



Devon Leedy runs the leg in the relay at Howard Wood this past weekend. Garretson Track has their BEC meet today.

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Track athletes ready for regions

Big East Conference meet today last chance before state qualifying at regions

by **Victoria Lippert**
staff writer

The track team had a pretty busy week. They participated in the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in Sioux Falls last Friday and Saturday, a meet in Parker last Saturday and a meet in Dell Rapids on Monday.

Before these meets, they haven't had any meets for two weeks as the meets in Salem (planned for April 25th) and Baltic (planned for May 2nd) were canceled due to the weather. Track coach Mr. Bohl stated, "We've had a busy last few weeks, but we didn't have a meet, so our kids needed to run. It's good to get them going."

Only a couple boys went to Howard Wood. The 4x200 meter relay team placed 8th and qualified for state. The 4x100 meter relay team finished 9th and there were also Garretson athletes participating in the 4x800 meter relay, long jump and 400 meter dash.

At the meet in Parker the girl's team placed overall second. Strong individual performances came from Jaelyn Benson, who placed first in the 800 meter run, Rachel Kindt, who placed first in the 1600 meter run, Carmen Bohl (third in the 800 meter run) and Liz Olson (third in the 300 meter hurdles). The Garretson 4x800 meter relay girls team placed first and so did the 1600 meter sprint medley team. The 4x400 meter relay team placed third.

The boys placed overall 9th in Parker. Trenton Karli took first in the 800 meter run, Elijah Pierret took third in the 3200 meter run and Trevor Fiegen took third in high jump.

On Monday May 8th the Garretson track team competed in Dell Rapids for the first time in three years. In recent years the meets in Dell Rapids couldn't be held due to the weather. The Garretson boys finished second as a team. Strong performances came from Jack Konechne (second in the 800 meter run), Keisean Deehr-Thornton (second in high jump), Trevor Fiegen (third in high jump) and Diontae Lymon (third in long jump).

The boys 4x100 meter relay team took first, the 4x400 meter relay team took second, as well as the 4x800 meter relay team and the 1600 meter sprint medley.

The girls team finished 7th. They didn't have any individuals placing in the top three, but their 1600 meter medley placed first and the 4x800 meter relay team took second.

As of now, there are five boys qualified for the state meet: Deehr-Thornton in the 4x200 meter relay team, the 200 meter run, the 400 meter run and high jump; Lymon in the 4x200 meter relay team and long jump; Shay Gibson in the 4x200 meter relay; Trenton Karli in the 4x200 meter relay and Fiegen in high jump.

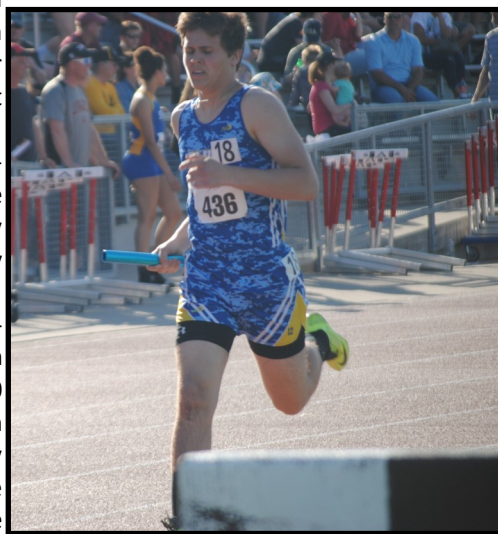
Junior Lymon said, "I think there are a

few events I could still qualify for, maybe the 100 meter, if I can get the time right. My best time so far was 11.4 seconds, but the qualifying time is 11.2 seconds - so I need to improve just a little bit. I also want to place in the state meet this year for my long jump."

"Our main goal is to qualify as many kids as we can," added coach Bohl.

The Big East Conference will be held today in Flandreau, starting at 2pm. "We hope to have a good day and see some improvements in time as we go into the region next week," said coach Mrs. Howe.

The region meet will be in Madison next Thursday.



Brennan Mudder pushes toward the home stretch at the Howard Wood Relays.

Photo by Jaden Braaten

Power outages: a hodgepodge of opportunities

Even though the lights went out, they didn't go dark on student creativeness

by **Sylvia Larson**
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Garretson residents were inconvenienced earlier this week with the temporary closing of west end Dows street, right where it opens up to Highway 11. Crews are replacing a sewer line that runs along that area of the highway and underneath the road.

Most of Garretson, including the high school, experienced a long power outage due to a problem via the sewer construction. Students were left to fend for themselves, thinking of creative ways to continue class. Including (but not limited to):

1. Having class outside on the sidewalk
2. Using the light of a cell phone to see their papers
3. Scooting towards windows to make

4. Playing heads-up-7-up in the dark
5. Ignoring the lack of light and continuing as if nothing happened

However, these options are arbitrary and unrealistic. Tired and hot students are more likely to do nothing than to work in difficult conditions. Since nobody knew how to pass the time during the blackout, a few students gave power-outage activity suggestions.

1. Cry
2. Contemplate your existence
3. Stare into space
4. Tap the beat of an annoying pop song on the floor
5. Complain about the heat
6. Complain about sitting on the floor
7. Mourn the loss of wifi
8. Use up all of your phone's monthly data

9. Take a quick nap
10. Take a long nap
11. Daydream
12. Refresh all of your social media
13. Braid your hair
14. Braid your friend's hair
15. Braid your teacher's hair
16. Teach your friend how to braid hair
17. Get your hair braided by your friend
18. Lay on the floor
19. Cry about how hard the floor is
20. Decide to write an article about the power outage

GHS experiences a power outage roughly once every two to three years. If they remember this list next time this happens, maybe they won't be so in the dark.

Figuratively, at least.

Gray wolf hunting legal?

Possibility of a few Midwestern states reintroducing the wolf hunt.

by **Mason Hofer**
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In 2014 the population of the gray wolf had gotten so low, that it became endangered, and illegal to hunt. After gray wolf hunting became illegal again, the population of the animal has skyrocketed and has come off the endangered list.

Now that it is off the endangered list, it seems that the gray wolf will be legal to hunt again in the Great Lakes region.

The fight for the gray wolf has been back and forth for many years. People protest that "people are killing them for fun" and "this is an emotional issue" since the gray wolf is appreciated by lots of people.

There are an estimated 7,000-11,200 gray wolves in the state of Alaska only. In all of the Great Lakes region there is an estimated 3,700 gray wolves, and in the Northern Rockies there is about 1,700.

In 2014, the population of the gray

wolf across of the whole United States was 1,800 tops. As you can see this number has changed dramatically. Could the population decrease just as fast as it went up? How much of them will you be able to hunt? What will the hunting seasons be? These are questions that they are going to have to ask when they make their decision.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: It is more economical to have windows up and air on when driving over 40 mph, and the opposite is true when driving under.

GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:
Thank You = Dank Dir.
Thank You (informal) = Danke
Thank You (formal) = Dankeschon
Thanks a lot = Vielen Dank!

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why do moon rocks taste better than earth rocks?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: First, I threw away the outside and cooked the inside. Then I ate the outside and threw away the inside. What did I eat?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday, May 12**
- Track @ BEC
 - JV Golf @ Chester (10:00)
 - JH Golf @ Dell Rapids (11:00)
- Saturday, May 13**
- 5th-8th Solo Ensemble Contest
- Monday, May 15**
- Golf @ Sioux Valley Invite (9:00)
- Tuesday, May 16**
- 6-12 Vocal Concert (7:00)
- Wednesday, May 17**
- Spring Physicals (1:00)
- Thursday, May 18**
- Region Track Meet
- Friday, May 19**
- LAST DAY of SCHOOL
 - Early Dismissal (1:30)
 - Athletic Banquet (7:00)
- Saturday, May 20**
- Graduation (1:00)

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



Worth Mentioning

Semester Tests are next week. Please make sure you take a few moments to double check grades.

Graduation is next Saturday! The Class of 2017 has their commencement ceremony at 1:00 p.m.

Golfers close to wrapping it up for the season

Big East Conference meet signals tail end of a good 2017 campaign,

by **Sam Gonzalez**
staff writer

Last Friday, on May 5th, it was a beautiful day for golf with high temperatures and low winds. The boys and girls JV/V headed down to Dell Rapids for the Big East Conference (B.E.C.). 4 of the 7 varsity golfers placed, while 1 of 6 junior varsity placed. Then just this Wednesday, Varsity boys and girls had an extraordinary day at McCook-Montrose Central (MCM) for their 2nd to last meet, with 5 out of 6 placing.

At B.E.C., JV girls had two participating at the 9- hole meet with Jayden Clark placing 3rd with the total score of 67.

The JV Boys weren't as fortunate with no placements at the conference at all; the closest was 8th grader Dylan Kindt with a final of 58.

Varsity boys had two placers for the 18-hole golf conference, eighth grader Rave Ulich leading with 8th place at final score of 88. Following closely behind in 9th place, junior Isaiah Mader had a final of 89 points. The varsity girls had the same amount of placements with freshman Malia Johnson placing 8th place with 103 points. Also, eighth grader Peyton Hove cutting it close with 14th place at a final score of 109.

"I was happy with the outcome because I know how bad I had done on the

course before I do not like it, so getting a place and shooting 103 definitely made me realize how I've improved somewhat." Malia Johnson said of the B.E.C Tournament.

Varsity golfers went to MCM with their "A" game. 3 of 4 of the Varsity placed; leading with second was Isaiah Mader with a score of 81. Also Rave Ulich hitting into 8th and senior Jacob Liester with the placing of 11th place. Ryan Fick came in close with a tie in last place, but defaulted in playoffs giving him 16th.

"It was a drizzly day, but the golfers all did well and preserved through it." Golf coach, Kari Stoltenberg said about the

MCM invitational meet.

For varsity girls, both placed during the MCM meet. Eighth grader Payton Hove had her personal best with the final score of 97 which placed her at 8th.. Malia Johnson making 15th place with a total of 109 points.

"I really enjoy the sport of golf, and hate to see it come to an end but I will definitely be out on the course a lot this summer improving my golfing skills." Johnson said

The last meet will be next Monday, 9 am to 4 p.m., at the Sioux Valley Invitational. For JV, today will be the end of the season at the Chester Invite.

Mother's Day is here

A day to celebrate all the things your mother, grandmother, or mother-figure does for you

by **Jaden Braaten**
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Mother's Day is just as important as any other holiday. This is the one day a year when we show our love and appreciation for our moms more than just our everyday "I love you mom." Moms tend to do a lot for us, they gave us birth so we really should worship the ground they

walk on. Moms deserve so much more than showering them with gifts and such on this day but how do we manage to do that without spending a whole lot? Making something homemade is always a great idea. Moms love when you put time and effort into something creative.

Celebrating mother's and motherhood dates back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held celebrations to honor

the mother goddesses. Mother's Day was then created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and it then became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. While many other holidays dates vary, Mother's Day usually falls on the second Sunday of May.

"Every year all my siblings and I go out and pick out a gift to give to my mom, this year we are going to my grandmas house and we planting flowers in her

garden and having barbecue" said Junior Amyah Ockenga

"We usually cook a family meal and go for a walk at a scenic mature area filled with life, love, and happiness" said Junior Isaiah Mader.

Did you know? More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year.

Student stress over semester tests

Don't make them harder than they have to be

by **Tabi Klingenberg**
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Summer vacation is upon us with less than a week left of the school year and the countdown is on. Unfortunately, before we walk out those doors, leaving another school year behind, we still have to manage how to cope with the looming cloud of darkness that is semester tests.

Senior Abriana Scholl stated, "Semester tests, especially at the end of the year, are the most stressful because all the seniors want to head on out of here and be done for good!"

Although most students should be experiencing that overwhelming excitement that comes with knowing that we're nearly done, we can end up spending our final week of school worrying

even more because we end up getting even more homework while simultaneously trying to be prepared for semester tests in such a small time frame. This task can be extremely difficult because we are often given information about the tests with hardly any time ahead and we know that if we don't do well then the result of a single test can either severely damage our grade or we'll have to return

to school after everyone is already done.

It can be difficult to recover the information you've obtained throughout the semester, but that's just it. If you've already learned it so a simple study session with quick breaks throughout should help. Just remember to relax, don't procrastinate, and that these grades will not define your entire high school experience.

Golf team covers feet for fundraiser

Teamwork, generosity worked together for those in need

by **Kari Stoltenberg**
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The Garretson Golf Team sponsored a shoe drive for Samaritan's Feet, which serves and inspires hope in children by providing shoes as the foundation to a spiritual and healthy life resulting in the advancement of education and economic opportunities.

The golf team chose this particular charitable foundation in coop-

eration with Producers Hybrids & Frontline Crop Solutions, who in turn donated funds to the golf team for some needed equipment.

Many thanks to everyone that donated shoes and/or money, and also to Producers and Frontline for being part of this. Some of the shoes will also stay here in Garretson to help our school & community.



Back Row: Evan Debates, Dylan Kindt, Rave Ulich, Carter Gullickson, Ryan Fick, Collin Flahaven, Clay Bonte, Isaiah Mader, Jacob Liester, Front Row: Chloe Schaefer, Alyssa Burde, Alliah Lmon, Nadalie Johnson, Jayden Clark, Peyton Hove, Malia Johnson, Lauren Fick
Photo by Ms. Kari Stoltenberg

Senior Spotlight

Shay Gibson

Senior Project:
Learned how to play the piano

Activities Involved In:
Basketball
Football
Track,
Club Baseball

Who/What Will You Miss the Most:
Friday night lights, basketball games

Plans for Next Year:
Attend DWU for an undecided major



Senior Spotlight

Kelsie Paul

Senior Project:
Quilting

Activities Involved In:
Soccer
Softball
NHS
Mentor

Who/What Will You Miss the Most:
My soccer team and my cat

Plans for Next Year:
Attend Augustana for Nursing

