



Garretson Weekly School Newspaper - Garretson, SD - Volume 1, Number 11

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Golfers use an estimated \$800 million worth of golf balls annually.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: A woman walks into a restaurant and orders a glass of water. The manager aims a gun at her, and the woman, pleased, says thank you and leaves. Why?

Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do you communicate with a fish?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, November 8

- Oral Interp @ SF Washington
- Middle School Dance in the Commons @ 7:00

Monday, November 11

- Veteran's Day Program in the New Gym @ 2:45

- School Board Meeting @ 5:30

Tuesday, November 12

- Volleyball playoffs—Round 3—Regions Championship

Thursday, November 14

- Bookmobile @ 8:30—3:00

Friday, November 15

- TATU Lock-In (Grades 4 & 5) @ 3:30—8:30

Saturday, November 16

- High School Fall Formal in the Old Gym @ 8:00

An Hour Without Power

By Morgan Frewaldt

On Thursday, October 31st, the Garretson School lost power. During first period, while everyone was working away, halfway done with class, the power randomly shut off. The most bizarre thing about it all, was that it was Halloween day.

Everyone was confused as the power was lost, thinking that maybe it was just in their classroom. What in the world could have caused this? Was it just a Halloween joke?

According to Mr. Long, "It was due to some work on the sewer system. They struck line that supplied power to the school and some other parts of town."

In some of the classrooms, there are not any windows. But thankfully enough, senior Chayce Brinkman was in the computer room across from Mrs. Gnadts' room, which had two windows, so everyone could still see. She said that she had a great time during the outage playing games with all of her friends!

But some students didn't get the luxury of playing games. One of the junior classes was in the middle of taking a test that they had to finish and then had to do an assignment for Mrs. Howe!

It wasn't just the students that were hoping for an early dismissal though! Teacher Mr. Hughes said that he and the class he was watching over were "telling ghost stories around the camp fire and singing "Kumbaya!"

and hoping to get an early start on Halloween festivities!

Mr. Long said that after an hour they have to really start thinking about releasing school due to the inability to cook lunch. During the black out he was busy making calls to Excel Energy trying to determine when the power would be restored and also preparing messages for school reach to dismiss school.

How close were we to getting out? "Within minutes of calling school until being notified it was going to be

fixed shortly," said Mr. Long!

If you think it was crazy for the high school students being in the dark imagine what the elementary teachers were going through with all of their young children.

Well actually the children were "very well behaved" elementary secretary, Norinda Sandbulte said. Then she went on to say, "They were quiet but some had to be shuffled out of dark rooms like the bathroom!"

The teachers were doing their part in reassuring that it was just the lights that were shut off and nothing more serious. Thankfully enough it did not interfere with the children's Halloween activities as they were at the end of the day.

It was definitely a Halloween that no one will forget thanks to the construction men who helped us spend an hour without power!



Nelson's Leadership Garners A.C.E. Award

Mariah Nelson has entered this season with energy and eagerness. Not only is she working on her own piece with enthusiasm but is generating excitement about the oral interp program.

Nelson uses her natural abilities, coupled

with dramatic talents to bring out her best as well as her partner's during competitions. She is a wonderful role model for all students involved.



Volleyball Gets Win, Advances in Playoffs

By Joshua Liester

The Blue Dragon volleyball team took on Flandreau Indian School (FIS) at home on Tuesday for the first round of the post-season. The Dragons were the fourth seed in the region with the Indians seeded fifth.

The team was optimistic prior to the game. Senior Haley Edmundson said, "We have been practicing this last week and hopefully we will come off as a winning team. Their record is comparable to ours and I think we are the better team, but we still need to work hard and maintain a winning attitude."

Chayce Brinkman, also a senior, stated, "Everybody is a challenge, but I think we can overcome it. The key is putting everything together."

The Dragons came out firing, winning the first set 25-20. They continued their success edging out the Indians in a close second set 27-25. The scoring didn't stop there, though, as Garretson used their momentum to carry them to a win in the third set with a score of 25-10.

Brianna Duerr led the Dragons with

nine kills while Telia Carnicle added six of her own. Carnicle also led the team with five aces and twelve digs. Sophomore Lara Luke had five kills and two blocks. Morgan Frewalt contributed seven digs and three aces on the night, while Brinkman led the team with sixteen assists.

"We didn't play our best, but a win is a win and we'll take it. Our level of play needs to be much bigger our next game," said Edmundson.

Hoping to extend their season, the Dragons headed to Sioux Falls to face off against number one seeded Sioux Falls Christian in the second round of the region tournament on Thursday night.

Advancing into the Region Semi-Finals, Garretson took on the #1 ranked team in the state, Sioux Falls Christian. The Chargers were not only the favorites but had the home court advantage.

Garretson played competitively with the Chargers in the first set but were unable to overcome a quick 2-9 deficit and

ended up dropping the first set by a score of 12-25.

The second set was a different story. The Blue Dragons were point for point with the Chargers for the first half of the game. Garretson and Sioux Falls Christian engaged in long volleys, good rallies, and intense competition. However, halfway through the set, the Chargers picked up momentum and quickly slayed the Dragons' hopes of stealing a set with a 14-25 win.

The final set was just as intense but Sioux Falls Christian proved why they were the team to beat in the state. They finished off the set with a 9-25 win, taking the game in three straight sets.

While it was disappointing to not keep the season going, the Garretson Girls' Volleyball team was successful. They played one of their strongest games of the year last night and were able to advance out of the first round of playoffs for the first time in quite a few years.



Boston is the New Number One!

By Aaron Dunn

The baseball season is officially over. A new champion has been crowned and they are the Boston Red Sox! The Red Sox defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in six games. Boston took the opening game 8-1 with David Ortiz and Mike Napoli each driving in three RBIs.

In Game two the Cardinals squeaked by with the victory, winning 4-2. Rookie sensation, Michael Wacha, came out with the win and struck out six batters in the process!

Game three was a hard fought game that came down to the final inning. St. Louis won by

a "blown" call by the umpires. Will Middlebrooks was called for interference which allowed the Cardinals to score the winning run. The final score was 5-4.

Boston took the next game 4-2, which tied the series up 2-2. David Ortiz continued his batting dominance by going three-for-three, and scoring two of the four runs for Boston.

The fifth game was no different than game four. Boston took home the win by winning 3-1. Pitcher, Jon Lester threw a strong 7 2/3 innings, while striking out seven batters in his way.

For the first time in nearly 100 years the Boston Red Sox clinched the World Series title at home in Fenway. Boston took down the Cardinals 6-1 in the final game of the

series. Closer Koji Uehara finished the game by striking out Matt Carpenter for his twenty-first save of the postseason.

David Ortiz was crowned the 2013 World Series MVP for his spectacular performance at the plate. He had an outstanding batting average of .688 and had three homeruns and six RBIs.

Baseball fan Tait Johnson believes that the Red Sox "have a good shot but it is hard to repeat." He didn't think that the Red Sox were even going to win, he believed that the "Cardinals were going to walk away with the W."

He enjoyed the series and hopefully the next year when the Red Sox win again, it will be just as enjoyable.



If It Flies, It Dies

By Wyatt Fink

It's time to load your gun or bow because it's that time of the year again, HUNTING SEASON! Hunting season started in October for pheasants and deer.

Some prime towns for pheasant hunting

are Chamberlin, Winner, Pierre, and Moberly. The least common place for pheasants is the western part of the state: Sisseton, Watertown, Brookings, and Sioux Falls. However that area seems to be the

best for deer hunting.

Some little known facts about the game of choice this fall are as follows. The first pheasant in South Dakota was found in the 1919.

"Hunting" continued: pg 3



Keep Calm and Sing On!

By Jennie Hegge

All State Chorus was held in Sioux Falls on Friday, November 1, and Saturday, November 2, at the Sioux Falls Arena. There were 961 students who attended this event. Garretson sent seniors, TJ Boland and Sarah Gersting, and sophomores, Katie Geisler, and Cole Fiegen!

When those four first arrived to the arena, they took their seats at their assigned bleacher section. They were then given time to meet and introduce themselves to the individuals around them that they didn't already know. Once they were finished with that, they sang and sang the two days away! Of course there were occasional ten minute breaks and lunch/supper breaks, but besides that, the two days consisted completely of singing and perfecting their eight performance songs!

Boland was a four-year member of All State Chorus. That is quite an honor! "It's been exciting," Boland exclaims about

being a four-year member! He also went on to say, "I think we all did outstanding and it was lots of fun!" Even though it was lots of fun he did say his least favorite part was having to stand for 12 hours!

Boland actually got into choir because of his mom. She had been telling him for years to join the choir, so finally in his freshman year he decided to give it a try. He doesn't regret that decision at all! He loves choir and actually plans on being a chorus director for his career.

Giesler said the biggest thing she learned was, "It is okay to move around and have fun even if it is a serious thing because it makes it more enjoyable." Giesler plans on trying out again next year to be a third year member because, "It's just an amazing experience!"

Saturday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m., was the actual performance of the All State Chorus. On top of the 961 chorus

members, there were also the orchestra members. The entire arena was almost completely full! There the All State Chorus sang the eight songs they had been practicing. Some of the songs were a joint performance with the orchestra and some were not. The performance lasted about an hour and 15 minutes.

While not everyone was able to participate in All State, the opportunity to support the members was available. In addition to physically being in attendance, interested viewers could watch the performance live on South Dakota Public Television.

The four Garretson representatives did an outstanding job performing and representing the school. Hopefully Garretson is able to send at least another four next year!



Senior Projects Receive Mixed Bag of Emotions!

By Teila Carnicle

Senior projects are a requirement for to graduate. Many agree that doing this is something they do not enjoy!

Mr. Lynch, the math teacher at Garretson High School, said, "Yes" to thinking that the seniors should have to do senior projects.

"Colleges are moving towards more project based learning. Projects we give you could be considered a warm up for college. In addition, many seniors have found life-long skills and hobbies because of their senior projects," said Lynch, who also went on to say, "Just quit whining and get it done!"

Mariah Nelson, who is doing Zumba for her senior project, pointed out, "I like doing my senior project! It's fun, and I also like having other people involved in it

too!"

"My favorite thing about doing Zumba is the energy and feeling; especially seeing everyone have fun," exclaimed Nelson.

Unlike Nelson, Morgan Frewaldt hates doing senior projects! "I hate that I have to spend a bunch of time and money on something that I don't even care about just to get a good grade."

Even though Frewaldt hates doing it, she doesn't regret choosing scuba diving as her project. "I wouldn't change what I picked because now I know that I hate scuba diving," expressed Frewaldt.

Seniors aren't the only ones worrying about it! Junior, Taiya Bunde, is also someone not looking forward to doing a senior project!

Bunde said she had heard some things

about it; "I heard they are very time consuming and require a lot of dedication." She reiterated that, "I don't think it's going to be fun and I don't want to write a ten page paper!"

Bunde doesn't know what she wants to do yet, but she's confident she'll pick something she really enjoys!

"I have to start thinking about it so I have a good idea. I want to pick something I'm interested in so that it means more to me when I finish it."

Senior projects are indeed time consuming and do take a lot of dedication! Be sure to pick something you enjoy and won't hate spending a lot of time researching. The best advice any senior could give you is to NOT PROCRASTINATE!



Hunting continued from pg 2

Pheasants were from Asia, originally brought to America in 1881 as a gift from the Chinese. Deer can live up to 11 years, and they would rather starve than leave their territory.

Many people have different hobbies and hunting is one for Sophomore Evan Fick; "I enjoy the thrill of the hunt."

"Yes, I enjoy it because you do it with close friends and family," said Mr. Lynch.

Great memories can happen when hunting; Mr. Lynch says it's when he shot an elk up in his home of Montana.

Fick's favorite memory is when he shot his first deer, "It made me feel great."

There's nothing better than eating deer

or pheasant but sometimes it is a controversy over which one is better.

Mr. Lynch says deer is better because you can make a lot of stuff out of deer since he doesn't know many recipes about pheasant.

So get out your guns and bows because it's time to kill this delicious game.

Do You PLAN on Taking the ASVAB?

By Katie Giesler

The ACT test can be a very intimidating thing for junior and senior students. However, if you're a sophomore, you have a chance to prepare yourself for it!

If you're in your second year of high school, you are eligible to take the PLAN test. This is a sort of Pre-ACT test that familiarizes students with the actual ACT format.

The PLAN test, on average, takes up most of the morning hours for students. Earlier, the sophomores that chose to pay the thirteen dollars and take the test, spent their first four class periods upstairs in the health room, testing on English, math, reading and science.

Garretson sophomore, Kyrstyn Beck, was one of many in her class who chose to take the test this morning.

A few days before the PLAN test, Beck said, "I'm hoping that this test will make taking the ACT test next year, easier."

Beck's classmate, Haley Sage, was feeling a little indifferent when the test was

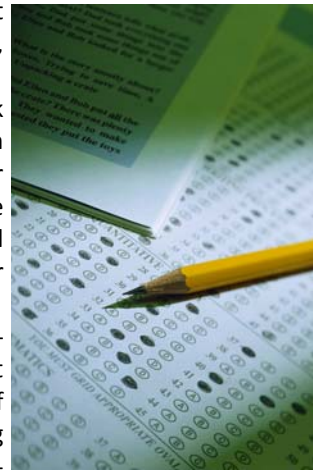
mentioned. She said, "I don't really know what to expect, but I hope I'll do well!"

While the sophomores took the PLAN test today, on Wednesday, some of the junior class was busy taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, or ASVAB test.

The ASVAB test is free, optional, and mostly for juniors. It is a test required to take if you're thinking about entering the military, but it's also a generalization of your current skills for any career.

The test looks at your analytical skills, creativity, memorization, and then gives you an idea of where you are in relation to where you need to be to get to the skill requirements of your ideal career.

Joshua Liester was one of the juniors who took the ASVAB test on Wednesday.



Beforehand, he just had hopes of doing well. Afterwards, he said, "I think I did good. It was easier than I thought it was going to be."

Aaron Dunn was another junior to take the test. Going into it, he said, "Of course [I'll do well]. I have no idea why though." After it was all said and done, he also said that the test was "easier than I thought it was going to

be." Dunn said he was, "happy to be out of class" to take the test.

Both tests were long, taking up many of the student's hours. However, despite the time-consuming work, both a few sophomores and juniors could agree that their test was well-worth taking.

Senior Spotlight

BRIANA BOTTELBERGHE

Activities: Youth Group, Cheerleading, Color guard, Choir

Favorite Memory: Dragon Olympics

What are you going to miss the most? Seeing all my friends' everyday

Future Plans: To go to school for cosmetology

Senior Project: Hosting a cheer camp for the little girls



TJ BOLAND

Activities: Choir, Track, Theatre

Favorite Memory: All State Chorus

What are you going to miss the most? Everything

Future Plans: Go off to school and become a choir director

Senior Project: Learning to play the piano

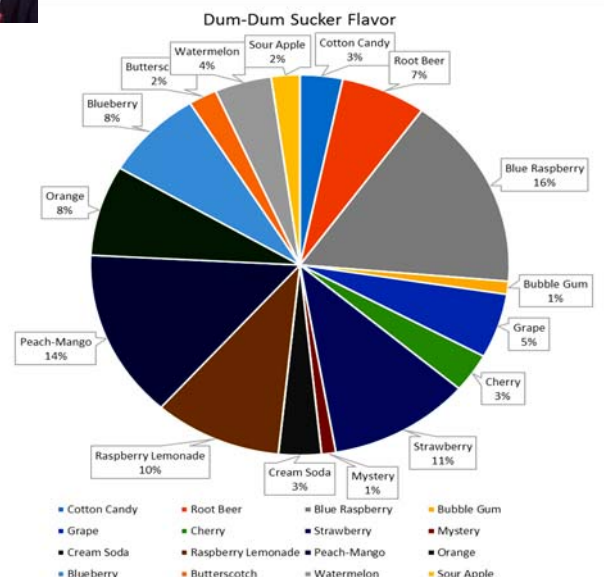


Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked what their favorite flavor of Dum-Dum Sucker 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: The woman had the hiccups and the manager scared her.

Joke: You drop it a line.