

Golfers Swing Their Way to Victory

By Annika Hanson

The Garretson golf team has been having a few rainy days but they had a spectacular tournament last Friday. Every golfer played a spectacular game but a few stood out from the rest.

May 6th was the Big East Conference, last year the team lost by one stroke to Sioux Valley but things changed this year. Garretson has won back its pride and glory against Dell Rapids.

Some of the golfers were a little nervous for this tournament, but in the end everyone did very well! The junior varsity girls did especially well. The girls were in a small group but they all placed. Aliah Lymon hit a 69 on the ninth hole, she received fifth place. Jayden Clark was right behind her with a score of 66, tied with Peyton Hove who also received a 66. And at the top of the group, Malia Johnson, acquired second place, scoring 63.

The junior varsity boys also did exceptionally well. All four boys were close in scores, MJ Vandersnick collected a 67 at the end of the day. Jack Konechne got a 56 on his nine hole total. While both of the Nic(k)s, Lundberg and Pierret, received very



Members of the first place Big East Conference Golf team are (left to right) Alex Andersen, Micah Mader, Isaiah Mader, and Jacob Liester.

close scores being 52 and 50. Pierret placed 5th.

The varsity boys did incredibly well, all four boys placed in the upper 15. Jacob Liester golfed a 43 on his front nine holes then didn't do as well on his back nine as he got a 56. He ended with a placing of 13. Senior Alex Anderson did better his second round, he scored 51 on the first nine and then bettered his score on the last nine with a score of 45. These results placed him in 11th place.

The Mader brothers did extraordinary. The younger brother, Isaiah Mader, hit 41 on the front then fin-

ished off with 44 on the back nine. He was awarded with 5th place.

Even with this great score he wishes that he would have done better. He said, "I need to focus on my short game and not loose my temper. Also don't be a bird."

His older brother, Micah Mader, stole first place with a first score of 38 and a second score of 37. Making for a consistent and fantastic game and earning medalist honors by eight strokes.

Finally our one and only varsity girl Alyssa Bunde did a great job along with the rest of Garretson. She scored a 68 on the first nine holes then she improved on her second hole bettering her score by four. She commented on how swell of a time she had that evening. She said, "I golfed with the two best girl golfers and I ended up losing a lot of balls. I even almost hit one of the lawn mower guys. But I did score better than I thought I would."

Last Friday was a great day for the Garretson Golf team. Even though some tournaments were cancelled due to bad weather this does not dampen the spirit of our golf team.

The next varsity tournament will be Sioux Valley Invitational in Volga. The golfers prepare their golf clubs for another great tournament!

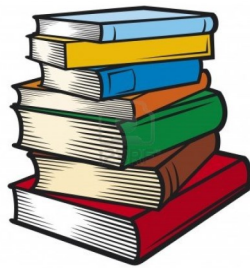


These young golfers stepped up and were able to place in the junior varsity division of the Big East Conference meet last Friday. (Left to right) Jayden Clark, fourth place; Malia Johnson, second place; Aliah Lymon, fifth place; and Peyton Hove, third place

Semesters Signal the End of School, Start of Summer

By Isaiah Mader

With semester tests right around the corner, it's crunch time for high school students all across the country. Late nights, early mornings, and countless hours of perusing over information await, and not many kids are looking forward to it.



The debate continued in the classroom this year over whether semester test should be mandatory, as at some other surrounding schools, they are not. The students' point in the argument is that if you have an A in the class, the only thing a test can do is harm your grade. They feel that if they have proven themselves over the year they shouldn't be required to participate in testing. However, semester tests also give students that final

chance to boost their grade up as well.

Some students weighed in on the quickly approaching semester test, junior Kelsie Paul stated, "Semesters are stressful and we shouldn't do them; interview complete."

Another strong opinion came from junior Hailey Steffes when she gave her tips on doing well. She said, "Wing it, don't study, and stay up late."

Although the classic hand copy test is the route that most teachers chose to take, some are converting to a newer Project Based Learning style of test. In doing this the kids have a more "hands-on" experience and some even say they learn a lot more doing it this way.

It seems as each semester comes and goes, there is always a new schedule for testing, this year kids were especially distraught when it was released. Some rumblings through the hall focused on confined testing periods and added pressure. However there is an option for a teacher to split the test into two parts, making the expectations manageable in the time frame given.

As the semester test starting date gets closer and closer, it's time to hit the books earlier rather than later. Nobody likes trying to cram half a years worth of information into one night and then properly function the next day at school. But overall, just don't bomb!



Personality Quiz: Which Hogwarts House Should You Live In

A fun, non-scientific quiz created by the journalism class

1) Your friend is cheating on a test, what would you do?

- A. Tell them after class that cheating is not right and hope they don't do it again.
- B. Tell the teacher right away.
- C. Copy off of them
- D. Do nothing, but you are not thrilled about it.

2) What material would you want your wand to possess?

- A. Phoenix Feather
- B. Hippogriff Talon Fragments
- C. Dragon Heartstrings
- D. Unicorn Hair

3) Which one of these items interests you the most?

- A. Sword
- B. Diadem (Crown)
- C. Locket
- D. Golden cup

4) You are fighting a giant spider named Aragog, what do you do?

- A. Fight it head on, I have strength enough for this.
- B. Get Hagrid.
- C. Find the simplest and fastest way to defeat my opponent.
- D. Beg for mercy, I'm not messing with spiders.

5) What Hogwarts class would you be most likely to take?

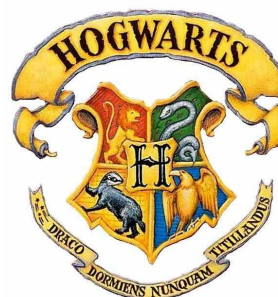
- A. Defense Against the Dark Arts.
- B. History of Magic.
- C. Potions.
- D. Care of Magical Creatures.

6) You decide to own a dog grooming shop, what kind of dogs will you admit?

- A. Dogs that are fun to play with.
- B. Only well trained dogs.
- C. Only pure bred dogs.
- D. I'll take all and any dogs! They are all cute!

7) How do you view your friends?

- A. My friends are very important to me, I would do anything for them.
- B. Friends are nice to have, but I do not really need them.
- C. Friends are stepping stones. Being number one is always my priority.
- D. Friends are special, it is important to be loyal to them.



Benevolence of Students Raises Money for Relay for Life, Brings Smiles to Teachers' Faces

Submitted by Ms. Teresa Johnson, Elementary Principal

Students were given the opportunity to buy their teachers tokens of appreciation throughout Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6.

For 25 cents, students could buy pencils, stickers, candy, soda, and flowers to brighten their teachers' days.

Ms. Hersom (left) and Ms. Eliason (top far left) accept carnations from students. Logan Bly (far bottom left) oversees the sale of items to elementary students. Below Garretson students deposit the money they raised at First Bank & Trust.

Pictures courtesy of Ms. Teresa Johnson

Those quarters put smiles on teachers' faces and resulted in a donation of \$179 to Relay for Life.



Keeping Track of Garretson Track

By Alex Uhl

The Howard Wood Relays were held last weekend and several members of the Garretson Track team were chosen to compete. At this prestigious track meet, the best of the best face off in races ranging from the ultra fast 100 meter dash to the long and brutal two-mile run. Our members performed the best they could, as their competition was strong and their determination stronger.

Garretson's contenders ran only races that they thought they would do best in at Howard Wood. The individuals who contended were Keisean Deehr-Thornton, Evan Fick, Shay Gibson, Diontae Lymon, Elijah Pierret, Aaron Hoon, Carmen Bohl, Morgan Gloe, Caitlyn Trower, Peyton Sage, Haley Sage, and Jaden Bly.

In the two-Mile, Carmen Bohl placed 31st, Evan Fick placed 14th, and Elijah Pierret placed 89th. The individual events did very well, especially considering that they are against some

of the best competition in the area from schools of all sizes.

Meanwhile, the relay teams at Howard Wood also faced tough competition but were able to pull through with good results. The girls 4x800 meter relay team placed 9th overall in their race. The girls medley also did very well, placing 5th.

The boys medley was very close with their placing as well, for they placed 6th. Their 4x800 meter relay team also did well when they placed 8th overall. These exceptional results show that many of our track members are well on their way to state, some even already qualifying.

While some of the team members were running at Howard Wood, the rest of the track team was competing at Parker. Although some of the relay teams were missing their best members, they were able to compensate and pull through their respective races. The girls 4x800 did very well miss-

ing the original team, as they placed 2nd. The boys 4x800 did equally as well placing 2nd. The boys 4x200 placed 6th and the girls placed 5th. The girls 4x100 placed 5th and the boys team placed 4th. Overall it was a great day for relays.

Several individuals also performed well in the open races at Parker. Brennan Mudder made his return to the 300 meter hurdle scene when he placed 3rd. Elijah Pierret placed 3rd in the mile run and set a new standard for the Garretson distance runners. Carmen Bohl placed 3rd in the 400 meter dash. This is unusual because she is a long distance runner and the 400 is a sprinting race.

Once again, the individuals from Garretson did very well. Hopefully, as the team continues to get better, they will be able to qualify for state and bring the heat for conference and regions.



Election Selection

By Isaiah Mader

In the past few weeks the 2016 presidential election has taken a drastic turn. John Kasich and Ted Cruz have dropped out of the race leaving Donald Trump running unopposed in the Republican party.

The GOP is in a bevy of turmoil over the idea of Trump representing their party. Some of their members are attempting to either split off from the party in a whole. The others are endeavoring to gain control of the entire party.

On the other side of things, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are still battling for the democratic nomination. Although Clinton is edging out Sanders in a majority of the primaries,

Bernie is yet to call it quits and officially drop out.

With new information coming forward about Clinton's email scandal the tides are currently shifting. Previously she was winning by a large margin, but her numbers are down a little bit because American's do not know if she is a trustworthy candidate.

Clinton is quite close to the required number of delegates required to receive the Democratic nomination and she is likely so acquire those delegates very soon. Trump is in the same boat, even though he is not yet at the necessary amount he is close and with no other candidates competing against him, he will receive them

quickly.

With Trump now heading for almost certain nomination, the 2016 race could be quite interesting if Clinton as well gets nominated. If Trump were to win the presidential election, when he takes office, he would be the oldest president ever elected. Along with that, if Hillary were to become the U.S. president, she would be the first female to ever taken office.

All in all with a little less than five months until the actual election, things are starting to heat up in the race for the United State's next president.

Club Team Hosts First Round of Regions

By Micaiah Lee Mader

This Wednesday, the Lennox Orioles are coming to town to take on your very own Blue Dragons in a high stakes region matchup. The game will feature two of the state's best and is the first round of a win or go home region tournament.

Last week, the boys' regular season wrapped with a home matchup versus Canton and a tough one on the road against #2 ranked Dell Rapids.

Coming off a three game losing streak, the squad was looking to get back on track versus a weaker Canton team. The hits came few and far between, but the boys were able to round up six runs behind a complete game shut out from Micah Mader.

Back in the win column the team brought some confidence with them on the road to Dells. The Dell Rapids hitters showed early why their team boasted a #2 ranking spraying multiple shots off all parts of the field. However, solid defense limited the Quarriers and kept Garretson in the game. Struggling to string hits together, the game ended 6-1 in favor of the Quarriers. Cole Fiegen and Brady Schleuter pitched solid innings for the Dragons.

Garretson will host a very stout Lennox team at home this Wednesday. The



Pitcher Micah Mader looks into the catcher for the sign. Mader pitched a complete game, two-hit shut out on their way to a victory over Canton.

season series favors Garretson 2-0 both backed by outstanding pitching out of Ike Mader in tight games.

"I like the matchup that we got; I feel like we have a good chance to beat Lennox again especially at home," stated

senior starter Alex Andersen on Wednesdays' game.

The first pitch will be tossed at 7pm May 18th and the team is hoping for a great crowd to support a talented squad, don't hesitate to come out watch some great baseball!

Friday the 13th, Myth? Or Myth Busted?

By Micaiah Lee Mader

Friday the 13th has been long believed to entail horror and all kinds of bad luck; but is it just myth?

According to online sources, the superstition surrounding this day may have arisen in the Middle Ages, "originating from the story of Jesus' last supper and crucifixion" in which there were 13 individuals present in the Upper Room on the 13th of Nisan Maundy Thursday, the night before his death on Good Friday. While there is evidence of both Friday and the number 13 being considered unlucky, there is no record of the two items being referred to as especially unlucky in

conjunction before the 19th century. However, others believe the superstition began October 13th, 1307 when Philip IV of France incarcerated hundreds of Knights of the Templar.

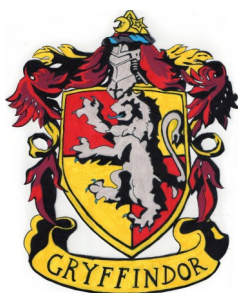
This mystical day has even spawned its own movie franchise, an incredibly hard to pronounce term – Triskaidekaphobia-, and an annual widespread paranoia of the day.

Although the myth can never be proved or rejected, there are a large number of events to support and even more to reject it. On September 13th, 1940 Buckingham Palace was destroyed as part of Hitler's blitz bomb-

ing. November 13th, 1970 300,000 people were killed in a storm Chittagong, Bangladesh that later created floods killing more than a million more civilians. January 13th, 1989 the "Friday the 13th Virus", infected and wiped out tens of thousands of IBM computers across the globe. Later that year on October 13th, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped to its second lowest point in its history.

All these events or mishaps could make a compelling argument for all the believers out there but were these caused by the misfortune of Friday the 13th? Or merely a coincidence?

Personality Quiz Results: Which Hogwarts House Should You Live In



If you chose mostly **A**, you're best fit for **Gryffindor**. Gryffindors value courage, bravery, nerve, and chivalry. Its mascot is the lion, and its colours are scarlet and gold. An example of a Gryffindor would be Harry Potter.



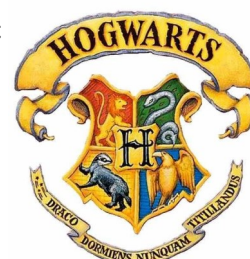
If you chose mostly **C**, you're best fit for **Slytherin**. The Slytherin house values ambition, cunning, leadership, and resourcefulness; The house mascot of Slytherin is the serpent, and the house colours are green and silver. An example of a Slytherin would be Draco Malfoy.



If you chose mostly **D**, you're best match is **Hufflepuff**. Hufflepuffs value hard work, patience, justice, and loyalty. The house mascot is the badger, and canary yellow and black are its colours. An example of a Hufflepuff would be Cedric Diggory.

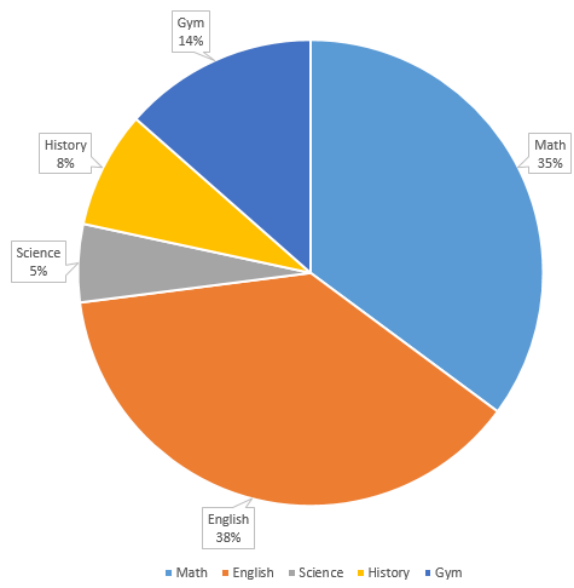


If you chose mostly **B**, you're best fit for **Ravenclaw**. A Ravenclaw values intelligence, creativity, learning, and



Student Opinion Poll

As semester tests approach next week, students were asked which class is most difficult for him/her?



FFA Banquet Celebration



Next year's FFA officers (from L to R) are Myranda Folland, Jaden Flanagan, Allison Longhenry, Moriah Flanagan, Grace Homer, Claire Longhenry, and Emily Walsom.
Photo by Sylvia Larson

The Garretson FFA Chapter held their annual banquet last night. Amidst awards, recognitions and honors, a tribute and huge thank you went to Mr. Mueller for his passion and dedication to agriculture and the FFA program.

Ed Mueller and Kyrstyn Beck will be missed from the Garretson FFA program next year as Mueller moves on because of retirement and Beck because of graduation.
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