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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copy right to the song "Happy Birthday."

### BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:

VA DERS

Look closely:  
What does this picture say?

Answer on back page

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** How did the brontosaurus feel after his fight with the t-rex?

Answer on back page

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Friday, September 18

- Homecoming Parade @ 1:30
- Community Pep Rally after the parade
- Tailgate supper @ 4:00
- Football v. Viborg-Hurley

#### Saturday, September 19

- 7/8/JV Football Jamboree
- Soccer @ Groton

#### Monday, September 21

- 7/8/JV Football @ Vibrog

#### Tuesday, September 22

- Volleyball @ Dell Rapids
- FFA Blood Drive
- FFA Land Judging @ Parker

#### Wednesday, September 23

- XC @ Dell Rapids Invite

#### Thursday, September 24

- Band @ Arlington Festival
- Volleyball @ Chester
- Soccer @ Sioux Falls Christian

#### Friday, September 25

- Football @ Baltic

## Homecoming Kicks Off with New King and Queen Crowned

By Alyssa Bunde

"Who's it going to be?!" was the question on everyone's mind as they filed into the old gym for Coronation Monday night

The timeless tradition began as usual with the introduction of the junior flag bearers.

It was followed by a brief speech regarding the night from emcees, Kaley Flanagan and Kindra Clark.

Once that was through, last year's king and queen, Joshua Liester and Mara VanDeBerg were called to the stage and welcomed with adoring claps and cheers. As they took their places and the claps quieted down, it was time to introduce this year's royalty. One by one the couples made their way to the stage eager to hear who would succeed the 2014 king and queen.

This year's royalty queen candidates were the following: Jaden Bly, Jessica Fueston, Saige Gullickson, Peyton Heitkamp, and Lara Luke. Up for king were Alex Andersen, Evan Fick, Cole Fiegen, Jacob Fitzgerald, and Micah Mader.

Finally with all the royalty now present it was time for the big moment! First up was the king! Liester paced back and forth behind the five boys with the crown looming overhead until finally it was placed on Cole Fiegen! Beaming Cole graciously accepted the robe and crown from Liester and took his place on the throne.



Newly crowned Queen Jessica Fueston and King Cole Fiegen take a moment to soak in the experience of the night before giving brief speeches to those in attendance.

Photo by Mataya Lines

Next up was the girls! Following the same pattern as Liester, Queen Mara paced back and forth only to finally stop at Jessica Fueston! The crowd roared; the king and queen had been crowned, and they looked delighted!

When asked about his memorable moment King Cole commented, "It feels great to represent the town and such an awesome student body." Queen Jessica said she was very surprised and excited! She also stated in a lighthearted moment that she believes the royalty crown has seen better days and the school is in need of a new one.

So there you have it! King Cole Fiegen and Queen Jessica Fueston reign for the 2015 homecoming celebrations. Who will be crowned next year? Will the school get a new crown? All great questions that will have to wait until Homecoming 2016!



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

## Football Looks to get back in the Win Column Tonight Against Cougars

By Annika Hanson

Homecoming is an exciting week for everyone, and it's not just football. Garretson hosts all sorts of events such as dress up days, the Dragon Olympics, the parade, pep rally, and the game itself.

We had a football game Friday, September 11th. It unfortunately ended in Garretson's defeat but there are high hopes for the homecoming game against the Viborg-Hurley Cougars.

The spirit in the Blue Dragons football team (1-2) was sadly not present after the game last Friday. Garretson football coach Kevin Steckler noted the room for improvement. "We got beat by a very good team. Now did we play

our best? No, defensively we struggled most of the night. Special teams, which has been kind of a strong point for us, did not play well. Offensively, after the first quarter, we struggled with any type of consistency."

"So you factor in that we were playing a very, very good team with the fact that we did not play very well, it made for a long night," furthered Steckler.

The game is right around the corner but are the Blue Dragons ready after last week's defeat? "We had a good week of practice; we worked hard to correct the mistakes that we've made. Sometimes it's baby steps

when it involves improvement. That's what we're looking to take right now; one step at a time, but you're going to see a different Blue Dragon team than you saw last Friday," stated Steckler. Hopefully all this practice pays off!

Make sure to support the Blue Dragons today! Festivities start at 1:30 with a parade down main street followed by a community pep rally in the new gym. A pork loin feed will be at the athletic complex starting at 4:00, giving time for people to eat before the 5:00 kickoff.

Garretson will battle their next opponent on September 25 against the Baltic Bulldogs.



## Cross Country Continues to Perform Well at Meets

By Alex Uhl

The Garretson Cross Country team ran at Nike Heartland Meet in Sioux Falls on Saturday and despite the competition and larger amount of opposing teams than previous years, they managed to pull through.

Many top tier teams came to attend the meet including Madison. Despite this, the Blue Dragons were not intimidated and ran their hardest to hopefully place in the top third of their respective races.

The Varsity boys did well even though they only have one senior. The front runner Evan Fick took 11th place, while juniors Riley Nordstrom and Jacob Fitzgerald took 88th and 89th respectively.

Many of the girls also did well. Eighth grader Rachel Kindt led the girls at 38th place, followed by sophomore Carmen Bohl in 43rd. Senior Jaden Bly

placed 70th and close behind senior Haley Sage placed 89th.

There were also several JV runners from the boys and girls who ran on Saturday. From the boys there was Jack Konechne placing 17th, Elijah Pierret placing 53rd, Chayce Schleuter placed 108th, Jacob Liester who placed 110th, Jared Fitzgerald placing 125th and Brendan Harris placing 126th.

When asked about the Chamberlain meet on Thursday, Bohl said, "It'll be an interesting meet, we get to compete against some west river teams."

The Blue Dragon harriers had quite the travel out to Chamberlain but made it worth it as senior Evan Fick was able to garner his second win of the season. Other runners on both the boys' and girls' varsity and junior varsity teams improved their times from the previous meet. Now is the time to hit their stride as there are on-

ly four more meets on the schedule before the post season hits.

Their next course is in Dell Rapids on Wednesday, September 23.





## Dress Up Days Inspire Creativity and School Spirit

By Brianna Callsen

Every year, the students at Garretson are anxious to find out the dress up days for Homecoming. This year's dress up days were the following: class color day (traditionally), salad dressing day, duct tape day, "G" day, and "throwback" pride day.

This year we had nearly the entire high school participate in the dress up days. About half the students went with minimalistic dress up outfits, but a select few really went all out and knocked it out of the park.

Monday was class color day where the seniors wore black, juniors were orange; sophomores were green, and freshman were pink. Some people just wore their class shirt with jeans or had color coordinated pants. While others wore tutus, hats and jewelry to take their color over the top.

Tuesday was salad dressing day, where each grade dressed up as a different dressing. The seniors had Caesar salad and wore togas. The juniors were thousand island and dressed in Hawaiian clothing. The sophomores were French and dressed in the stereotypical stripes and red bandana. The freshman were given ranch and dressed in their western attire,

Wednesday was duct tape day. Everybody had different thoughts about this day as some

people went all out compiling entire outfits and accessories but others took one strip of tape and put it on their shirt.

Sophomore Emily Schleuter made an entire dress out of duct tape. Schleuter said, "It took about an hour and I used four rolls of tape."

Thursday was "G" day, overall this was everybody's favorite day as it gave the student body the freedom to dress up as a variety of choices, anything that started with g. People dressed as garbage men, giraffes, grandparents, gangsters, gentlemen, goth and the girls even dressed as guys.

Friday was the same as every year past which was pride day. Pride day is where the students and teachers alike wear the school colors, but this year

they put a little twist on the day by calling it flashback pride day. The students wore old jerseys from football or basketball. Some dug through their parents' (or grandparents') closet to take out old Garretson t-shirts and jackets to complete the look.

With a blast from the past, all the students had a fun-filled homecoming week with the dress up days. The spirit and creativity was evident all week with the majority of the student body participating in at least one dress up day if not all of them.

The throwback pride outfits can be seen today during the parade, community pep rally, and football game as Garretson finishes off its homecoming week celebrations.



During Wednesday's Duct Tape Day, students had a variety of ways to participate with some covering everything, including crutches and glasses, while others kept it simple with a few strips of tape on their clothing. Participating were (back row) Erynn Fink, McKenzie Decker, Mikayla Bottleberghe, Peyton Sage, Jaden Braaten, Madi Northrup, Jazmin Gawarecki, Isaiah Mader, Marc Rattenborg; (middle row) Logan Nussbaum, Jaden Flanagan, Amyah Ockenga; (front row) Roman Barrientos, MJ Vandernick

## Powder Puff Changes Rules but Not Winners, Seniors Take Championship Again

By Brianna Callsen

The seniors do it again this year. As known from earlier years the high school always participates in powder-puff football. This is a chance for the high school girls to play flag football against the each other, split by grade, under the direction of a few selected coaches.

Even though powderpuff is a home-coming tradition, it was unsure if it would be able to be pulled off this year. After the storm damage the town suffered this summer, an executive decision was made to move the games to the softball fields.

Since it was in a different location paired with concern from fall sport coaches and parents, the playing area was shortened on both the length and width of the field and only forward passes allowed along with a few other minor adjustments.

The typical match up for games starts with the seniors playing the

freshmen. This leaves the juniors and sophomores to battle it out.

The seniors dominated the freshmen, but were unable to stop Kelsey Keagan score a touchdown with less than a minute left in the game.

Seniors won 18-10.

Juniors and sophomores

had a close game scoring back and forth, but the juniors fell short of time as Alyssa Bunde threw up an incomplete pass to Kindra Clark in the end zone.



Freshmen talk strategy in attempts to not finish in fourth place in their inaugural appearance in the annual powderpuff tournament.

*Photo by Mataya Lines*

The championship match was set after the seniors and sophomores had won, leaving the juniors and freshman to play for third place.

Again, the seniors took another win by a landslide, winning 22-1.

The juniors were able to pull off a win against the freshman with a score of 16-1.

First place went to the seniors with the sophomores runner ups. Juniors took third place leaving freshman in last.

After the fun of the powderpuff games, the Garretson Food Center sponsored a hot dog feed for hungry players, coaches, and fans.

After all were served, Garretson kept with their "throwback" theme for homecoming by burning the big G, ending a fun-filled, first day of homecoming week.



The senior class enjoys the thrill of holding the title of Powderpuff Champions during their final year at Garretson High School. *Photo submitted by Peyton Heitkamp*



## Soccer Scores but Falls to Trojans Again

By Annika Hanson

On the Monday night of Homecoming this week, the Blue Dragons (0-9-0) took on Vermillion. They tried their best but it mournfully ended in Garretson's loss, 1-8.

The Garretson soccer team has struggled to pull out a win this season, plagued by injury and tough breaks.

They had a chance to redeem themselves last night against the West Cen-

tral Trojans but were blanked in the contest 0-9.

The Garretson Blue Dragons are a little disheartened from all the losses but that isn't stopping them! Watching them practice on the field proves how much they want to win and are determined to get a tally in the win column.

The Blue Dragons are on their third goalie this season due to a few setbacks and injuries. Sophomore Peyton

Sage has been up for the task. She has learned the rules and is completely prepared from her wits to her shin guards. She has only had two games as goalie under her belt but her confidence in the position is growing with each game.

The Blue Dragon soccer team travels to Groton on Saturday and caps off their season September 24th at Sioux Falls Christian.

## Volleyball Plays Competitively but Comes up Short

By Alex Uhl

The Garretson Blue Dragon volleyball team (1-10) played the Flandreau Fliers at home on Tuesday night

Despite the loss, the Lady Blue Dragons volleyball team will continue onward to hopefully get a couple more wins in their season.

The game started out promising when Garretson led with a set score of 7-5 but eventually fell behind with a final set score of 22-25.

The next set however, was far more competitive and tense as the Lady Dragons once again maintained a steady lead with a starting score of 5-2 and continued to keep to it near the middle of the set with a score of 15-14.

Intensity rose when Garretson reached a 20-21 score with the Fliers. After a set of long and brutal volleys brought on by the Fliers, the Dragon's defense cracked and they lost the set 26-28.

The final set of the game began with a score of 1-4, Garretson trailing. The Blue Dragons attempted a comeback and were almost successful but lost the set once again with a final score of 17-25. Despite the losses, the toga clad student body still supported with unwavering enthusiasm.

Many of the girls said that they played pretty well, and that was very apparent. "I think we played pretty

good," said Sophomore libero Emily Schleuter. She also pointed out quite the battle that occurred during the second set.

With a stellar night defensively senior Peyton Heitkamp stifled the Flier offense with nine blocks on the night.

Seniors Brianna Callsen, Saige Gullickson and Morgan Gloe had over 10 digs a piece on the night as well.

Last night the netters traveled to Hartford to take on the West Central Trojans.

Once again the girls played competitively but struggled to close out games, dropping three straight: 14-25, 16-25, 22-25.

Senior Lara Luke picked up the blocking duties Thursday night with five solo blocks and two block assists. Callsen gathered one solo block and three block assists while picking up 18 digs and 13 kills on the night.

Gloe had 16 digs; Schleuter had 12, and freshman Rakell Gnadt had 10 digs.

In addition to Callsen's 13 kills, sophomore Alyssa Bunde (3), Heitkamp (2), Gullickson (1), Luke (1), Gloe (1), and Schleuter (1) all were able to put down the ball.

Garretson's next match is against region rival Dell Rapids on Tuesday, September 22.



Sophomore libero Emily Schleuter gathers a dig against a Flier attack on Tuesday night, cheered on by a Toga clad student section during Homecoming week.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

# Whitewash Welcomed by Student Body, Community

By Alyssa Bunde

Garretson's past record of homecoming has been speckled with controversy over the years; so in an effort to help, the school has hopefully implicated a new tradition, whitewashing.

This new activity allowed student to showcase their pride with white paint up and down Main Street in town.

When asked about whitewashing, students had mixed feelings. Senior Micah Mader shared his view saying, "It could definitely have the possibility to turn bad quickly."

Sophomore Isaiah Mader added on commenting, "It's not a good idea to keep kids out past curfew."

Despite those who weren't sure how they felt, some were okay with the change. Senior Cole Fiegen said, "It sounds like fun, if there's gonna be

food that's always a plus."

Around 9:30 Thursday night, it was finally time to start. The students of GHS gathered around ready to help! The high schoolers decorated the street adding their own personal touches, so it didn't take long for Main Street to be covered in paint and school spirit.

As the night came to an end Senior John Houg shared, "It was fun to be there with friends, but there definitely could have been improvements, such as music and snacks."

Senior Saige Gullickson also commented, "It was something fun we



The students used the whitewash opportunity to express not only their Blue Dragon pride but also their creativity.

could all do together and not get prosecuted."

Other students also commented saying they would have preferred more color options or even more options for things to do.

The student body seemed to enjoy the experience overall but also gave some suggestions for improvements if this will last for years to come.

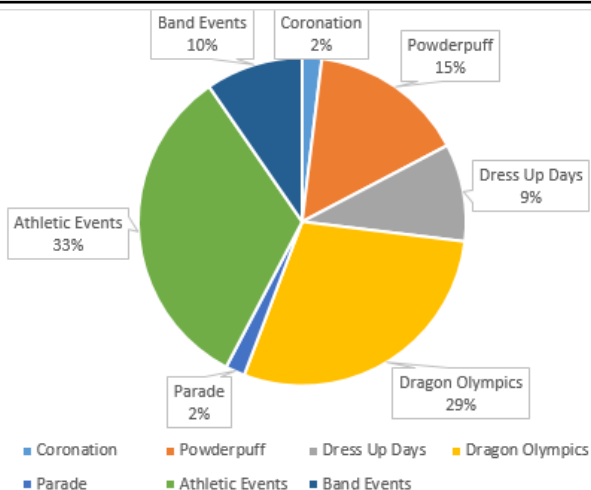


Main Street was splattered with Blue Dragon pride written in white paint on Thursday night in preparation for the homecoming festivities in the community on Friday before the football game.

## Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked which what their favorite part of homecoming was.

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.



## Scholarship Corner

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

Please check your email for links to these scholarships.

