



Garretson Weekly School Newspaper - Garretson, SD - Volume 3, Number 10

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Dreamt is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:

Look closely:
What does this picture say?

DEAD BODY MY

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do you get when you cross a porcupine and a turtle?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, November 6

- Movie Night @ 7:00 in the gym

Monday, November 9

- School Board Meeting @ 5:45

Wednesday, November 11

- Veteran's Day Program @ 2:30

Sunday, November 15

- American Education Week

Monday, November 16

- Oral Interp @ Regions—SDSU
- FFA District Leadership Contest
- Wrestling begins

Tuesday, November 17

- 6-12 Band Concert—New Gym

Friday, November 20

- Middle School Dance—Commons

The Black Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music

By Annika Hanson

All-State choir took place this past weekend. Four of Garretson's students attended: senior Micah Mader, senior Katie Giesler, junior Abriana Scholl, and senior Cole Fiegen.

This year was a big year, especially for the seniors because this is the last year they will be able to attend.

151 different schools participated this year with a total of 956 students taking part, making a huge gathering.

People are not ranked in All-State choir, instead they have the possibility of being spot checked before the actual performance. A spot check is when judges take students to a room and have them sing, then they decide if they pass or fail. If a school fails two years in a row they are cut off from all-state and can not participate that year or the following. Fortunately, Garretson has passed every spot check.

All-State is a very fun experience. Senior Cole Fiegen commented, "My favorite part about All-State this year was making late night pizza runs with [Micah Mader]."

Mrs. Robinson, Garretson's choral director, also had a great time; she stated, "The final performance always tops off All-State for me. I also love traveling and getting to know the students better."

The final song the students sang was "The Battle Hymn of the Republic".

A good portion of the students in choir are seniors, Mrs. Robinson stated that "Losing our seniors is going to be a big blow to us, but our kids will step up to the plate."

Both Giesler and Fiegen have been All-State participants for all four years they were eligible. They, along with the participants from other schools who achieved this, were recognized during the All-State performance.

Fiegen stated, "It's really cool to see everyone get together and sing."

All-State is a great experience each year and it has touched many of the students hearts. People usually make new friends and have amazing knowledge bestowed upon them.



Garretson's All-State Choral participants performed over Halloween weekend in Rapid City. Both Katie Giesler and Cole Fiegen were recognized for their four years of participation at the All-State Choral event. From Left to Right: Katie Giesler, Micah Mader, Abriana Scholl, Cole Fiegen, and choral director Kelby Robinson.

Photo courtesy of Ms. Kelby Robinson



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Bulldogs Nip Blue Dragons Hopes of Continuing Region Volleyball Play

By Brianna Callsen

Tuesday night the Garretson Blue Dragons (2-20) headed over to Baltic to play in the first round of regions against the Bulldogs (17-6). The teams had played each other twice already, with the Bulldogs winning both times, but the Dragons were striving for a win. The girls knew that this was it, either go big or go home.

Senior Kristen Martens stated, "I was expecting to have a very close game and end up playing five sets."

Senior Saige Gullickson also stated, "I was expecting it to be a tough game

since we have lost to them earlier in the season, but was still hoping for a good game."

Garretson came out with a strong play to start the game and kept the lead throughout the majority of the first set.

Starting off the game senior Morgan Gloe tossed up an ace followed by some other nice serves which were complemented with solid hits by the Lady Dragons pushing the score 8-2, forcing Baltic to call the first time out.

The Dragons continued to work hard and stay in the lead at 13-7. Garretson was on a roll bringing in points with a five point lead on Baltic at 17-13. The Bulldogs started to pick up their feet, tying up the game 20-20. The Blue Dragons began to get nervous causing them to make some silly mistakes and letting the Bulldogs come from behind and take the win 23-25.

The second set started off with Bal-

tic taking the lead right away at 3-7. The Dragons let Baltic get to them mentally allowing their opponent to outscore them at 12-15. The Bulldogs continued to go on a run with points with the score 12-18. The Blue Dragons just weren't able to keep up with Baltic. Garretson ended up losing the second set 14-25 against Baltic.

In the third set the Dragons were always just a few points behind

the Bulldogs. But Garretson was not going to give up, working hard for every point slowly catching up behind 13-17. Again the Blue Dragons weren't able to pull it off, losing the set 16-25.

Baltic swept Garretson and moved onto the next round of regions only to lose to Madison in four sets Thursday night.

Overall the Blue Dragons had 14 kills leading with Peyton Heitkamp at eight, Brianna Callsen and Gloe had two each. Heitkamp also had one solo block and two block assists. Libero Emily Schleuter had 12 digs with Gloe right behind her with 8 digs. Gloe also served three aces and Hailey



Madi Northrup puts up a perfect pass, putting the Blue Dragons in position to get a kill and get back in the set. Garretson dropped the set and the match, ending their season.

Photo by Sylvia Larson



Emily Schleuter digs up the Bulldog attack while teammate Brianna Callsen reacts to the pass.

Photo by Sylvia Larson



Peyton Heitkamp and Saige Gullickson get the block against the Bulldog offense as Morgan Gloe puts herself into position to grab a possibly tipped ball. The Blue Dragons lost this set 14-25.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

Garretson FFA Chapter Attends National Convention

By Alex Uhl

The Garretson FFA chapter took the long trip down to Louisville, Kentucky last Tuesday to represent themselves in the National Chapter Competition as well as participate in National FFA activities. They, along with other chapters from eastern South Dakota, left Tuesday night.

Before they arrived in Louisville, the chapter took a detour to the windy city of Chicago and took an elevator up to the observation deck of the Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower). They peered out of the glass box, which would hang out from the tower roughly three feet, and saw the streets below even though the fog would occasionally settle in.

They then continued another seven hours to Louisville, where they were just in time for a concert starring Maddy & Tae and Jake Owen. Though this was one of many concerts at the National FFA Convention, they only had time to attend one because of several other events they were attending in the following days.

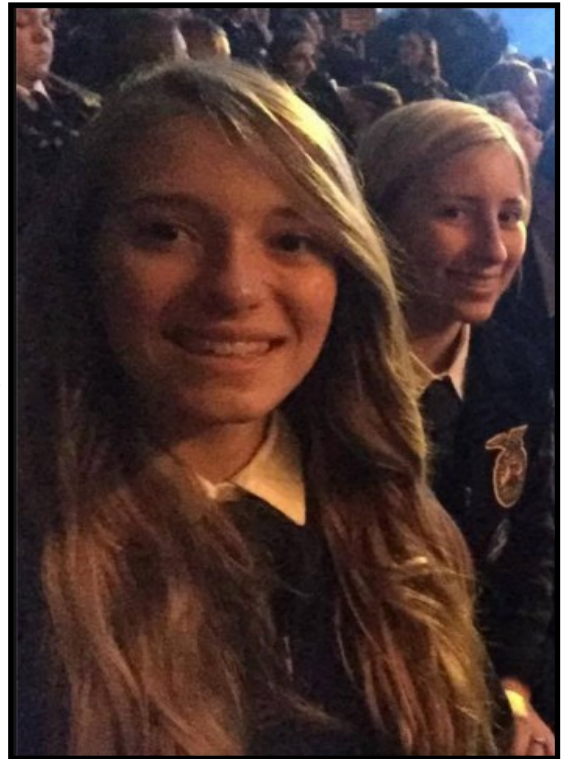
The Garretson Chapter went to the

first official Session of the convention where the National Officer team, including the National FFA President, conducted the opening ceremonies and introduced the session's keynote speakers. The first keynote speaker was the FFA's own National Advisor, Dr. Brown. He spoke about, among other things, how FFA Members need to work together to make a better world.

After he spoke, the next keynote speaker was Dr. Rick Rigby, who delivered the message of how the future of the world is dependent on virtues and morals that are taught by people with wisdom, not just knowledge.

The FFA chapter then attended the Career Fair, which showcased many different agriculture related companies, colleges, and associations.

They then attended the second session to help represent South Dakota in



This duo took a quick selfie before the session convened during the National Convention.

Photo Courtesy of Garretson FFA Facebook page

the National Chapter Awards. Though they did not win, they were among the best and most prestigious FFA chapters in the nation. Later that night, they attended the National FFA Rodeo.

Garretson FFA members also participated in a workshop which also was attended by other FFA members from around the country and learned about what the FFA is and who the members are.

Afterwards they took a tour of a horse breeding center featuring the rare Gypsy Vanner. They then attended the last session and begun their journey home.

This was the last year the convention will be held Louisville as it will be moved to Indianapolis next year. When asked about this change, Moriah Flanagan said "I think it will first be unorganized, but I have faith in our officer team." Hopefully this is a good indicator of things to come.



The representatives of the Garretson FFA take some time to stretch their legs on their way to Louisville. They took advantage of the sights at the observation deck at the Willis Tower in Chicago. **Left to Right:** Matthew Gustafson, Alex Uhl, Allison Longhenry, Moriah Flanagan, Grace Homer, Breana Genzlinger, and Claire Longhenry.

Photo Courtesy of Garretson FFA Facebook page

Football Season Recap

By Alyssa Bunde

There's no more standing in the cold huddled in blankets and eating all the popcorn in sight. Nope, this football season has come to a wrap. The boys have hung up their cleats and helmets and move forward to the winter sports. But before we all forget about our boys in blue and our cherished Friday night lights, let's take a moment to recall this year's season.

First off, the boys played a total of eight games and only took home the win twice. The first triumph was against Centerville, with a score of 40-30. The second win was against Viborg-Hurley with a impressive score of 56-18.

When asked about the season turn out, head coach Kevin Steckler commented, "Overall it didn't turn out the way we had hoped but many things had played a role in this."

With only three seniors, sophomore MJ Vandersnick shared his view and said, "We are a very young team but we have a lot of potential. It just wasn't our year."

When asked about improvements that could be made, one main point of emphasis the coach focused on was competing. Competing in drills and then carrying it over into the game.

Even though the overall record wasn't up to snuff like past seasons, there were many delightful moments for the team. The boys meshed well and enjoyed each others company on and off the field.

Team bonding at someone's house or even just the jokes and friendly discussions during practices and in group messages really kept the players close. One high the team had all expressed great fondness over was their win during homecoming.

Coach Steckler elaborated by saying, "The boys played well and anytime you can win a homecoming is quite happy."

Seeing as this years seniors will be gone by next season our boys in blue will be under some new leadership. Our future leaders, this years lovely junior boys, will gladly be stepping up and have all expressed aspirations to

qualify for regions and make it to state next year!

Sophomore Josh Thomas spoke of next years senior "leaders" and said, "I expect our seniors to exceed not only mine but the coaches expectations."

After speaking with many of the football players it is clear the boys are not taking anything too roughly to heart and still feel with a certain clarity that they will overcome this dissatisfying record and triumph next year.



Heart Screening

By Brianna Callsen

According to the National Institutions of Health, heart disease is the number one cause of deaths in the United States. This is why many people should participate in a heart screening, especially those who are in sports.

Thursday, November 5, here, at the Garretson School District, students were given an opportunity to have heart screenings performed by Screening America.

Screening America is a group that does heart screenings for young people in order to identify heart anomalies

that could be life-threatening, particularly "hypertrophic cardiomyopathy."

According to the National Institutes of Health and Heart.org, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy is a disease in which the heart muscle thickens making it harder for the heart to pump blood. This disease can affect people of any age whether they are male or female. It is a common cause of cardiac arrest in young people, including athletes.

Get a heart screening would be something great to look into if you did not participate in the screening yester-

day. This test only takes about 15-20 minutes and it could truly be a life saver to know if something is wrong.

Overall Garretson had over 40 students that took the opportunity to get tested.

The American Academy of Pediatrics estimated that 2,000 people under the age of 25 die from sudden cardiac arrest in the United states every year. So this is your chance to get out and get your heart screening done.

Staff Spotlight on Mr. Jung

By Alyssa Bunde

Mr. Jung quickly and candidly answers questions from student journalist Alyssa Bunde.

Q: Favorite part of teaching here?

A: The students

Q: How did you come to be a teacher?

A: I went to college to become a teacher

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I graduated from Dickinson state university, then went to la universidad regional del sureste. (Which is a college located in Oaxaca, Mexico)

Q: Favorite memory that's happened while teaching?

A: The faculty senior basketball game at Belle Fourche.

Q: How many schools have you taught at?

A: I have taught at seven schools, three of which were in Mexico.

Q: Besides obviously Garretson, where was your favorite teaching position and why?

A: Belle Fourche, South Dakota. I had a lot of fun with my co workers who are now some of my good friends.

Q: If you could have any job (besides teaching) what would you want and why?

A: As of right now I would be a sports reporter for football, because I would be able to attend practices, go to all the games and such for free.

Q: What do you do in the summer since you don't teach then?

A: I go to Mexico to visit friends and family.

Q: How did you meet your wife?

A: Craigslist...just kidding I met her in college.

Q: If you met your high school self now what would you say?

A: I would say, "Eat less."

Q: If a zombie apocalypse happened what would you do?

A: I would probably get together with my family.

Q: What's your worst mistake you've ever made?

A: Skipping my friends wedding to watch the NFL draft.

Q: What's your best decision you've ever made?

A: Probably deciding to travel abroad.

Q: Where have you all traveled to?

A: I've traveled about everywhere in Mexico, Guatemala, Canada and a whole lot of places I still need to go.

Q: If you had a dating profile what would you say about your self?

A: Extremely good looking and makes up lack of wealth with my personality.



Personality Quiz: Which Candy Are You?

A fun non-scientific quiz created by the Journalism class.

1. What snack do you get at the movie theater?

- A: Slushy
- B: Just a bottled water
- C: Popcorn
- D: Sneak in snacks

2. Which era would you want to live in

- A: The 90s
- B: The 50s
- C: The 70s
- D: The 80s

3. Which vacation destination seems most appealing?

- A: New York
- B: Washington DC
- C: San Francisco, California
- D: Portland, Oregon

4. Which cereal would you choose to eat?

- A: Fruit loops
- B: Frosted Flakes
- C: Honey Nut Cheerios
- D: Cinnamon Toast Crunch

5. Which holiday is your favorite?

- A: Valentine's day
- B: Easter
- C: Christmas
- D: Fourth of July

- If you have any story ideas that you'd like to share, let the journalism students know. This is the school newspaper and we want to cover what interests you.

Are Mermaids Real or Just Another "Fishy Tail"?

By Annika Hanson

With three quarters of the earth covered by water, it's no surprise that many legends depict creatures of the deep living in the ocean. One of these famous legends are mermaids: half-human, half-fish beings that have captured human imagination for years. But are mermaids real?

In 2012 the television channel Animal Planet aired a program claiming to show evidence that mermaids were real. This sparked many peoples interests, getting people to tune in and watch the show. Many people believed what was aired that night, but unfortunately it was too good to be true. The "scientists" in the program were actually paid actors and the footage was fabricated according to multiple sources.

A month after the program aired, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration posted a statement on its website denouncing the supposed existence of the half-human half-fish beings: "No evidence of aquatic humanoids has ever been found." This new information crushed a ton of peo-

ples spirits but does this really mean that mermaids do not exist?

Thousands of people have sighted mermaids throughout history. One of the more famous sightings is from Christopher Columbus himself. Columbus claimed to have spotted mermaids near Haiti in 1493, which he described as being "Not as pretty as they are depicted, for somehow in the face they look mean," according to the American Museum of Natural History.

The belief of mermaids also spreads throughout religion and mythology. Hinduism and Candomble worship mermaid goddesses as beautiful beings.

Greek mythology contains stories of the god Triton, the mermen messenger of the sea.

Greek mythology also described mermaid-like beings called Sirens. Most people are familiar with sirens because they are presented in famous stories such as *The Odyssey*. Sirens are beautiful, alluring half-human women who dwelled near rocky cliffs and sung to passing sailors. Entranced by their

beautiful voices, the sailors would steer their ships towards the rocky shores, ending in their doom.

A book titled *Incredible Mysteries and Legends of the Sea* told a tale about a man called Captain John Smith. Smith claimed to have spotted a mermaid, "Swimming with all possible grace." Smith was so taken by this lovely creature that he began to experience "the first effects of love" (take that as you will) until he noticed that this breath-taking girl had a tail.

This dilemma is reflected in a popular song titled "The Mermaid" by Newfoundland band Great Big Sea, the lyrics go: "I love the girl with all my heart But I only like the upper part I could do without the tail!"

The ocean is a vast place covering more than 70 percent of the earth's surface. In addition, we have only discovered about five percent of the oceans depths. Many mysteries still lurk in the deep waiting to be found. So are mermaids real? Or just another fishy tail?

Return to Royalty

By Alex Uhl

The Kansas City Royals were able to pull off a final win against the New York Mets, making them the World Series Champions this year. The Royals have only won one other time in World Series History, that being in 1985 against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Similar to this year's World Series, the Royals started their games, often giving their opponents the lead. However, in the later innings, the Royals would often come back, going from a 0-2 score to finishing games with a 3-2, 4-1, or even 7-2 score.

It seemed as if the Royals were on a mission to redeem themselves after their loss in the World Series last year

in seven games against the San Francisco Giants, who they lost to after losing the final game to tie it all back up, losing with a final score of 4-3.

The first game was won by Kansas City with a score of 5-4. The Royals scored their first run in the first inning. New York then was able to get ahead by scoring one run in each the 4th, 5th, and 6th innings respectively. However the Royals were able to comeback with two more runs. Then the Mets attempted to get ahead with one more run but were shut down when the Royals were able to score two more in the bottom of the inning.

The second game featured Kansas City "royally" dominating the Mets with a final score of 7-1.

In the third game, the Mets were able to defeat the Royals in with a run score of 9-3, causing a bit of concern for the Kansas City faithful.

The Royals then won their last two games, with game four ending 5-3 and game five ending 7-5, securing the World Series title.

Catcher Salvador Perez was honored as the World Series MVP.

KC tied up their season nicely, and many of their fans would like to see them win a couple more World Series, hopefully within the decade.

Personality Quiz Results: Which Candy Are You?

If you got mostly **A** you're Skittles! Like Skittles you're random, bright and vivacious! While your all those things, you tend to loose yourself in all the crazy you surround yourself in, so make sure to take some time just for you.



not saying your boring but you are quite predictable; you like doing the bare minimum. Like M&M's flavor, you're very accountable. People know what they're going to get with you. You're quite stable and level-headed and usually do what's right.

If you got mostly **C** you're a Snickers bar! Congrats your basic! You like what's in style and current; you follow the trends and you work it! You have your own ideas obviously, it's just that

you find comfort in joining in on what's common because, hey, if a plethora of people like it, it can't be that bad can it?

If you got mostly **D** you're a Hot Tamales! You are one crazy cat; you do you and are not ashamed. You're unique in your own way, and following the crowd doesn't suit you. Being mischievous is right up your alley and people tend to follow.



If you got mostly **B** you're M&M's! We're



Senior Spotlight

NAME: Brianna Callsen

SENIOR PROJECT: Cake Decorating

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Volleyball; was previously in yearbook, cheerleading, and track

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: Volleyball, classmates, and riding my moped to school

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend Lake Area tech for dental assisting (2 years) then further my education at USD to get my hygienist degree



Scholarship Corner

- Alliance Communications (\$1,000) - Must be Alliance Communications customer and be a full-time student in the fall of 2016. Due March 11, 2016.

- Black Hills Stock Show Foundation Scholarship (\$2,000) - Must go into an ag related or supported career including medical, business, engineering, and education. Due December 15, 2015

- South Dakota Farmers Union (\$500) - Must plan to attend an in-state college, university, or technical school. Due December 1, 2015

- Good360Sustainability Scholarship (\$1000) - High School Senior interested in sustainability. Due November 30, 2015

- Flosum Scholarship (\$750) - GPA of 3.5 or higher, planning to attend an accredited 4-year college or university in the fall. Due December 15, 2015

- Please click on this [hyperlink](#) from Epsilon Sigma Alpha for a website that has a list of scholarships available. All are Due February 1, 2016

Please check your email for links to these scholarships.

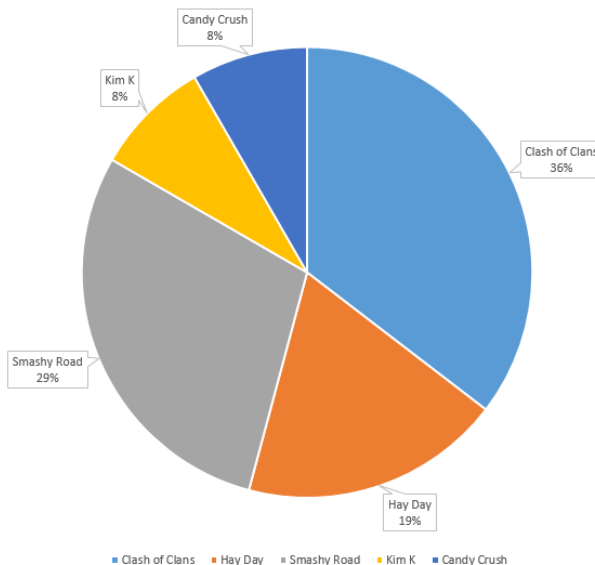


Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked which game they played most frequently.



Take a moment to vote on the student opinion poll for next week's *Blue Ink*. Polls are located inside Mr. Hughes' room, Mr. TerWee's room and Mrs. Buchholz's room.



ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: "Over My Dead Body"

Joke: A slowpoke