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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Jesse James, the infamous bank robber and yes, the man who jumped Devil's Gulch, was born today in 1847.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: You walk across a bridge and you see a boat full of people yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Where does the general keep his armies?
Answer on back page

- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- Friday, September 5**
 - Whopper Feed @ 5:00
 - Football v. Viborg-Hurley @ 7:00
 - Saturday, September 6**
 - 7/8 Volleyball @ BEC Tourney
 - Monday, September 8**
 - 7/8/JV Football v. Viborg-Hurley
 - School board meeting @ 5:30
 - Tuesday, September 9**
 - Cross Country Jesse James Invite
 - Volleyball v. Colman-Egan
 - Soccer @ West Central
 - Thursday, September 11**
 - 7/8 Volleyball @ Tri-Valley
 - Volleyball @ BEC Tourney
 - Friday, September 12**
 - Football @ Baltic
 - Saturday, September 13**
 - Cross Country @ Nike Heartland Meet (Sioux Falls)
 - Volleyball @ BEC Tourney

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Preschoolers Start Their Year This Week

By Tait Johnson and Tabitha Klingenberg

Preschool has started for Generation Z as of last Tuesday. Most of them are ready to learn the basic learning and social skills that they will need to know in the near future.

"It's always a fun time of year for them because they are excited for school and to see the big high school," said preschool teacher Ms. Stacy Anderson.

The morning preschool class starts at 8:00 and ends at 10:30. But unlike the high school students, the preschoolers are up and full of energy early in the morning, ready to learn and have a fun time with their classmates. Most of the children were excited to start school.

In preschool, they learn the alphabet, how to count, and practice their social skills.

Bence, a preschooler, said, "I learned how to play nice and not to talk while the teacher is talking." That is a good social skill teens nowadays might forget. In their free time, the children like to play house and go outside. They love to play on the play set.

The whole class seems to have the same mind-set

when it comes to favorite place to play, and that's the house.

When the students all behave nicely and get everything done on the list for that day, they are rewarded with more fun time. In this fun time, they may go on walks, whereas the high school students have to stay inside, trapped by four walls and a desk.

Ms. Anderson said, "I love teaching preschool because the kids are so excited to learn."

Ms. Anderson gets to repeat the process of teaching excited children when her second group of preschoolers arrive at 12:30 and leave at 3:00.

The newest Blue Dragons seem to be loving their experience so far this school year, coming to class each day with loads of energy that hopefully stays with them not only through this year, but all their years at Garretson.



The morning preschool class attentively listens to Ms. Anderson.

Garretson Steals One from Sioux Falls Christian

By Jared Fitzgerald and Micah Mader

Even though the Garretson Volleyball team has gotten off to a slow start, there is great potential on the horizon after stealing the third set from the Chargers. On Tuesday night, the ladies traveled to Sioux Falls to take on the number two ranked in Class 'A' Chargers in a tough match up. In recent years, the volleyball team has not been very successful against Sioux Falls Christian and were eager to improve.

The Lady Dragons had a very rough start in the opening set. Garretson had a tough time maintaining possession of the volleyball and did not give themselves an opportunity to win the set.

"Bad passing and the lack of communication were all part of a bad start to the match," commented senior Taiya Bunde. The first set overall was rough as the ladies started to dig themselves a hole after losing to the Chargers 14-25.

In the second set, the ladies continued to struggle to put points on the board. With bad passing and poor hitting, the Chargers once again overwhelmed the Dragons offensively and defensively, beating them badly, 9-25.

Frustration and fatigue started to hit the girls and they were not satisfied with their overall performance.

Just as the Charger fans were bringing out their brooms, the girls

finally decided to start playing up to their potential.

The ladies were down by two going into the third set and were looking for something to spark the team. Then, Taiya Bunde, Brianna Callsen, and Peyton Heitkamp made

kills and gave the team the momentum that they needed.

With the momentum now on their side, the Dragons were much more comfortable and were able to play the type of volleyball they set out to play. The girls had one of their best sets of the year and came out winning the set 25-23.

Bunde stated, "As a team, I feel like we were on point, alive, and calling the ball."

Although the girls ended up losing the game, taking a set from the Chargers was a big step in the right direction for the program. This was the first time in recent history that Garretson has ever beaten Sioux Falls Christian in a single set.

Beating the second ranked team in the third set was a huge boost for



Lady Blue Dragons in the huddle preparing for their upcoming set

the Garretson Volleyball program's morale and gave the team hope for the rest of the season. "If we can take a set from Sioux Falls Christian then we can take a game from anyone."

Unfortunately the Lady Blue Dragons could not keep the momentum going against the Baltic Bulldogs yesterday.

The Garretson netters dropped three straight sets: 20-25, 11-25, 15-25.

Garretson's next action comes as the home opener against Colman-Egan on Tuesday, September 9.



Food donations from students and staff over the last 24 hours (photo submitted by Julie Mueller)

Orange for Hunger Awareness Campaign Gets Noticed

To kick off Hunger Action month, the Garretson FFA and Garretson TATU programs joined the nationwide effort to bring awareness to this issue. They sponsored a "Wear Orange for Hunger Awareness" day, Thursday September 4, asking all students and staff to wear orange.

According to Feeding America, one in five children are food insecure, which means they may not know where from or when their next healthy meal will come.

In addition to the visual awareness, FFA and TATU requested for people to make donations to the local food pan-

try as well. The call was answered as over 120

items and cash donations were given. Thank you for participating.

Are You Ready for Some Football

By Lana Braswell and Allison Kruger

It is only two weeks into the school year and the Garretson Blue Dragons' football team has already notched their first win under their belts.

The Blue Dragons were able to down the Chester Area Flyers by a score of 46-34.

Some of the players have hopes that tonight's game, the home opener, will be even better than last week, the season opener.

"I think we need some improvements on our defense and offense," stated freshman Nick Pierret.

Pierret also would like to see some of the younger players getting a bit more experience. "I think we should put together the varsity and the junior varsity, to

make the game easier since our team is so small."

Even though Blue Dragons won their first game, they do have room for improvement.

Coach Kevin Steckler gave his words of wisdom about the team and play that comes with it. "Each day we go to practice; we work on fundamentals and we correct individual mistakes which will improve us both individually, and as a team."

Steckler also stated how his team is going to improve for next week's game: defense. Helping the newer players acclimate to the practices and game situations will also be incorporated.

However, Coach Steckler emphasized, "We do not talk in terms of individuals. We talk in terms of the team."

Hopefully the Blue Dragons will be able to tailor and tinker with the plays that work the best over these next few weeks so they will be even more polished for the nearing homecoming game.

Garretson will be playing a tough Alcester-Hudson team, but the Blue Dragons' thoughts are not that yet. One game at a time; one possession at a time; one snap at a time.

Kick-off for the home opener is at 7:00 tonight. The class of 2020 is sponsoring a whopper feed prior to the game, starting at 5:00.



Cross Country Picks Up Where They Left Off

By Sylvia Larson and Zebadiah Johnson

The girls' and guys' cross country teams are off to a running start this season!

Scoring first place in both meets so far, the girls' cross country team is dominating this season, with the guys close on their heels.

Placing third and second in their first two meets, respectively, the guys are off to a great start as well.

Even with the great start to the season, there will always be challenges for the team to overcome as well.

"One of the only obstacles I can see for this season is getting everyone to be healthy and running well at the same time," commented Mr. Jason Bohl, the team's coach.

The runners are aware of obstacles they have to overcome as well.

"Getting in shape and staying in shape are two of the challenges we face. I think that beating Madison will be tough too," noted freshman runner Peyton Sage.

Even with the competition between other teams as well as their own, the team goes into each meet and each practice with a good attitude.

"Our team has a pretty unbreakable bond; it's been lots of fun all through," said Sage.

"We hope to bring home two state titles and a combined team award this year."

Sage's statements about her hopes for the season exemplify the positive attitude shown by the team.

Coach Bohl attributes the positivity among the team to the organized and fun atmosphere of practices.

Sage has competed at both cross country meets so far, running junior varsity at the first meet and earning the 8th place spot. At the second meet, Sage ran varsity and got 19th place.

The team will continue to keep up the positive outlook as their competitions continue.

Hopefully the rest of the season continues as smoothly for the Garretson Cross Country teams as it started.

Do You Hear What I Hear? Yeah, I Hear the Pep Band

By Beth Schmidt and Abriana Scholl

Music. It's the magical thing that fuels us with many positive thoughts.

From percussionists to woodwinds and the brass, the Garretson pep band has been practicing five new pieces to perform at many of our sports games. Those sports include volleyball, football, basketball, and even wrestling.

This year, only sophomores, freshmen, and middle schoolers are participating in band. Because of this, there were questions about how the younger classmen are taking it.

"They're actually learning the ropes just fine," band instructor Mr. Sittig expressed.

For weeks now, the pep band has been working their tails off with lots of practice, because practice does make perfect.

Whether the pep band members are pumped because they don't have to look up to the seniors, or even if they find it a little complicated, they are sure not to disappoint anyone.

From many of the past performances, the under classmen show they can take on any challenge given to them. This year, there are 27 pep

band members. At each game they typically will play around 12-15 songs, so the crowd will never get bored.

So far, the pep band doesn't have anything special planned yet, but we know that whatever they play will be a treat.

Not only will they be making music in the crowd, but in the near future, they will be performing at the homecoming game during half time (if that does count as a surprise).

Hopefully they have something exciting in store for us this year! So get out those instruments and put on a show!

Senior Spotlight

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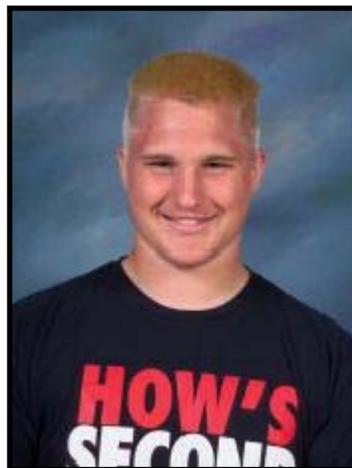
SENIOR PROJECT: Making a bow

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Football, Wrestling

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: Friends and Sports

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend Mitchell Tech



JH Football Starts with a Win

The Blue Dragon junior high football team traveled to Chester on Tuesday to play in their first competition of the year.

They mirrored the varsity, coming away with a win over the home team.

The junior varsity was also in action but was unable to pull out the victory, partly due to a lack of a quarterback on the team.

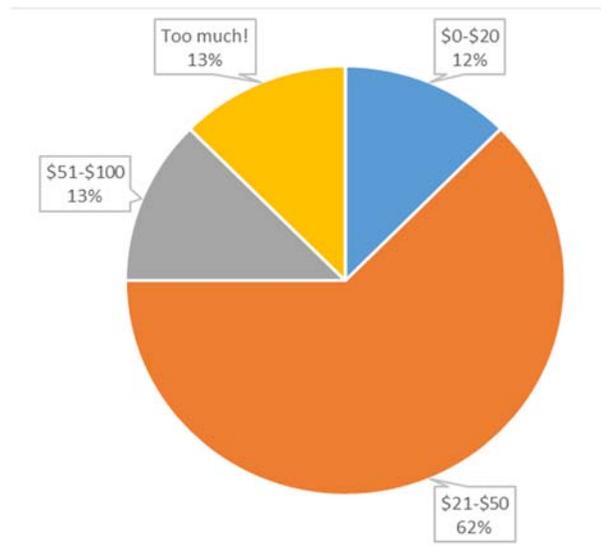
Both teams will host Viborg-Hurley on Monday, September 8.

Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked how much they had to spend on school supplies to get ready for the year.



Take a moment to vote on the student opinion poll for next week's *Blue Ink*. Polls are located inside Mr. Hughes' room and Mrs. Buchholz's room.



ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: All of the people on the boat are married

Joke: In his sleeves