May 1 at Garretson's own golf course.

World's oldest person dies at 117

Emma Morano lived full life and did it her way

by **Sylvia Larson**
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Emma Morano, born in 1899, was the last person confirmed to be born in the 1800s. Morano credited her longevity to her simple diet of raw eggs, raw meat, handmade Italian pasta, lots of cookies, and the end of her abusive relationship in 1938 - before divorce in Italy was even legal.

Morano was born into a large family in 1899. As a teen, her doctor recommended that she eat too raw eggs a day to combat her anemia.

Before World War I, she had a boyfriend she was planning on marrying, but he was drafted and sent to the front lines and never heard from again. She described him in an interview with

CNN as her one true love. A few years after the war had ended she was blackmailed into marrying an abusive man who bore her son that tragically died six months into his life. Soon after that, Morano made the courageous decision to leave her husband. She never remarried but was close to her extended family.

In 2013 she was awarded the Guinness world record for oldest living person and oldest living female. The oldest living male is only 113. Morano was just a few years behind the oldest person ever, who clocked out at 122 years old.

Morano was considered a supercenturion by scientists who research the genes of people who live to 100 years or older. Supercenturians are people

who lived to 110 years or older. There have only been 70 documented people in the world to ever live longer than 110 years.

An estimated 54,000 people in the world right now are over 100. They are commonly referred to as simply centenarians. So how could they live that long?

It's not that simple. Although scientists have been trying to figure out it for decades, it just comes down to the fact that there is no conclusive evidence. 50% of centurion women are overweight. 30% of centurion men and women have smoked or still smoke. Only 2% of centurions are vegetarian or vegan. Clearly it has nothing to do with how health conscious they are.

One thing they have in common, though, is that they've managed to

avoid disease for their entire lifespan. Scientists theorize that there must be a gene that these people possess that helps ward off sickness. Supporting evidence for this theory includes the fact that if a centurion lives to 105, the chances of their offspring and blood relatives living just as long is almost double as much as the average citizen.

Science is advancing, so it's likely that Morano will not be the last to live to 117. Although unconfirmed, the next in line for the record is a mere one year age difference.

With Morano's passing, the end of an era has been marked. There are no more children of the 1800s. No living human has seen the 1800s with their own two eyes.

Crazy man kills elderly, shows the world

A horrific crime livestreamed on social media taints the holiday weekend

by **Mason Hofer**
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Last Sunday in Cleveland, Ohio, a stranger came up to a 74-year-old man and shot him point-blank in the head. As terrible as this killing is, it gets worse. Steve Stephens, the killer, broadcasted this killing on Facebook live, where millions of people will end

up watching this before their own eyes.

After the murder, Stephens then began to drive back to the city saying he was looking for his next victim. This was going to be what he called, "The Easter Day Slaughter." So far evidence shows that he did not take another person's life away.

After this he went missing for two

whole days, this then became a nationwide search. Police offered 50 thousand dollars for anyone who had information on Stephens' well-being, location, etc.

On Tuesday, April 18th Stephens was recognized at McDonalds. Not too long after he realized he had been spotted, he dashed. This resulted in a

police chase. Stephens ended the chase by shooting himself.

Stephens was the only one who knew why he was doing this, and he didn't tell anyone. We may never know why a "normal nice man" would commit such a horrible murder and show it to the world.

Senior Spotlight

Alyssa Bunde

Senior Project:
Painting

Activities involved in:
Volleyball
Basketball Cheer
Golf

Who/What will you miss the most:

Honestly, not much. If anything, chatting with my teachers and being unproductive in class with Hailey.

Plans for Next Year:

Attend Mankato State for a Business/Marketing degree



by **Victoria Lippert**
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"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." This quote by Albert Einstein can be taken as an inspiration for tomorrow, the 47th International Mother Earth Day. This day was founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970 to honor our planet and make people more aware of our environment and its needs. Nelson's main goal was to bring environmental issues into the US spotlight.

In the following years, Earth Day, which is celebrated every year on April 22, spread out over other countries. In 1990 there were already 200 million people in 141 countries mobilized.

Earth Day 2017 will be celebrated in nearly 195 countries and more than 1 billion people are expected to participate worldwide. Activists come together in groups to clean parks, rivers and

One billion people partner with nature

Earth day is Saturday, April 22

forests, plant trees and other plants, go on marches and much more.

In Sioux Falls, volunteers will gather for the Big Sioux River cleanup. This open event starts at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. There will also be a March for Science from Carnegie Town Hall on W 10th Street to Falls Park West starting at 10 a.m. and an event called "Party for the Planet" at the Great Plains Zoo.

Some people, who don't want to take part in big events, decide to start Grassroot projects and clean up their community on their own or with their family and friends in order to celebrate the Earth Day.

Because the Earth Day is not a competition for the best project, but a day of awareness for our environment and every small contribution counts.

Even turning off the TV to go for a walk or taking the bike instead of the car.

