

# Blue Ink



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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** 76% of people eat the ears on chocolate bunnies first.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** In 1874, Good Friday fell on a Tuesday. How is that possible?  
*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?  
*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Friday, April 18

- No School

#### Saturday, April 19

- Club Baseball @ West Central

#### Monday, April 21

- No School  
- ACT Prep Class—Reading

#### Tuesday, April 22

- Golf @ Baltic Invitational  
- Track @ Alcester-Hudson-Beresford Invitational

#### Wednesday, April 23

- Spring Sports Pictures

#### Thursday, April 24

- Bookmobile—8:30-3:00  
- 7/8 @ Outdoor Campus  
- 7/8 Track @ Home Invitational

#### Friday, April 25

- JV/V Golf @ BEC Tournament in Dell Rapids  
- TATU Middle School Lock In



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

## Garretson Blows by the Competition

By Aaron Dunn

Garretson hosted their first track meet last Saturday, the Jesse James invitational! This is the first of two home meets.

The girls as a team received a second place finish with a score of 119. Mara Vandeberg blazed past the competition in the 200 meter dash with a first place finish. The Bohl sisters ran the 3200 meters and finished in first, Carmen, and fourth, Macey.

In the 4x800, the Garretson girls took home the gold! The Bohl sisters ran with Peyton Sage and Teisha Carnicle to finish just seconds ahead of the second place finishers!

In the 300 meter hurdles, Michelle Carnicle and Brianna Mudder finished back to back with second and third place finishes.

In the field events, the girls excelled just as much as the runners. In the long jump Taiya Bunde placed fifth. In shot put Haley Edmundson earned herself a fourth place medal, but she didn't stop there, she also finished in second place in discus.

As a team, the guys finished in fifth place but still saw success from their athletes. Conner Blossmo left his competition in the dust in the 100 meter dash, claiming first place. Austin Matthesien and Sean Tillma weren't that far behind Blossmo, finishing in fifth and seventh place.

Blossmo and Matthesien were still cruising past the competitors in the 200 meter dash, with Blossmo placing second and Matthesien in fourth.

Josh Powell placed fifth in the 800 meter dash finishing just a few seconds after the four runners ahead of him. Powell however placed third in the 1600 meters, nearly earning a first place finish.

Josh Liester and Evan Fick were neck and neck in the 3200 meters and Liester beat out Fick for the fourth place finish!



In the relays, Garretson excelled in the 4x100. With three of the four members of the relay finishing in the top ten, they had to win, and that's exactly what they did! Blossmo, Tillma, Matthesien and Alex Thorson made up the victorious team.

The track team also traveled to Salem on Tuesday and still had success away from home.

Vandeberg placed first in the 100 meter dash and second in the 200 meter dash.

M. Carnicle and Mudder again finished back to back in the 300 meter hurdles, but this time placing first and second!

All members of the long distance female runners did extremely well and Carmen Bohl won the 1600 meter run and Jaden Bly won the 3200 meters. The girls team came away with the team victory, crushing the competition with 166 points.

For the boys throwers, Matt Johnson placed second in the shot put, and he also helped out the 4x100 team come away with the victory.

Also on the 4x100 team, Blossmo won the 100 meter dash, with Matthesien coming in fourth.

The boys also won the 3200 meter relay with the members being, Powell, Liester, Fick, and Fitzgerald.

In the solo 3200 meter run, Liester and Fick were back at it and Liester barely edged out Fick, but they decided the real winner with a wrestling match. Liester also won that contest too.

Liester said that he "felt good that we ran together and we ran well together." Liester's goals for the remainder of the season is to "run faster so that I can cut my time, and to keep a faster pace in the races".

Good job to the tracksters so far and keep up the good work the rest of the year.



## Readers are Leaders

By Jesse Brockhouse

Woohoo It's library week! You are so stoked right? Well if you aren't, go check the library and save some of that college money. What? Yeah, that 35 cents you have due for a library fine will be waived if you go renew your book or hand it in! If that doesn't excite you, then your lack of emotion is killin' me, whew.

"I am certainly thrilled beyond words that the kids will be relieved of their library fines," commented Mrs. McClure.

On the real side, national library week is a way to celebrate librarians and the impact they have on students and other people who

use the library. From reading you stories in kindergarten to helping you find novels your senior year, librarians have always been there to help you.

"National Library Week is meant to highlight the function of libraries in our society, and to promote reading for all age groups," comment our very own librarian, Mrs. Williamson. "The most important benefit is for students to read more; to have an awareness of the importance and pleasure of reading daily".

Mrs. Williamson thought the students have really appreciated their fine forgiveness



and says there seems to be more kids in the library this week. She also said when students come in to check out a book they can register to win a prize! The prizes are not limited to but go as far as winning a copy of *Divergent*!

With library week almost wrapped up, don't let that stop you from going into the library more often. Reading is important no matter how much you despise it at times. So get into the library and check out one of those books!



## Hitting Off the Season

By Katie Giesler

Last week, the Garretson Blue Dragons club baseball team played against Lennox. It was a home game, and our boys took the win that night with a definitive final score of 16-2. Talk about a homerun!

"It felt like a practice game," comments sophomore catcher, Alex Andersen. "It felt great [to win]."

Right fielder, Matt Hulscher, says it wasn't really an exciting game because of it being such a snag. He says, "We scored a lot of runs and it got boring after that. But the dugout was fun!"

This game was definitely an improvement from the first game of the season against Dells. Going from a first long lasting game with only one successful run to a 16-2 game, one can only imagine how this season's going to go!

Recently, the Dragons headed to Tea this past Sunday to play a bitterly cold game of ball. This game was the third of the season that ended 4-3, with the Dragons taking home the win.

"Our hitting is getting better, our defense is pretty good, and we'll improve throughout the year by hitting dingers," mentions third baseman Brady Schleuter.

Sean Tillma, catcher, expresses distaste in playing in such cold weather. "It hurts [my hand] every time the ball is thrown!" he says.

Senior ball player, centerfielder and pitcher, Jesse Brockhouse, says he's looking forward to playing West Central because, "They'll be good competition. It'll be good for us." and Dells once more, "Just to know that we're playing better and to see how we've improved."

Although, he thinks Harrisburg will be a difficult team to play against because, "They're always tough."

"A state title and a good personal stat line," is something junior pitcher and infielder, Aaron Dunn, says he hopes to see out of the season before it ends.

Garretson has had a strong swing of players for the last few years. This year should be no different, either! Hopefully the Dragons can make a comeback after a one-year hiatus and win the State Champion title in Class A!

"I believe we can win it because we've all been to a state title game before, and all have the experience to win it again," comments Dunn.

And with such experience in the bank, Garretson's sure to get another home run at state.



## Going Down South

By Teila Carnicle

Who wouldn't want to go to Orlando, this summer? Especially to Walt Disney World! Be jealous because that's exactly what our very own classmates, Tristen Wagner and Brady Schleuter, are up to this summer!

For those of you who don't know what's going on, this wrestling event is in Orlando, Florida at the Disney All Star Sports Complex. Young high school students who made it to their state wrestling tournament but didn't place are invited.

This is a rare opportunity for young men in high school, especially from a small town like Garretson, to attend.

The event starts on June 24th and lasts four to five days. One day out of the five is

given to the boys to allow them free time to go sight seeing around Orlando!

During the first four days the guys will be wrestling some of the best wrestlers across the U.S!

Tristen Wagner, a junior, is excited to be invited to this event! "At first I didn't want to go because it's so expensive, but it's a once in a lifetime opportunity so why not."

Wagner looks forward to this event as he stated that the event is pretty much "state vs. state, so it should be pretty interesting."

Another lucky student that has the chance to gain some wrestling experience is Brady Schleuter! Schleuter, a sophomore, is expressing the same amount of gratitude as Wagner did! "I'm excited. It's a new experi-

ence wrestling teams around the U.S and it helps me get experience for next year."

Schleuter reiterated off that thought by simply saying he's lucky for being invited!

Jason Bohl, head coach of the wrestling team couldn't be happier for the two! Bohl says they have had plenty of students go in the past.

Bohl continued to say that he is proud of them and that "anytime an athlete is willing to do something out of season it shows their commitment to the sport."

Congratulations to Tristen and Brady for being invited to Florida for an amazing opportunity! We all hope you make great accomplishments down south!

## Lynch Takes on Additional Role

By Mary Christian

With Mr. Arend retiring, Garretson School has been looking for a new activities director to represent them through all its sporting events. This is a big job for one person, but high school math teacher, Mr. Lynch, has decided to take on the task.

You may be wondering what an activities director does. "Some of the responsibilities include setting up for events, organizing schedules, purchasing necessary equipment, providing support for coaches and activity leaders, communicating with the community about events in the district, and overall, do what I can to help the activities run as smoothly as possible," comment Lynch about his new position.

Lynch started off his career with attending college in South Dakota. "I received my bachelor's degree from Dakota State University and my M.Ed from University of Sioux Falls," after college, Lynch was hired at Lake Preston School District in 2010. He began teaching here, in Garretson, August of 2011, as the high school math teacher taking over for Mr. Sylliasen who retired.

Lynch took over algebra 1 and 2, geometry, and calculus; now he taking on the new role of activities director as well. How will he balance making lesson plans for classes and

lining up sporting event for Garretson's athletes? "It will be important to dedicate time to both so they both receive the attention they need. I take a lot of pride in being a teacher and trying my best to help students explore their education and I'm excited I get to keep that portion of my daily responsibilities. I am also excited about adding in the extra-curricular responsibilities and exploring a new avenue within the school," relayed Lynch about his way of handling both activities delicately.

Lynch says, "I'm ecstatic to be the new Athletic Director in Garretson. The main reason is because we have a wonderful group of teachers, coaches, and community members which makes Garretson a great place to work. I am a bit nervous to take over for Mr. Arend who has done a wonderful job for a number of years, but I am excited to get started and I hope to fill his shoes to the best of my ability."

Filling in such a big position for Arend, who has set the bar high, has Lynch a little under pressure. "There is some pressure because of the expectations he has set and how things have ran smoothly for years. I certainly do not anticipate running things exactly the same as Mr. Arend, but my hope

is to make some changes which will benefit the activity programs in Garretson."

Talking about making changes Lynch commented, "I have a few things in mind. I would like to explore as a district to see how we can improve." He also has some new goals in mind for our school. "I think we can build off some of the positives we already have a foundation for and continue to stress those points. Some examples of those would be school pride, sportsmanship, great coaches, and a strong community support."

Lynch has some serious adjusting to do coming into next school year with taking on this new role. "Time management will be a large hurdle for me simply because of the changes happening this year. I will still be teaching a nearly full schedule, I will be an AD, which is a full time position in itself, and lastly my wife and I are becoming parents! I will have to do my best to juggle my time so each piece of my professional and personal life is given the attention it needs and deserves," says Lynch.

Congratulations Mr. Lynch on becoming Garretson's new activities director! We wish you the best of luck in your new position and commend you for taking on such a huge task.

## Music to Our Ears

By Joshua Liester

The musical students at Garretson all crammed onto one bus and took their talents on the road to Harrisburg this past Wednesday to compete in the Large Group Band and Choir Contest!

For the contest, the band and choir each performed a selection of songs to a group of judges who then worked with them and critiqued their performances. The judges would then give them a rating of a 1-superior, 2-Excellent, or 3-Good.

The choir was up first and it was somewhat bittersweet with it being director Mrs. Roskamp's last competition at Garretson. Katie Giesler, a sophomore choir member, stated, "I'm more or less sad because this is the last large group contest with Mrs. Roskamp. I can't imagine having a lot of fun with someone else because she's like my choir mom and I don't like change."

Roskamp was also very sad about this being her last year at Garretson, but was

confident in the choir. "This is probably the most prepared choir I've ever had," said Roskamp. "I think they will do well if they stay focused."

The choir had three songs prepared to sing at the contest. Two of the songs they sang, "Keep Your Lamps" and "For the Beauty of the Earth", had already been performed at the winter concert, so they just polished them up for the contest. They have been working on the other song, "Why We Sing", for about three weeks.

Well, the choir delivered with a strong performance, getting a 2+ on their performance. Giesler said of the performance, "I feel like we could have done a lot better and gotten a 1 if we had more time to warm up. It was also difficult because we were the first group to go and judges usually critique the first group hardest."

Now it was the band's turn to show their stuff! The high school band along

with some of the middle school musicians performed the songs "The Hometown Boy March" and "When the Spring Rain Begins to Fall". Band director Mr. Sittig said that the songs they played were from the band dinner and he was confident in the group's abilities to perform them well.

Jacob Liester is a percussionist in the band, and he, too, stated that the band was thorough in its preparation for the contest. "We work on them every day in band," stated Liester.

After their performance, Liester said the band had sounded great and he thought they would get a good rating. Sittig agreed with him saying the band did "very well." Their final rating was also a 2+, as they got 28 out of 35 points from the judges.

Great job to both the band and choir on a successful day!



## Field Trip Day

By Jennie Hegge



Hey, little sharks, what time is it? FIELD TRIP TIME, YOU BETCHA. It doesn't matter what age you are; field trip day is always the best day! Educational or not, just being able to get out of the building and gain new experiences is definitely exciting.

"Some kids were so excited, some not even being able to sleep the night before," commented kindergarten teacher Mrs. Liester.

This past Friday, the kindergarten class, along with both first grade classes, traveled to the Children's Museum in Brookings, SD. The Children's Museum is a hands-on learning experience about science and art, where

the kids get to play and learn at the same time.

"The children [were] able to role play and interact with their peers. Their favorite activities were climbing the cloud, being able to dig for bones in the sand with their shoes and socks off, seeing the dinosaurs, and working at the grocery store," added Liester.

Everyone really had their own idea of what their favorite part about the field trip was. "I liked to go to the shopping because you got to scan the food," commented kindergarten Jordan Dewitte.

First graders Colin Shellum, Cole Jessen, and Mia Christensen's favorite thing was a

little different. "Clouds that go up to the sky that we get to

climb."

The clouds did happen to be kindergartener Jack Paterson's favorite thing too, but for a different reason. "Cause I climbed to the top for the first time."

Sounds like the field trip was a good time! If you ask kindergartener, Cole Schleuter, he would have to agree. "You can go under and like fix cars and stuff and put gas in them."

Whether you enjoy climbing, fixing, scanning, or just playing, the field trip was a success. The students had the opportunity to play while they learned, all while getting out of school for the day.

## Most Recent PRIDE Award Winner

Mrs. Trista Vandersnick is the newest PRIDE award recipient. Vandersnick serves the school district as a Preschool Assistant. She volunteered to lengthen her school days this year by accepting a bus aide posi-

tion. Shea rides the afternoon bus route every day to ensure student safety and her help with this position is much appreciated. The seemingly small supervision needs throughout the day are often filled by staff

who are willing to volunteer their help and fill in where necessary. Trista Vandersnick is one of these individuals.



## Senior Spotlight

**NATHAN SKORR**

**Activities:** None

**Favorite Memory:** Being hypnotized at senior prom

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

**Future Plans:** Be an over-the-road truck driver

**Senior Project:** Automotive body painting



**MITCH DUNCAN**

**Activities:** Tractor Pulling

**Favorite Memory:** Last ride in class of 2012's class car

**What are you going to miss the most?** I will for sure miss the faculty most

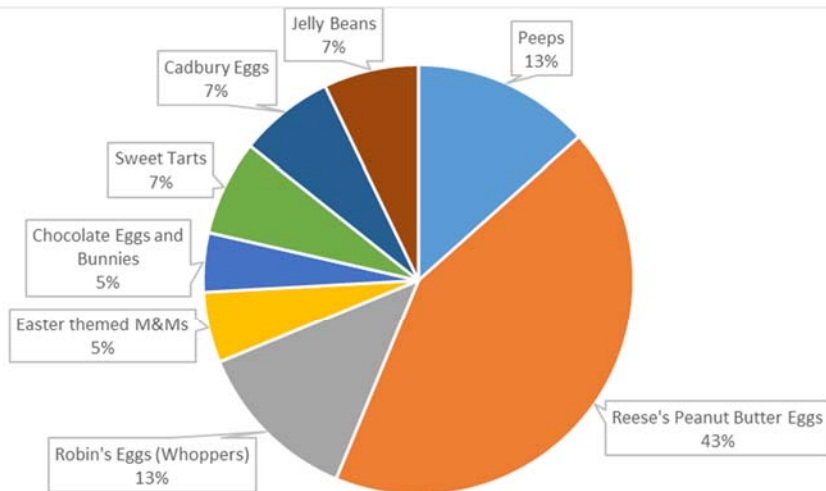
**Future Plans:** Become a billionaire and buy a pet lion

**Senior Project:** Building a pulling tractor



## Student Opinion Poll

We asked the Garretson students what their favorite Easter candy is.



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

**ANSWERS: Brain Teaser:** In 1874, a horse named Good Friday, fell in a race held on a Tuesday

**Joke:** It might crack up!