



Football has a bye week after going 2-0 to open their season. They return to action against Menno/Marion next Friday

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New faces join Garretson schools

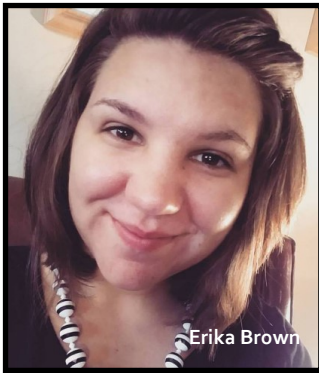
Multiple new teachers and students fill the hallways this school year

by **Dominick Krueger**
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With every new school year, new faces enter the halls. This includes both staff and students. This year we got four new teachers: Tony Johnson (middle school social studies), Erika Brown (music), Liz Etrheim (fourth grade), and Kara Assid (special education). Garretson also has two new faces working with students as educational assistants: Kathy Winterton and Darla Selken.

Tony Johnson was born in La Cresent in southeast

years, worked in the Twin Cities for a few years, and taught in Korea for a year. When he was in college, he thought about teaching because he loves his history classes and working with kids. He coached wrestling and football and right now he's planning on coaching junior high track.



Erika Brown taught in Minnesota at a school in Maple Grove and teaches K-12 choir. She's originally from Huron, South Dakota and went to Minnesota for college. She



Liz Etrheim

inspired Etrheim to pursue this career. She taught at RTR in Tyler, Minnesota for two years and taught at Tea, South Dakota for a year. She is originally from Slayton, Minnesota and she only has taught elementary: 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, and now 4th grade. She helps at junior high volleyball and has done cheerleading for elementary.



Kara Assid

Also new to the district is Special Education director Kara Assid. Assid is a familiar face as she spent some time subbing last year and has previous experience from other schools. She will be working in the Special Education self-contained classroom.



Tony Johnson

Minnesota and the reason he came to Garretson is because he wanted to teach in small town. He previously had taught in Luverne for three

has also taught theater, directed a few plays, and piano lessons. Brown will be utilizing her past experience with theatre as she is directing the one-act play for Garretson this year.

Liz Etrheim became a teacher because her mom was a teacher. A lifetime of seeing both sides of the classroom

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: On *Scooby-Doo*, Shaggy's real name is Norville Rogers.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Squeeze a lemon or lime into shampoo to stop frizzy hair.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why can't you give Elsa (from *Frozen*) a balloon?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Arnold Schwarzenegger has a long one. Michael J. Fox has a short one. Madonna does not use hers. Bill Clinton always uses his. The Pope never uses his. What is it?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, September 3**
- Labor Day—No School
- Tuesday, September 4**
- XC @ Jesse James Invitational in Garretson (4:00)
- Soccer v. West Central (6:00)
- JV Soccer v. West Central (7:30)
- Thursday, September 6**
- Soccer @ Worthington (4:30)
- JV Soccer @ Worthington (6:30)
- JH VB @ Tri-Valley
- VB @ BEC in Sioux Valley (6:00)
Play Chester first then Beresford/Sioux Valley after
- Friday, September 7**
- Football v. Menno/Marion
- Saturday, September 8**
- XC @ Luverne (9:30)
- VB @ BEC in Beresford (TBD)

Worth Mentioning

Congratulations to Junior High Volleyball for sweeping their games against Baltic last night. Seventh Grade beat the Bulldogs 25-13 and 25-19. Eighth grade did their part winning 25-18 and 25-22. C Team went 1-1 and JV finished 1-2.

ICU Today will focus on class pictures. Please go to your class advisor's room. Ms. Granberg will be taking MS pictures and Ms. Buchholz will take high school. SMILE!

Former Senator and American war hero passes

by **Sam Gonzalez**
senior writer

Senator John McCain, former naval officer, goes up against the biggest battle of his life: brain cancer

"Do not despair of our present difficulties but believe always in the promise and greatness of America, because nothing is inevitable here. Americans never quit. We never surrender. We never hide from history. We make history" John McCain, in his farewell statement.

Arizona had one if it's rainiest days of the year, the kind where you just want to curl in a ball and cry, on August 25, 2018. Former Senator and POW, John McCain passed away during his battle with brain cancer. His family had announced earlier that they would be stopping medical treatments and at 4:28 p.m. in Sedona, Arizona, McCain passed peacefully in his own home.

"If I could've met John McCain, I would've asked him what it was like being a POW in Vietnam? I think he was great for America, he wasn't just any typical politician and is a National hero." voiced senior and political follower Ben Konechne.

McCain served as Arizona's Sena-

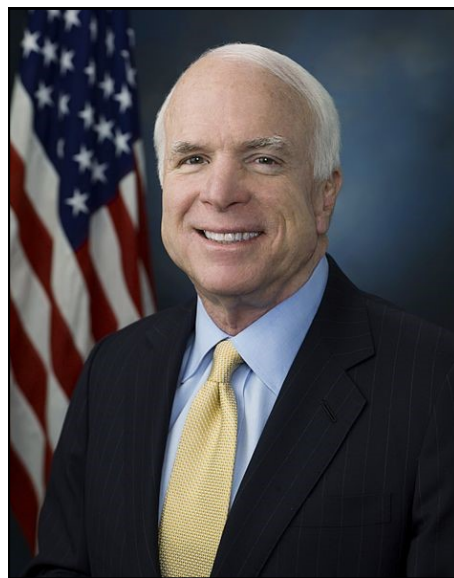


Photo courtesy of Sen. John McCain's official Facebook page

tor for nearly three decades and ran for presidency twice, both unsuccessful. Sen. McCain was a man who spent his time fighting to defend freedom, human rights, strengthening the national defense and much more.

Not only did he serve as Senator,

but he served for all of us as a Naval Officer. Sadly, on October. 26th 1967, Sen. McCain was taken by a group of Vietnamese where he then was tortured for nearly six years. At 36 years old, Sen. McCain was no longer able to serve which led him to going into politics and doing many great things.

"The thing we knew about McCain in politics is that he wasn't a fake. There was no grey area; it was black or white. He was a patriot, he talked about his love for the United States. You knew where you stood, he didn't sugar coat it. He said what he thought and he felt, he was genuine and that is what I admired and respected about him," said government teacher, Kevin Steckler.

John McCain was a respected man and will be missed not only in the political world, but by many he reached through it. Rest in Peace Senator John McCain.

JOKE: Because she will "Let It Go"

BRAINTEASER: Last Name

Football takes down ranked opponent, starts season strong

Wins against Howard and Parker let Garretson go into bye week with perfect record

by Riley Altman
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Who doesn't love an intense football game? A game that keeps you waiting for what's going to happen next. A game that comes down to the final minutes. An ending that many didn't believe would happen. The blue Dragons were sure to keep their fans on the edge of their seats as they faced the Howard Tigers on Friday, August 17.

Howard was ranked number two in class 9A pre-season polls, while the Dragons were unranked in 9AA. Senior, Trenton Karli stated, "I was really nervous going into the game, just like I am every game. After the first half, I was also nervous because we played bad. The second half we came out strong, did what we needed to do and won a football game." The final score was 30-16, Blue Dragons upsetting the Tigers.

Garretson took another win; this time at their home opener against Parker last Friday. The Blue Dragons had a slow start that almost mirrored the start of their first game. Head Coach Mr. Long said, "I don't know if we're unfocused, nervous or



The Blue Dragons all huddle up one last time before taking the field against the Pheasants last Friday. Garretson came away with the 21-16 win to stay undefeated in the young season.

Photo by Riley Altman

trying to be to perfect. I don't know why [slow starts] happen because I feel everyone I have out there is confident in their position and what they need to do."

Although it took awhile for the players to get going, they started to pick it up after halftime. Karli ran the ball in for a touchdown against Parker. A little later in the game senior quarterback Brennan Mudder found Karli in the end zone giving the Blue Dragons another six points. Mudder also ran one in himself to give the Blue Dragons another six points. First year kicker Cody Erickson, was able to kick the ball perfectly three times to gain an extra point on all

three touchdowns, pushing the Blue Dragons to be up 21-14.

The Pheasants controlled the ball late in the game. The quarterback from Parker stepped back to throw, what could've been, a touchdown pass. Just as the ball was about to the receiver, Mudder intercepted the pass. The Dragons took a safety by running the ball out of the back of

the end zone giving the Pheasants two points. Parker had the ball with only seconds left on the clock and suddenly Cory Bryan and Dakota Johnson pushed through the line and sacked the quarterback together to end the game. Sophomore, Dominic Abraham, led the dragons with the most defensive tackles (8.5). The final score was 21-16.

The Blue Dragons have a bye this week, giving them two weeks to improve and get all the kinks out before taking on Menno-Marion at home on Friday, September 7. The Blue Dragons are 2-0 hoping to make it 3-0 against the 0-2 Razorbacks.

New year, new pavement

by Jacob Facile & Cody Erickson
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Most Garretson school students saw that the pavement changed over the summer. The *Blue Ink* talked to Superintendent Guy Johnson about the situation with the pavement. We learned about what company did it, when it took place, if he's ever thought of getting new parking spaces, and how much of a benefit it would be.

Our first question we asked Mr. Johnson was what company did the pavement, he told us that Stephens Company was the one that did it and it only took them about three days to complete the whole parking lot. The question after that we asked him where the main part of the parking lot that need the most adjustments and Mr. Johnson said, "The biggest problem we really had wasn't one particular area; it was filling all the tiny cracks, only about a quarter inch in size, with hot rubber then put the seal coat over it."

Some students around the school thought their were fewer parking spaces, we did as well, but then the reason everybody thinks that is because of the increase of students that can drive every year. Next year will most likely be one of the biggest high school classes Garretson has ever had.

So we asked if he's ever thought of putting more parking spots to help the situation of students that are able to drive have a place to park. "One of the biggest challenges this school has faced is where would you add more parking lot, because the school property is land locked: or like it's on its own little island so it's hard for us to find parking space without taking out too much playground for elementary. The school board and staff have been talking to the daycare for a land exchange of the old bus barn by the baseball fields so they would remove the fence and building and we would have is just some grassy ground to either use for parking or make into another new small building," Guy Johnson said. But the land exchangeable won't really happen until another two to three years down the road but if that can go through it will have a great impact on the school.

We then asked Mr. Johnson if the new sealant would benefit the school. He responded with a positive yes because this new seal coat on the pavement will last the school about seven years.

Mr. Johnson said, "With us doing that seal coat it will cost less with us doing small adjustments to it every year or so rather than us redoing the whole parking lot, that seal coat should last us about 5 to 7 years." With the seal coat being black Mr. Johnson thinks it's going to have a positive impact during the winter time because of how black attracts heat; he's hoping it'll melt some of the snow and ice on the seal coat as well.

Florida tourney shooting takes gaming world by surprise

by Mason Hofer
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The Madden 19 tournament meant to showcase skills, new game features but disaster changed the outcome

On Sunday, August 26th, a lone gunman let bullets lose upon civilians in a mall. This shooting took place at a Madden 19 Tournament, in Jacksonville, FL. Three people are dead, (including the shooter) and 11 are injured. The game has a lot of hype around it, so this people have wondered how he could have gotten a weapon into this event. It actually wouldn't have been very hard at all considering there was no security.

The Tournament Director, Joey Cuellar, had this to say on twitter after the event, "The amount of undercover law enforcement at EVO (Evolution Championship Series) was unprecedented, and we will be installing metal detectors for ALL days next year." Multiple gamers have come out on Twitter saying they don't want to attend more events until security is increased.

Some suspicion was raised a while

back when someone posted online, "mass shooting @EVO18 see you there." In March 2017 organizers informed the FBI on this post, but there is no proof that the man who posted it is related to the shooting.

The Event was being broadcasted on the streaming platform Twitch.tv, where millions of people watch their favorite games/gamers every day. As the players were competing in the event, the stream showed a red, laser-like dot appear on one of the players chests, soon after shots filled the room. The stream wasn't paused/taken down, so the viewers heard these cries for help through their devices, "Oh my god, oh my god, where did he go?" One person yelled between cracks, "What is he shooting with?"

A 9mm pistol, this is the weapon the shooter (who will remain unnamed) used to so selfishly take oth-

er peoples lives as well as his own. The shooter also purchased a .45-Caliber handgun and extra ammo legally recently.

The shooter had a prior relationship with the targeted gamers because he, himself, is a professional Madden player. He was described to walk past viewers and specifically target players first. The shooter was a very successful player, who was not competing in the event. The motive of the shooting is still unknown, but officials are working to get to the bottom of this tragic event.

Both of the victims killed at the shooting were professional Madden Players, Taylor Robertson, and Eli Clayton. EA (Electronic Arts) the company that creates Madden, stated they would create a GoFundMe to raise money for the family's, as well as donate 1 Million of their own dollars.

Volleyball gets first win in more than 50 games

Girls get second win in straight sets against rival Baltic Bulldogs

by Jayden Clark
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“The streak is broken,” said sophomore Peyton Hove after an exciting weekend of volleyball. After losing in a close three-set game to Beresford on Thursday, the Garretson volleyball team came back strong winning the early bird game on Saturday morning versus the Vermillion Tanagers at a tournament in Canton.

The girls beat Vermillion in a slew of close sets. They started off with a 25-21 win, they then fell 25-27 in the second set, and won the third set 26-24, securing their first win of the season and ending a two-year losing streak dating back to the 2015 season.

Sophomore Peyton Hove stated “This win allowed us to just start playing volleyball instead of focusing on proving to everybody we can win.”

The volleyball team traveled to Baltic yesterday and won in three sets. Junior Aftyn

Heitkamp led the team with 7 kills, followed by six each for sophomore Lizzie Olson, sophomore Kennedy Buckneberg, and freshman Lily Ranschau. Sophomore Lauren Heesch put down five of her own. Sophomore Peyton Hove had 24 assists while freshman Jaelyn Benson paced the defense with 13 digs.

The volleyball team will hit the court again on Thursday, September 6 in the Big East Conference tournament facing the number one ranked team Chester in Sioux Valley. They will then face either Beresford (#5) or Sioux Valley (#4) that same day.



Kennedy Buckneberg (#10) attacks the Baltic defenders and gets one of her six kills on the night while Peyton Hove (#4) and Lauren Heesch (#2) close around to cover.

Photo by Cory Bryan

Soccer out to strongest start in school history

by Jayden Clark
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Season is only halfway complete

With the 2-1 win over Dakota Valley on Saturday, the Garretson girls soccer team has already achieved the best record (3-4) in Garretson soccer history with half a season still left to complete. Eighth grader Raegen Altman, who scored the game winning goal in Dakota Valley, stated “It felt good to score, especially since I have been so close all year!”

The girls traveled to Mitchell last night and fell to the Kernels in a 3-0 loss. The soccer team has added many new faces to the program this year by both co-oping with Dell Rapids, which brought in seven additional players, and bringing up six seventh and eighth graders.

Altman said, “Its a great experience to play with the older girls. They push me to be a better player, and I love playing with my sister.” Altman’s older sister, Riley, is a junior on the soccer team.

The soccer team hits the field again on Tuesday against defending Class “A” state champions, West Central (4-2).



Aliyah Lymon (#19) and Madison Ljunggren (#12) regain control of the ball and push it up field as teammates spread out across the field for an offensive attack in recent play. Garretson is 3-4 on the year, already setting a record for most wins in a season with five games left to play.

Cross country makes early season strides

by Malia Johnson
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With no seniors and a very limited number of juniors, the Garretson Cross Country team is surprisingly running with lots of experience. Garretson’s varsity front runners are eighth grader, Preston Bohl, and freshman, Olivia Mullin.

With a time of 24:08, Mullin placed 34th out of 71 girls last week at the Beresford meet on Friday, August 24. At that same meet, Bohl placed 11th out of 81 boys with a finishing time of 18:31. Both runners are young, but lead their respective teams with prior state meet experience.

The top junior varsity harriers were eighth grader, Payton Campbell who finished 7th, sophomore, Devon Leedy finishing 25th, and freshman, Jayse Miller, two seconds behind



Kaci Danforth, Sarah Welch, and Payton Campbell lineup for the shotgun start at the cross country meet in Beresford. Campbell paced the JV with a 7th place finish.

Photo courtesy of Michelle Kuik

Leedy, 26th.

Since then the runners have competed in Salem at the MCM Invitational: top finishers were Bohl (5th), Mullin (45), and Leedy (47). The cross country team looks forward to running their home meet, the Jesse James Invitational, next Tuesday.

Other news and notes

Highly anticipated video game release, hurricane ravaging Hawaiian Islands

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Black Ops 4

The new Black Ops 4 by Treyarch is coming soon, but will it live up to expectations? “I don’t think that Black Ops 4 will compete with Fortnite” said sophomore Jacob Facile. “It probably won’t be as popular, and it’ll need updates to be a big competitor against Fortnite.”

The new game, that has kids waiting to get their hands on, comes out October 12 but has already pre-sold over 40,000 copies and continues to grow.

There are a few changes to the Black Ops format, different from previous games in this series. The new Black Ops 4 has different healing mechanics and also the first Call of Duty without a single player campaign, which has led to mixed emotions from players. Black Ops 4 is bringing back boots on ground which slows it

down from its predecessor Black Ops 3. However the focus of this new game is more about a team tactical experience, focusing on multiplayer format. The game will be releasing on Xbox one, PS4, and PC.

Hurricane Lane

Hawai’i sees its share of tropical storms but hurricanes are actually fairly rare because of geographical location and weather patterns.

While Lane had been downgraded from a Category 2 hurricane to a tropical storm after a few days over the islands, it has still caused its share of trouble. Lane has dropped more than 30 inches of rain on Hawai’i’s Big Island which is causing even more problems. Mudslides and landslides are making travel treacherous.

While Lane has moved off the islands, they are not completely in the clear. Hurricane Miriam and Hurricane Norman are in the vicinity but not expected to make landfall on the Hawaiian Islands.