

# Blue Ink



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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Cashews are actually a fleshy fruit. The nut that we eat is the seed that grows on the outside of the fruit.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg is white" or "The yolk of the egg are white?"

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** How do you get a peanut to laugh?

Answer on back page

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Friday, May 9

- 5th Grade Field Trip to Omaha
- 7/8 Golf @ Home
- Golf @ Pre-Region Tournament
- 7/8 Track @ Chester
- FFA Banquet in Old Gym

#### Saturday, May 10

- Track @ Parker Invitational

#### Sunday, May 11

- Club Baseball Playoffs @ Home

#### Monday, May 12

- 3rd Grade Field Trip to KSFY and Canaries Baseball
- Golf @ Region Meet—Elmwood
- Track @ Dell Rapids Invitational
- School Board Meeting

#### Tuesday, May 13

- Elementary Field Day
- 7/8 Track @ Big East Conference
- ACT Prep Class—English

#### Wednesday, May 14

- Athletic Physicals @ the school

#### Thursday, May 15

- Golf @ Jesse James Invitational

## A Year in Review

Thank you for a successful first year at Garretson, and with that first year, a successful newspaper.

It was a new adventure for all involved. The journalism staff has worked hard all year to keep you up-to-date on the latest happenings within these school walls, as well as a few adventures outside.



The *Blue Ink* has been able to produce an issue each week for your enjoyment. In this week's issue we are highlighting the events over the past 2013-2014 school year.

Thank you for an efficacious and worthwhile first volume of the *Blue Ink*. We look forward to future volumes and issues produced by the students in the future.

## Girls' Cross Country Finishes the Year with Success

By Teila Carnicle

Successful would be a good word to describe how the girls cross country team did this year! Excelling at state and all their meets, the girls and coach, Mr. Bohl, couldn't be happier.

State was by far the highlight of their season as the girls walked away with first place!

The placings for the girls' went as follows: Carmen Bohl, fifth place; Haley Sage, sixth place; Peyton Sage, 32nd; Teisha Carnicle, 36th; Jaden Bly, 86th; and Macey Bohl placing 102nd!

Putting a cherry on top of the cake with some help from the guys placing third, they had also won the combined team award.

By leading the girls cross country team to extremely good placings, a state championship, the boys to third, and winning the over-

all combined team award, Mr. Bohl was named The Circle of Champions Coach of the Year!

Congratulations to the girls and Mr. Bohl for having a successful cross country year! Good luck next year as you will be returning with most if not all of the same girls!



Photo submitted by Mr. Jason Bohl

## Boys' Cross Country Starts and Ends Strong

By Aaron Dunn

The Garretson boys' cross country team saw success all year leading up to the state meet.

With victories at McCook, West Central, Dell Rapids, conferences, and regions, the boys team had high hopes heading into state.

Joshua Liester was the only boy to win a race, coming out on top in the conference

race. However, cross country is a team sport and the Blue Dragons took that to heart.

Garretson finished in third place at state and combined with the girls to become the overall champions.

Evan Fick came away with a seventh place finish, and Joshua Powell finished in 15th.



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

## Girls' Basketball Basks in Success

By Joshua Liester

The girls' basketball season was one filled with excitement and drama as the team made it to the state tournament for the first time in 34 years and only the second time in school history.

There were many ups and downs throughout the season. One of the ups included Haley Edmundson scoring her 1,000th point of her high school career, which only three other Garretson girls have ever accomplished.

At the end of the regular season the record stood at 9-11 with the Dragons sitting as the second seed in the region. This earned them a first round bye in the playoffs, which led to a second round matchup with Sioux Falls Christian. The game was back and

forth, but Garretson came away with the win, 48-42.

Next up was the Madison Bulldogs and with a trip to the state tournament in Spearfish on the line the Lady Dragons came to play. After a rough start to the game, the girls pulled it together for a 46-40 win.

In Spearfish, even with many fans making the trip across the state, the team struggled to get the ball through the net, losing to St. Thomas Moore, Pine Ridge, and Webster



Photo by SDPB.org

Area during the tournament as they took home 8th place. Earning a spot on first team all-state was Edmundson.

Even though the games didn't go as well as the team hoped, it was still a great experience for players and fans alike.

## Band and Choir Create Harmony This Year

By Jesse Brockhouse

With the year at its end students, teachers, and coaches look back on their accomplishments over the past year. Among the topics of discussion was the achievements of band and choir.

Putting on multiple concerts and even a dinner, band and choir had yet another successful year. TJ Boland, Cole Feigen, Katie

Giesler, and Sarah Gersting were all participants in the All State Choir performance at the Sioux Falls Arena. Boland was awarded for being a participant in All State for four years!

As for Band under Mr. Sittig, they attended many marching band competitions and a number of concerts. Placing first at the Al-

vester marching band competition was definitely the highlight of the year and gives them the confidence to come back next year a get a few more!



## Football Season Ends Earlier than Hoped

By Joshua Liester

The Garretson football team went into the 2013 season with a new head coach, a new class, and a winning attitude on their way to a 7-2 record.



Mr. Steckler took over the head coaching position after former head coach Mr. Hughes stepped down. The Blue Dragons also stepped down a class to 9-AA after several years of 11-man football.

first loss of the year in Canistota. The team was unable to rebound from the loss, though, losing the next week to Menno/ Marion in the first round of playoffs by a close score of 36-40.

The team was unstoppable at the beginning of the year, blowing out almost every team en route to a 7-0 start before the team's

Earning All-Conference honors for the season were Jesse Brockhouse, Austin Matthiesen, Matt Johnson. Blake Severson, Alex Thorson, and Tanner Gutzmer were all Honorable Mentions.

Although it ended in a tough loss, the season as a whole was a success, and the transition to 9-man football was a smooth one.



## Soccer Joins Ranks as Sanctioned Sport

By Wyatt Fink

Garretson had its first games as a sanctioned sport this past fall under the direction of head coach Mitch Lynch.

The soccer team had a rocky season as the first season ended well under 500 with a

record 1-8-1. However there were great learning opportunities and competition along the way.

The Lady Blue Dragons tied against Tea in the first game. The next game was parents'

night and they beat Sioux Falls Christian 2-0. The rest of the year was a struggle as they lost the last eight games. We hope the best for the years to come to the soccer team.

## Track and Field has Success, Still Underway

By Wyatt Fink

The track and field team has posed a threat to the Big East Conference. The team has had three members already qualify for state: Conner Blossom, 100 meter dash; Mara

VanDeBerg, 100 meter dash; Carmen Bohl, 2 mile.

There is still time for other athletes to qualify for the state meet though.

The region meet will be in Flandreau. The 'A' State meet will be in two locations: Madison for day one and Sioux Falls for day two.

## Little Big Things!

By Katie Giesler

### Power Struggle

Remember when the whole school lost power during first period last fall? We were so close to getting out of school for the rest of the day! Under ten minutes close, as a matter of fact! Unfortunately, the power came back on right before the deciding minute, and we students were forced to resume our school duties as normal. Talk about aggravating! But at least we're almost out of school for good now!



had been for many previous years, and the students calmed down.

The whole school was also lucky enough to have visits from several speakers and groups including Restoration Generation, SGT Rock, and Champions Forever.

### Middle School

But it hasn't been a busy year just for the upperclassmen! In middle school, the bi-annual lock-ins were held, and had much success! Those who went to either or both experienced nights of good movies, good food, and hard-core jammin' at the dances!

Also in the year, over 60 sixth, seventh and eighth graders traveled to Brookings and took part in the annual Middle School Science Fair! A nice chunk of students also walked away with some medals, ribbons and cash awards too! Guess I'd better get back into the science swing of things!

One specific middle schooler has found herself the opportunity of a lifetime, too! Aaliyah Lymon, sixth grader, will be off to New York this summer to sing her heart out at Carnegie Hall! Lymon sent in an audition tape last fall to the directors at the 2014 Middle School Honors Performance Series... and got in! Now she'll be singing alongside more than 150 other middle schoolers from around the country from June 25th to

the 29th. Congratulations and good luck, Aaliyah!

There was also that time during Garretson's Olympics last fall where the grudges between grades were sky high! Middle and high school students competed in wacky games and competitions for points. In the end, the eighth grade boys took first place, the sophomore girls came in a close second, and the senior boys wrapped up in third.



Then there was all the commotion about a new lunch line proposal that sent students into an irritated frenzy. Petitions were made and



handed out to kids in both the high school and middle school; these petitions further proved the point that the students didn't like the initial idea of the new lunch order. The new order was tested for a few weeks, but eventually went back to how it



Photo by Mrs. Julie Mueller

the 29th. Congratulations and good luck, Aaliyah!

### Elementary School

Speaking of singing, we can't forget to mention the elementary concert that just took place here on Monday, May 5th! The entire elementary gathered in the new gym to serenade their parents, siblings, other family and friends with their cute voices. I guess a little show was needed to



Photo by Mrs. Julie Mueller

get them back on track, what with them all going to different, fun field trips throughout the year! That's right! Preschool was privileged enough to go to the zoo, kindergarten through first grade took a trip to the Children's Museum, and those lucky fifth graders got to go to the Omaha Zoo!! Wow! Let's all hope the kids got in their naps!

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By Katie Giesler

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#### Activities, Clubs, and Notable Events

Let's not forget about the chess club! The team members played the board and snagged some trophies to put on Garretson's shelves! Definitely worth the mention since they brought back some pretty shiny pieces!

And while the chess team put out some powerful plays to take the wins, Garretson's powerlifters also brought the heat at O'Gorman! The beefed up boys picked up those weights and put themselves into some pretty high placings, showing everyone else that was there that Garretson means business!

But Garretson doesn't just impress with arm curls and squats! This year, five high schoolers, four seniors and one junior, have all enlisted in some branch of the armed forces. Derek Decker will be joining the Air Force with hopes of becoming a Military Police (MP) officer, Teila Carnicle will be joining the Marines with hopes of making Gunnery Sergeant and putting over twenty years in, and Kara Ellefson, Sam Powell and Wyatt Fink will be joining the National Guard as inactive soldiers.

But before these students will march in a military line, they had to get used to marching with their prom date! That's right! This year, Garretson's prom was held on March 31st, with the theme of

"Hollywood!" A majority of the girls walked down the "red carpet" in dazzlingly sparkly dresses, accompanied by their dashing well-dressed dates! It was a night to remember... unless you were hypnotized during after prom!

Onto something a little more easily memorable for more than

just the students. On May 1st, the National Honor Society held the annual Academic Awards Banquet. Dozens of new members were added to the list and sworn in this year. Also, the night was bountiful for scholarship handouts! All of those who received a scholarship were presented with them directly. Lots of smiles were to be seen that night by recipients, parents, and family members alike!

#### Garretson Faculty

Where would we students be without our teachers? They teach us (obviously), they preach to us, they annoy us, but they always help us. So of course we have to congratulate them when they've reached a new milestone in their personal lives! After all, if our teachers were gone for even a day, we'd be lost and probably wouldn't get much done with the sub...

This year seemed to be the year of babies for a lot of teachers! It all started with choir director and music teacher, Mrs. Roskamp. She had a beautiful

baby boy, Liam, during the fall. After her, high school science teacher, Mr. Furness, was given a little girl, Kenley. And most recently, high school math teacher, Mr. Lynch, has been gifted a little boy of his own, Jackson! But still on the way, fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Phelps, is awaiting on her own little one! And even still, computer teacher, Mrs. Kusser is due any day now! And while it may not be their direct kin, high school teacher, Mr. Steckler, and the school's superintendent, Mr. Arend, became grandpas!

And while there's a string of teachers bringing in bundles of joy into the world, there's also a string of teachers leaving the world of Garretson. Unfortunately, opportunity calls, and we all have to pounce upon it if we know the new chance will give us a break in life. After this year comes to a close, Mrs. Roskamp, second grade teacher Mrs. Dahmes, third grade teacher Mr. Ganschow, and even Mr. Arend and everyone's favorite janitor, Jerry, will be leaving the Garretson school district to pursue careers closer to their hometowns and to enjoy their retirement.

It's been one busy year here at Garretson, that's for sure! Lots of exciting things have happened, and hey! There might just be a few

more big events sneaking their way in before the year comes to a close!



## Golf Shows Promise with Brand New Team

By Jennie Hegge

The boys golf team sure had big shoes to fill, but they have done a fine job doing just that! All four golfers on the team, Jesse Brockhouse, Micah Mader, Isaiah Mader, and Declan Beers, are new to varsity this season.

The very first golf meet, all four walked home with a medal. M. Mader being on the top with a third place finish. Beers right behind him with a 5th, I. Mader 8th, and Brock-

house 11th. Those placings vastly improved going into the next meets.

A 238 was swung by the team, just two strokes ahead of last years state championship score, with Brockhouse taking the first place finish. Right behind him was M. Mader with the 2nd place finish. Impressive!



Chayce Brinkman is swinging solo this year and doing a dandy job at that. Her first meet she placed 9th and has moved her way all up to a third place finish!

With state just around the corner, and only a few meets left, we wish the best of luck to the golfers on the rest of their season!

## Boys' Hoops Recap

By Mary Christian

The Garretson boys' basketball team started off a little rocky, but quickly got some practice under their belts and grabbed some wins throughout the season. They came out of the season 11-9.

After losing six seniors last year, five of them being starters, the team this year was struggling to make up the loss of those boys. Coach Ganschow decided to replace those boys by moving up two freshmen, Aaron Hoon and Riley Nordstrom. Gaining a varsity uniform at this age is a great accomplishment for these boys. They did a great job representing our team this season.

With two new players to fill the bench, the team moved on to the Big East Conference tournament. They played three games with each one being just as hard as the last. The last game the team played McCook and came out placing 3rd in the tournament.

Finishing out the session after the BEC was a struggle at time for the team, but at others, they made some great victory's. The team did such a great job through the season and they represented our school well.

This year we will be losing three seniors: Conner Blosmo, Jesse Brockhouse, and Austin Matthiesen. We wish these three the best

of luck in their futures. We also thank them for their dedication to playing for Garretson over the years they did a splendid job.

Also in the season, coach Ganschow received a 100 wins through all the teams that he has coached here. Although he will be leaving us, we commend him for coaching these boy's and doing such a great job throughout the years.

Next year, Garretson will be coming in with a new head coach, Mr. Shrank. We wish him the best of luck with the team. Also we wish the team the best of luck next year!



## Wrestling Wows with Success

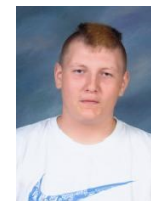
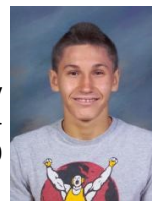
By Aaron Dunn

Wrestling has a winning history and that didn't change a whole lot this year.

Garretson sent four wrestlers to the state tourney. Tyler Willems, Tristen Wagner, Brady Schleuter, and Jacob Fitzgerald represented G-town.

Fitzgerald was the only wrestler to place, and ended in fifth place in the 120 pound weight class.

Willems also hit a monumental mark, winning his 100th match of his wrestling career.



## Volleyball Improves

The Garretson volleyball team improved this year to a record of 4-19.

The Lady Blue Dragons had a strong season placing second in the Canton tourna-

ment. They also advanced in the playoffs beating Flandreau Indian school in three straight sets.

Haley Edmundson earned all-conference honors.



## Rocky Start, Strong Finish

By Teila Carnice

Baseball definitely didn't start out how the boys wanted, which was losing to Dells during the first game of the season. Although it was a tough loss, no way was that going to get in their way of success!

Thinking about how they started off the season, the boys channeled that disappointment into their next game, destroying Lennox 16-2!

Not stopping there, the guys have had plenty of ups and only very few downs. Playing a total of nine games, the Garretson baseball team now has a record of 6-3.

The baseball season, though, is just beginning. With these few final games being playoffs, the boys have no room for error as the stakes are win or go home!

So make your way to the Garretson baseball fields this Sunday, May 11th as this will be the date of the boys' first playoff game.

Good luck Garretson baseball team as we all hope you make it far in the playoffs!



## Homecoming Recap

By Jennie Hegge

It may seem like forever ago, but just this last fall Garretson held their annual homecoming week where Mariah Nelson and Austin Etrheim were pronounced king and queen! BUT... that was just the start of the week!

I hope you all had your game faces on because it was then time for powderpuff! The seniors faced off the freshman and came out with the win. The juniors, who also came out with the win, faced off against the sophomores. During the battle for the title, it decided to lightning, re-

sulting in the cancelation of the games and both the seniors and juniors being named the winners.

The students then showed their school spirit by dressing up for the dress up days. Monday was color day followed by character day, 80's & 90's day, grease or hippie day, and lastly, school pride day!

You really do only save the best for the last day. DRAGON OLYMPICS, PARADE,



AND DON'T YOU FORGET THE FOOTBALL GAME. The boys' faced off against the Baltic Bulldogs with all the favor on the Blue Dragon side. There was no stopping the Dragons as the final score ended up being 56-14. Woofta, that's quite a win!

As the school year has come to an end, it is safe to say that homecoming was definitely a success!

## Plays Showcase Talent, See Success

By Jesse Brockhouse

There were lights, probably some cameras, and definitely some action up on stage this year!

The One-Act and three-act plays got up on stage, under the lights and performed for different sorts of audiences this year. The one act play "Cave Dream", directed by Mrs. Dahmes, got the job done is regions placing 2nd getting them a spot in state where they were awarded an "excellent" score. Mariah Nelson and Katie Giesler were awarded outstanding actors at the region and state competition!

The three-act play that was held for the community was also a success. Residents of Garretson gathered in the Jesse James Opera House to watch "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza" this past April. With a their hometown in front of them, these actors put on a great show to cap the year!



The oral interpretation season was also successful as many students participated. The duo of Nelson and Gilbert placed third at the Big East Conference Tournament.

## FFA's Great Accomplishments

By Mary Christian

This summer the Garretson FFA chapter grew a community garden. Through this garden they donated 14,100 pounds of food, which is 63,450 servings of vegetables, to local organization to feed the hungry. They also host numerous events including a blood drive and a petting zoo.

Once summer came to a close, the chapter took off for the national FFA convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Here the chapter received the three star chapter award and was within the top 100 ranking of all the chapters in the United States.

With the biggest competition being done, the chapter jumped into some smaller competitions. They moved on to the southeast region FFA land judging contest. The team placed 9th in the contest

and Joshua Liester received a silver metal for doing such a great job.

After the contest, the FFA chapter went to the leadership competition. 17 students participated and two of the teams showed their knowledge by placing. The market plan competition got 3rd, and Junior Conduct of Meeting Contest received 5th. Liester excelled in his individual event at the competition, which was ag broadcasting/journalism, by bring home 6th place. All 17 students did an outstanding job which moved them all on to the state leadership convention in Pierre.

The Garretson FFA has some all-stars. Shane Mueller, Cody Larson, and Caitlyn Thorson where awarded the FFA all-star award. Congratulation to them for the

hard work and accomplishments they had in FFA.

Last but not least we had the FFA state convention. There where several teams excelled at the convention these are: dairy cattle coming in 6th, meat judging taking 3rd, milk and dairy quality sliding into 11th, nursery landscaping placing 4th, and vet science receiving 4th. Not only did all these categories do such on outstanding job but the Garretson chapter was named the number one FFA chapter in the state! Go team!

The Garretson FFA chapter had wonderful year of competition. We commend them for all their hard work this year. Congratulation on all there success and best of luck in the future!

**ANSWERS: Brain Teaser:** Neither. Egg yolks are yellow.

**Joke:** You crack it up