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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** If you see a spider on Halloween, it is considered to be a spirit of a deceased loved one watching you.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** A farmer has five haystacks in one field and four haystacks in another. How many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in one field?

Answer on back page

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

Answer on back page

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Friday, November 1

- All State Chorus Rehearsal @  
Sioux Falls

#### Saturday, November 2

- All State Chorus Concert @  
Sioux Falls

#### Sunday, November 3

- Daylight Savings Time Ends

#### Monday, November 4

- Football Playoffs—Round 2

#### Tuesday, November 5

- Volleyball playoffs—Round 1—  
Garretson v. Flandreau Indian  
School @ 7:00 p.m. - Home

#### Wednesday, November 6

- ASVAB Test @ 8:30 a.m.

#### Thursday, November 7

- Volleyball playoffs—Round 2—  
@ SF Christian

#### Friday, November 8

## Congratulations Boys' and Girls' XC!

By Teila Carnicle

The girls and boys cross country team had the SDHSAA State Cross Country Meet on October 26, and they did fantastic! The girls placed first and the guys third, but not only did both teams do well, they also won the combined team award! The combined team award is the lowest scores between both teams.

With the girls placing first, Haley Sage said, "It felt really good to win because we've been trying for two years!"

"I was nervous going up against Madison and Custer," said Sage. Sage wasn't upset about her placing, in fact, she was "happy with how [she] placed."

Teisha Carnicle, a junior on the cross country team, was also a runner who competed in state! Unlike Sage, and even improving her placing from last year, Carnicle still wasn't completely happy with how she placed. Carnicle stated, "I could have done better."

For the boys' team, Sam Powell, a senior runner on the varsity team, said, "Yes, I am very proud" about the guys' team placing third!

Powell went on to say, "I personally feel like I did my best and we certainly could have done better as a team, but 3<sup>rd</sup> place at a state meet is satisfying!"

After learning about the combined team award that the Garretson Cross Country team had won, Powell exclaimed, "everybody was very

excited! It was a big deal for us and the school."

Mr. Bohl, coach of the Garretson XC team, had detailed that he was "very proud" of the girls' and guys' teams for winning the combined team award!

"They busted their butts, and winning an award like that shows the success of the program and what the kids did," said Mr. Bohl.

The placing's for the girls' cross country team: Carmen Bohl-fifth Haley Sage-sixth Peyton Sage-32<sup>nd</sup> Teisha Carnicle-36<sup>th</sup> Jaden Bly-86<sup>th</sup> Macey Bohl-102<sup>nd</sup>.

The placing's for the guys' cross country team: Evan Fick-seventh Joshua Powell-15<sup>th</sup> Jacob Fitzgerald-37<sup>th</sup> Joshua Liester-46<sup>th</sup> Tait Johnson-61<sup>st</sup> Sam Powell-78<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to the girls team for winning state, the boys' team for placing third, and the two teams for being combined state champs!



## Get Your Act Together—Oral Interp Season Starts with BEC

By Katie Giesler

Oral interpretation is defined as, according to the dictionary, "the study and practice of vocally expressing the meaning of written compositions, especially of literature." But what exactly does that mean?

If you ask Garretson senior, Mikaela Gilbert, she'll tell you that it's "a fun way to compete in other ways than sports and plays and theater."

Gilbert participated in her first oral interp meet of the season on Wednesday, October 30th in Baltic at the Big East Conference Competition. She acted alongside her duet partner, fellow senior, Mariah Nelson, who thinks of oral interp as a way to "show my inner emotions in a fun way."

Gilbert thought that her and Nelson's performance went well for having practiced every day for two weeks beforehand. They received 3<sup>rd</sup>

place in their category for their performance.

Sylvia Larson, eighth grader at Garretson, tagged along on Wednesday to perform her own humorous piece.

Earlier in the week, Larson expressed hopes that the season would go well. Although she only rehearsed her piece one or two times before heading off to Baltic, she said she felt like she knew her material well enough.

Larson has been participating in oral interp for two years, and says that competition doesn't make her nervous--a trait we'd all like to have!

Larson and fourth attendant, sophomore, Katie Giesler, both performed humorous pieces and received 11th and 8th place respectively.

The team will participate in a few more meets before regions on November 18th.

# The National FFA Convention

By Jennie Hegge

The Garretson FFA Chapter left for Louisville, Kentucky on October 28, and will return on November 2. A charter bus will be driving them all the way down there. That shall be an interesting trip being that the bus ride is fourteen hours!

For those of you who don't exactly know what goes on at the National Convention, I am going to tell you! The convention goes on for about a week and it is where 1<sup>st</sup> place teams from all 50 states including the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, compete at the national level.

There are many different competitions in which one could participate: livestock judging team, dairy foods, horticulture, and meat judging. Garretson has no teams competing this year, however the chapter will continue

to work towards having competitive teams in the future.

Shane Mueller is competing in the National FFA Agriscience Fair. He was one of 15 students nation-wide invited to participate in the Animal Science division. This is the third year of competition for him after finishing 14th in the nation in 2011 and 11th in 2012.

On their way to Louisville, they plan to tour the St. Louis Arch, and St. Louis, MO. Once in Louisville, they will attend a career show, go to a horse park tour, see a hypnotist and attend four convention sessions.

The convention sessions will have speakers including Josh Sunquist, US ParaOlympic Ski team, Joe Torillo-survivor of 9-11 Tower attack, and Rick Pitino-coach of the University of Louisville basketball team. Probably the

most exciting thing for many is go to the Dierks Bently and Jana Kramer concert!

The Garretson chapter will be awarded the Three Star Chapter Award which ranks the chapter among the top 100 chapters out of 7,500 in the United States (top 1.5% of all chapters in the US, continuous since 1999, 15 years in a row)

Senior, Caitlyn Thorson, will be one of the FFA members attending the Convention. This will be her fourth year going! She is most excited to meet new people from all of the other chapters. She said, "It's very fun, you get to meet people from all the different states!"



# The Volleyball Team Did It Again: Lost

By Morgan Frewaldt

The Garretson volleyball team had a game Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, in Howard.

The first set was very successful for Garretson, they dominated tigers 25 to 10. The second set not so much. The tigers came out on top with a score of 25 to 21. Coming back from the loss Garretson took, they ended up getting the strength to take the third set with a score 25 to 22. For the next two intense sets, the Tiger's took the overall win with a score of 25 to 19 in the third and then 18 to 16 in the fifth.

Though Garretson lost, it was one of their better games, stats-wise. Haley Edmundson had 12 kills. Brianna Duerr had seven kills and four blocks. Peyton Heitkamp had six kills and four blocks. Teila Carnicle had five kills and 20 digs. Chayce Brinkman had five kills and 20 assists. Jennie Hegge had 23 digs. Lara Luke had an outstanding 11 blocks for the team!

Though starting sophmores, Heitkamp and Luke didn't have bad games they both agreed that it wasn't their best game.

Garretson also had another match in Volga against Sioux Valley on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

It was overall not a good game for the

Lady Dragons. The ladies didn't show up to play and the stats show.

Edmundson had six kills. Heitkamp, Luke and Carnicle each had three. Carnicle also added seven digs. Hegge had six digs.

The unimpressive stats showed in their poor performance, losing in three fast sets with scores: 17-25, 16-25, and 15-25.

Unfortunately this was Garretson's last regular season game leading into their region game that will be played against the Flandreau Indian School.

Though the last two games weren't the best

Luke said, about the upcoming game, "I am pretty confident as long as we talk and show up to play!" Heitkamp somewhat agreed saying, "depends on how we play, if we play to our full potential."

The region tournament is single elimination, Garretson's first game will be held on

## Region 3A Volleyball Tournament

#1 SF Christian	Scores:		
#4 Garretson	Date: Thursday, Nov. 7 Time: 6:00pm Site: SF Christian	Scores:	
#5 Flandreau Indian	Date: Tuesday, Nov. 12 Time: 7:00pm Site: Neutral site TBD		
#3 Flandreau	Date: Tuesday, Nov. 5 Time: 7:00pm Site: Flandreau	Scores:	
#6 Dell Rapids	Date: Thursday, Nov. 7 Time: 7:30pm approx. Site: SF Christian	Scores:	
#2 Madison			

School	Seed	Pts
SF Christian	45	18
Madison	41	34
Flandreau	38	40
Garretson	36	48
Flandreau Indian	35	00
Dell Rapids	34	83

# October PRIDE Winner has Constant Presence at School

Alisha Nelson has been serving as a substitute teacher for the Garretson School District for the past five years. During that time, she has been willing to take on whatever position is needed, and is quick to help out at a last-minute notice.

Recently she has taken on a long-term vocal music substitute position and has embraced the challenge of this position with positive energy and a collaborative nature. We appreciate all that Nelson has done for the Garretson Public Schools.



## Overrated!

By Aaron Dunn

With the NFL at the halfway point some major sports authorities have already chosen their favorites for the various awards (MVP, offensive/defensive player of the year, rookies of the year). However, some people have their own opinions on the award winners and why some of the players the experts picked are overrated.

In most cases the unanimous MVP winner would be Peyton Manning, however Manning is the most OVERRATED player in the NFL. Manning might be leading in passing yards, touchdowns, and yards per completion, but he is only leading these categories because he has the best receiving core in the league.

Manning also completes a big percentage of his passes in the zero to nine yard zones. He completes roughly 85% of his passes in this area. Manning is only completing 47% of his passes over twenty-one yards. This number is actually one of the best in the NFL, but he is on pace to throw forty-eight passes this

year which is the lowest in his career.

Manning is playing the quarterback position like an old man by only throwing the ball at maximum of nine yards every play.

The sports world also over hypes all of the scrambling quarterbacks such as Russell Wilson and Robert Griffin III, better known as RG3. In the most recent game, Russell Wilson only threw for 135 yards, his season low, against a struggling Rams team.

RG3 is just like Wilson in his playing style. RG3 is a scrambling quarterback who if he sees any kind of a chance to run he will. He is not only hurting his team by running and not throwing the ball to open receivers but he is also gaining little amounts of yards.

Wilson and RG3 are just trying to be more like a certain underrated quarterback, and his name is Cam Newton.

Newton is an all-star and the most electrifying player on his team. He not only leads a Panthers team that is not full of talented players like the previous

quarterbacks but he is also the perfect combination of speed and throwing power that an NFL quarterback needs.

Newton is an excellent player whereas RG3 and Wilson are terrific runners but do not have the ability to be an elite quarterback.

Manning knows how to read defenses better than anybody, but just like most quarterbacks in the NFL, doesn't know how to throw the long ball effectively.

Many people will probably disagree saying that Manning is the "best" player in the game; however, there are plenty of better players than him, such as Newton. With all the hype about the Broncos potentially winning the Super Bowl this year nobody ever sees anything wrong with Manning.

Sports experts overhype every player that has done well in the past. Even if the player messes up, they just forget about the mistake and compliment the person for messing up.



## Seniors' Last Stand

By Wyatt Fink

Tuesday Garretson played against Menno-Marion in the first round of playoffs. Hopes were high as the Dragons start their first 9AA playoff game. It was a cold night at the field but there were still a lot of fans.

The game was back and forth as the opposing team scored right away to make it 8-0. On the Dragon's next drive, they scored a touchdown by Brockhouse on a 39 yard run and two point conversion by Matthiesen which made it 8-8. The Razorbacks scored again and made it 16-8. The Dragon's scored again by a 19 yard dash by Johnson and a two point by Johnson made the score 16-16. The final play before half was a 98 yard fumble return by junior Matt Johnson and the halftime score was 24 -16.

In the second half the Dragons scored on the first drive by Johnson and made it 30-16. Then the razor backs came back and scored which made the 30- 24 and then they scored again to take the lead at 30-32. But then the Dragons scored a touchdown by Matthiesen for 58 yards but failed on the two point conversion and took the lead 36-32. The last minutes in game the Razorbacks scored and made it 40-36 and the score stood at the end of the game 40-36.

Head coach Kevin Steckler stated, "The fact that we didn't advance in the playoffs, doesn't diminish that we had very good year."

The thing Steckler's going to miss the

most about the seniors is that "they are a group of young men who came every day, with the idea that were going to get better, but more importantly they are an outstanding group of young men, that have the best years of their life ahead of them in whatever fields they choose".

What does the team did to work on in the offseason. Steckler replied, "get bigger, faster and stronger".

The last question Steckler replied to was, what was your favorite memory this year? "There isn't just one memory but a collection of memories that I will hold on to the rest of my life that were provided by the 2013 Blue Dragons".

## Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to turn back the clocks at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning as we hit the end of daylight savings time.

We participate in daylight savings time to make better use of the sun during the summer months.

An easy way to remember which way to move the clock is to fall back and spring ahead. In the fall, you push back an hour. In the spring, you jump ahead one hour.

Enjoy your extra hour of sleep this weekend!



## Luke Receives Ace Award

As a sophomore Lara is a starting middle hitter. Lara has a great work mentality and leads by example. She keeps a level head and does not let her emotions get in the way of supporting her team or playing her best. Lara has been a great role model for younger players and will continue to be an instrumental leader in seasons to follow.



## Jennie's Jump

By Joshua Liester

Have you ever thought that jumping out of a plane sounded like fun? Well, senior Jennie Hegge thought so, and she went skydiving last Sunday for her senior project.

"If I am going to put a lot of time into something, I want it to be something I am interested in," said Hegge explaining why she chose to jump out of a plane for her project.

To be able to go skydiving, Hegge took an eight hour class in Luverne, MN, where she watched videos on skydiving, learned how to pack a parachute, and many other things. After the class, the students could do a jump, but Hegge didn't meet the age requirement

of eighteen at the time, so she just watched other people jump. She is also reading a book about skydiving to further her knowledge of the activity.

When she finally got on the plane on Sunday, it took half an hour to get to 10,000 feet, the height where she would jump from. Hegge said, "I wasn't nervous. I had been there so many times and I was comfortable with the people."

Hegge jumped with an instructor on her back and took the leap. Later she said, "It was the best thing ever! You are going 120 miles per hour face down." Once she pulled

her parachute, her instructor showed her around the land, pointing out where Garretson, Brandon and other landmarks were.

After the jump was over, Hegge stated, "I wanted to do it again!" She recommends skydiving and says everyone should give it a try!

Hegge plans on doing another jump this weekend depending on the weather.



## Halloween Handouts Were More Than Candy

Garretson sixth graders were excited to go trick-or-treating this year, but for more than just the candy. The young participants went door to door collecting food for the Garretson Food Pantry. They organized a Halloween Food Find, donating non-perishable items to the local food pantry.

Reports said that the students collected two laundry baskets, heaping full, a full

Rubbermaid container, and a large insulated cooler bag full in the one hour they went around town.

This charitable occurrence was organized by Kylie Uhl and her mom. Many who participated have already expressed interest in making this an annual event. Thanks for your generosity and willingness to help out the community.



## Senior Spotlight

**SARAH GERSTING**

**Activities:** Cheer

**Favorite Memory:** Won state cheer last year in Alaska

**What are you going to miss the most?** My friends

**Future Plans:** Go to college

**Senior Project:** Job Shadowing



**LEVI FABER**

**Activities:** Motocross

**Favorite Memory:** 7<sup>th</sup> period Ag class Senior Year

**What are you going to miss the most?** Lunch  
**Future Plans:** Work in heating ventilation and air conditioning

**Senior Project:** Make a bench out of branches

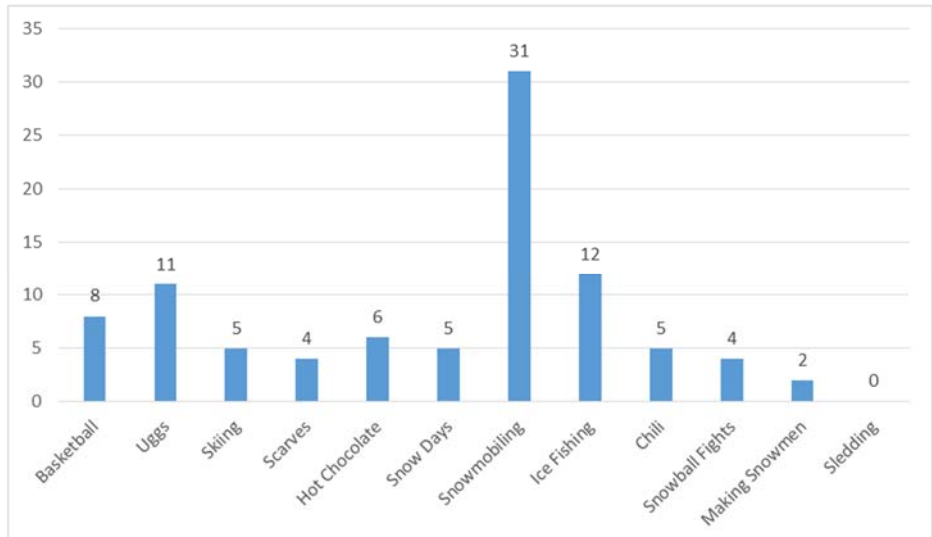


## Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked what their favorite part about having cold weather is.



Stop by Mrs. Buchholz's or Mr. Hughes' rooms on Monday to vote in next week's student opinion poll. The polls will be located inside the rooms.



**ANSWERS:**

**Brain Teaser:** One. If he combines all his haystacks, they all become one big stack

**Joke:** It didn't have the guts