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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Most lipsticks contain fish scales.

**BRAIN TEASER:** A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?  
*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Two blondes fell down a hole. One said, "It's dark in here, isn't it?" the other one replied, "I don't know, I can't see."

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Saturday, September 21

- ACT Test
- 7/8/JV Football Jamboree @ Chester starting @ 9:00
- 5/6 Volleyball @ Dell Rapids
- Soccer @ Groton @ 11:00

#### Tuesday, September 24

- Volleyball @ Dell Rapids starting @ 4:30 p.m. 7/8/C/JV/V
- Soccer @ Mitchell @ 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, September 25

- Cross Country @ Dell Rapids

#### Thursday, September 26

- 7/12 Band @ East Central
- Marching Band Festival in Arlington

## TATU Team Back in Action

By Joshua Liester

The Garretson Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) team is already hard at work this year. The group has begun sharing their anti-drug/alcohol/tobacco message with elementary students. Mrs. Liester's kindergarten class did various activities with TATU to promote making good choices when it comes to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. By the end of the year, TATU will have worked with all of the classes from preschool through fifth grade.

Middle school science teacher, Mrs. Mueller, is the TATU team advisor. The program began in 1999, but Mueller was doing TATU related things years before that. "It's a health issue," stated Mueller. "If we can stop these kinds of things now, students won't use drugs or alcohol in the future."

Jacob Liester, a freshman at Garretson, has participated in TATU since seventh grade. "It is important to teach the younger kids the dan-

gers of tobacco use," stated Liester. "We want them to make good decisions later in life."

Cassie Faber is also a part of TATU. "It helps teach kids how bad smoking and tobacco is," said Faber.

Sophomore Evan Fick also chimed in, saying, "In today's society it is vital that our youth get a good start in life and our tobacco prevention program is one way that we can help them start their lives of the right path."

Eight middle school students are also joining the TATU team this year after they go to a training day.

The TATU group already has many activities planned for the year, along with working with the elementary students. There is a fourth and fifth grade lock in scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> and several activities planned for Red Ribbon week, which is October 23<sup>rd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

It looks to be an exciting and successful year for TATU!



## Sweet Corn Sales Benefit All Involved

By Jennie Hegge

The Garretson FFA is always looking for ways to enhance and improve the community. One way they do that is by selling sweet corn around harvest time. They make it available in multiple locations including by the Jesse James gas station and the football complex.

For a dozen, it is \$3.00. They sell until all is sold, and this year they sold around 200 dozen. Not bad!

But, before they could do all the selling, first they had to prepare. Disking the field was a must. It makes for softer soil and evenly spreads out the nutrients. That right there, makes for some good sweet corn!

Fellow FFA member, Shane Mueller, would agree. He said the sweet corn tasted very yummy! Next, they borrowed a planter from Scott Dewitt, and planted the sweet corn. They

planted the corn in a field right by John Deere. It is about one and a half acres. Lastly, all they really had to do from there was spray the field with Round-Up, which kills weeds, and pick the corn when it was ready!

Sophomore, Jaden Bly, is an active member in the FFA. She contributed to the success of the sweet corn sales. When asked how selling corn went, she said, "It was great, because I knew I was helping out the FFA." She also said she loves sweet corn because it's healthy for her, and it makes her run faster! ;)

If you didn't get the chance to buy any sweet corn this year, make sure you mark it on your calendar for next year!



## Junior High Football Stays Undefeated, JV Falls

Junior high football beat Baltic last Monday by a score of 24-20. They are 3-0 on the season and look to keep their perfect record as the play at the Chester Jamboree on Saturday.

The JV fell to Baltic, 20-8. Shay Gibson scored on a long run while Wyatt Fink made the catch on the two-point conversion.

## Garretson Takes Down Bulldogs to End for a Successful Homecoming

By Morgan Frewaldt

Garretson ended this year's homecoming on a good note by captivating the Baltic Bulldogs, with a final score of 56-16.

In the first quarter the score was 8-8. The touchdown scored by Austin Matthiesen with a 41 yard pass from Jesse Brockhouse and conversion from Matt Johnson. The pressure was high with both teams striving for the lead.

In the second quarter Garretson really excelled by scoring three touchdowns. The first from Johnson with the conversion from Brockhouse. The second from Brockhouse and the conversion from Johnson. The third from Johnson and conversion from Matthiesen. Baltic scored one touchdown. Leaving Garretson confident at half time with a score of 32-14.

Third quarter Garretson scored two more touchdowns by Johnson who also scored the conversion and the second by Brockhouse with Matthiesen scoring the conversion. One more in the fourth from Brockhouse and the conversion from Johnson. Baltic scored none, due to Tanner Gutzmer who Coach Steckler said "Did a heck of a job containing the quarterback at the PN position." Helping out with the ending score of 56-16.

Though Garretson had a heck of a game Coach Steckler said they still need to work on cleaning up mental mistakes in all offensive, defensive, and special teams. He said that they are taking it one day at a time and that the goal is to play in November at the dome, but they have a long way

to go.

For senior football players homecoming can be a very emotional game. It is their last high school homecoming they will ever have and the pressure is on to finish it well. Senior quarterback, Jesse Brockhouse said he was "nervous and excited" about his last homecoming, he felt great about the win, but he's sure going to miss it. He said, when asked about going to state, "That's our goal and I think we can do it with our talent this year."

Good Work boys!

There is no Football game this Friday due to Garretson having a bye this week.



## You Can Do It Forever

By Aaron Dunn

The cross country teams have completed four of the eleven races this year and they are setting a good pace for success. They have come a long way since the first meet and are still improving.

Freshman Jared Fitzgerald runs for the JV team and is one of the runners who is trying to improve his performance. "I have started to run every day" said Fitzgerald. His ultimate goal is to become an Olympian and run for the United States in the Olympics.

Most people think cross country is boring but freshmen Riley Nordstrom and Brendan Harris find the running part to be the most

enjoyable. Harris also jokingly said that "Walking during the race is also pretty fun." you can see that football and volleyball aren't only enjoyable things to during the fall.

Cross country is a sport you can do until the day you can't walk anymore. You can become one of the world's most renowned athletes if you work hard enough become an Olympic runner, which is what Fitzgerald strives to become. It's an excellent way to



stay in shape and you can do it for a long time.

The team had two races this week, both in Sioux Falls. One took place at Yankton Trails and the other at Paisley Park.

Junior Joshua Liester and Sophomore Evan Fick were the top finishers for the varsity boys ending 11th and 12th respectively.

For the varsity Lady Dragons Haley Sage led the pace with a fourth place finish and Carmen Bohl rounded out the top ten.

The next meet is the Dell Rapids invitational on September 25.

## Why You Should Enlist in the Military

By Wyatt Fink

Have you ever wondered how you were going to pay of all your college expenses; then you should enlist in the military because it pays for your schooling if you want to go to college.

If you thought how am I going to pay for your college tuition. There's no need because you get discounts to help pay it off. Heck, it also helps you even if you don't go to college because you may get offered a job there.

If you like the sound of retiring early well then you can retire in your forties. If

you choose the national guard you don't even have to go there that much because all you have to do is give up your first weekend of every month.

One of the disadvantages would be if you actually had to go overseas and serve for your country and were away from home, but your parents would be proud of you because it is for a great cause.

If you join a military branch, you will learn about self-discipline, attitude, bravery, and courage. The army they takes care of student loans and college tuition.

The air force does the same thing; they pay for college tuition and offer their community college.

The coast guard pays for tuition and also you get free life insurance, your books and fees are paid for, and earn a monthly salary of \$2,000.

The Marines do the same thing as the coast guard and also the navy too.

That's why you should enlist in the military.



## All-State Ahead

By Katie Giesler

Competition isn't just limited to the playing field. The South Dakota All-State Chorus and Orchestra concert selections have been made and those in the Garretson choir were fighting to grab the limited spots!

This year, the large-scale performance will be held on November 1st and 2nd at the Sioux Falls Arena. Over 180 different schools from across the entire state of South Dakota will travel to Sioux Falls during the last few days of October and first few of November to partake in the event.

As for Garretson, this year, our school is only allowed to take one quartet: one soprano, one alto, one tenor and one bass, as the number of quartets allowed to go depends on the school's 9th through 11th grade enrollment.

Since Garretson's enrollment is under the breakline, only one quartet may go, which means more competition between the members of choir.

The actual auditioning process went two ways: first, students grouped themselves together to sing. Afterwards, some students were called back to perform with different people to create different sounds

to see who matched who in pitch and quality.

Over fifteen people auditioned in front of Mrs. Roskamp and Mr. Sittig in the band room last week for their chance to shine. In the end, as revealed on Wednesday, TJ Boland was chosen for bass, Cole Fiegen for tenor, Sarah Gersting for the alto, and Katie Giesler for soprano.

Garretson's band teacher Mr. Sittig provided some intuition on how it was to help with holding the auditions alongside choir director Mrs. Roskamp.

We asked Mr. Sittig if it was difficult to regroup students into different quartets, to which he replied, "[It was] very, very hard." Sittig said he tried to make sure everyone got a chance to audition with others, as some voices were difficult to hear. He also mentioned that some groups were prepared, while others weren't, making the decision of who to put with who, even harder.

Sittig also gave some insight on what he thought about Garretson only being able to send one quartet this year, as opposed to last year, sending two groups. "Quality over quantity is much better," he said.

And choir won't be difficult just for those All-State-goers this year--it'll be different for everyone in music with the absence of the teacher! That's right, Mrs. Roskamp will not be at school for the next twelve weeks!

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Roskamp and her husband, Lucas, for the new addition to their family--little Liam Koert Roskamp. Liam was born a healthy baby boy, weighing in at 9 lbs. 10 oz., on Monday September 16th. Now that the anticipated baby has arrived, Roskamp will be on maternity leave until after Christmas break! Congratulations again, Mrs. Roskamp!

Despite her absence, the show must go on! The four All-State-goers received their music this Thursday and will begin practicing the eight songs next week in preparation for the concert performance in November!



## Girls' Soccer Battles to Score Against West Central, Vermillion

By Teila Carnicle

The Garretson girls' soccer team struggled to score a goal when playing West Central in Sioux Falls earlier this week. The final score was 4-0 in favor of West Central.

Coach Mitch Lynch said, "Our game went better than previous games, we still came up short, but there were a lot more positives than negatives."

When asked if there was anything he thought the team needed work on, Lynch said, "There are plenty of things we still need to improve on, but with a young squad that will be true in any sport."

Junior Michelle Carnicle, a defensive player on the team, reiterated that the

team needed to work on handling the ball better and to start passing with a purpose. She said, "I think the team plays well together, it's the first year so of course it's going to be different and we have to work on things but we do it pretty well."

She went on to say that Kindra Clark was a player who stands out to her a lot because, "she communicates very well, gives one hundred and ten percent, she hustles, is a great ball handler and is nice to everyone on the team!"



Carnicle added a final comment saying that the teams strengths really show, that they get along well and have been improving every game.

Garretson also played the Vermillion Tanagers yesterday and lost by a score of 2-0. The Blue Dragons only managed six shots on goal but their defense kept them in the game. Goalie Cassie Faber had seven saves.

"The Blue Dragon defense was very stout and kept the Tanager offense out of the net until late in the second half," noted Coach Lynch. Their next game is on Saturday at Groton.

## JV Beats Flandreau, Junior High Volleyball Plays Tough Against Trojans

The seventh grade team came away with a 3-0 sweep of the West Central Trojans, winning 25-19, 25-17, 25-23, coming back from a 9-18 deficit in the third.

The eighth graders took all five sets but fell short, 2-3: 17-25, 25-12, 25-9, 23-25,

and 9-15.

The JV volleyball team played Flandreau on Tuesday. They secured their first win of the season, winning both games by a score of 28-26.

They were unable to back up that win

Thursday night against West Central, unfortunately, falling 14-25 in both sets.

The C-Team played their most competitive game of the season against West Central but fell 12-25 in both sets.

## Lady Dragons Take 7th in BEC, Drop Matches Against Flandreau, West Central

The Big East Conference tournament set eight teams against each other for bragging rights in the conference.

The Lady Blue Dragons' faced Chester Area, ranked fifth in Class B going into the tournament, first. Chester was too much, winning in three: 25-5, 25-13, 25-11.

First year head coach Amanda Schotzko was pleased with the efforts. "The score does not accurately reflect how well the girls played."

In the Chester game, Haley Edmundson had three kills; Chayce Brinkman had ten assists, and Jennie Hegge had seven digs.

Garretson then played Baltic. The Blue Dragons took the first game 25-22, then

lost the next three: 21-25, 15-25, 23-25.

Edmundson and Teila Carnicle put down eight kills each. Brinkman doubled her assists from last game, putting up 20. Hegge matched that number with 20 digs against the Bulldog offense. Brianna Callsen aced four serves during the match.

The Garretson netters were placed in the seventh place game against Howard.

Garretson won the first two sets: 25-8, 25-15. The Lady Dragons dropped the third set 23-25 but pulled out the win in the fourth set: 27-25.

Edmundson once again led the Lady Dragons with eight kills. Taiya Bunde had seven. Brinkman tallied 20 assists.

Leading the way on the defensive end was Bunde with 16. Carnicle picked up 11.

Garretson took seventh place in the tournament by beating Howard.

The Lady Dragons played Flandreau on Tuesday, taking it to four sets but were unable to come out with a win.

Edmundson and Lara Luke led the team with six kills apiece. Brinkman had 23 assists on the night.

On Thursday, Garretson traveled to West Central. They played competitively but fell in three straight sets: 21-25, 25-27, 12-25.

Their next game is on Tuesday at Dell Rapids. All teams will play.

## Youngest Netters Showcase Talent over Weekend Triangular

The youngest Blue Dragon volleyball players were in action last Saturday. The fifth and sixth graders played a triangular in Deubrook.

Garretson played against Deubrook in the first set. They played well but came up short.

The end results were repeated in their

next matchup was against Sioux Valley.

The fifth and sixth graders will be in action again this Saturday in Dell Rapids.

## Senior Spotlight

### CHAYCE BRINKMAN

**Favorite Memory:** the black car

**Activities:** Volleyball and Golf

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

Being top dog

**Future Plans:** Be Jennie's roommate at SDSU



### CONNER BLOSSMO

**Favorite Memory:** Qualifying for state track

**Activities:** Football, Basketball, Track, and Baseball

**What are you going to miss the most?** Playing all four sports

**Future Plans:** Attend a four year university and run track



## Soccer and Cheerleading Honor A.C.E. Athletes



Lydia Olson is the definition of what a leader should be. She is a multi-sport (cross country and soccer) and also a very bright student in the classroom. She truly is someone who younger students can emulate and strive to be.



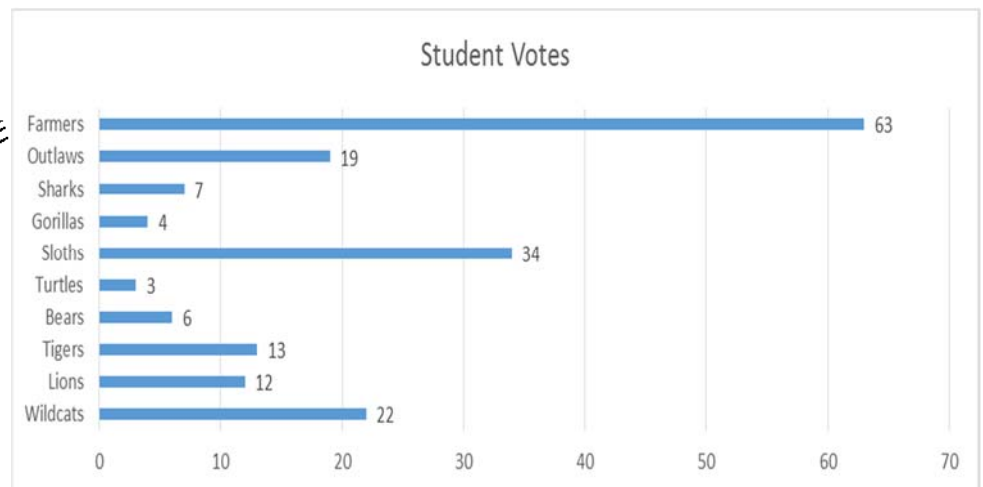
Kendra Johnson has been a great leader in her first year as a cheerleader at GHS. She works hard, offers valuable input and has been a great addition to the football cheerleading squad.

## Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked is we were to change our school mascot from the Blue Dragons, what mascot would they prefer.



Stop by room 210 starting on Monday to vote in next week's student opinion poll.



**ANSWERS: Brain Teaser:** The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.