



Garretson Weekly School Newspaper - Garretson, SD - Volume 2, Number 5

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Cats have over 100 different vocal sounds; dogs only have 10.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** What has a room but no walls?  
*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What did the egg say to the frying pan?  
*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Saturday, September 27

- 7-12 Band @ Tri-State Band Festival in Luverne

#### Monday, September 29

- Cross Country @ Hartford Invite  
- 7/8/JV Football v. Alcester-Hudson

#### Tuesday, September 30

- FFA State Land Judging  
- Volleyball @ Elkton-Lake Benton  
- Soccer Round 1 Playoffs

#### Thursday, October 2

- Volleyball @ Parker

#### Friday, October 3

- Marching Band @ Chester Area  
- Cross Country @ Lennox Invite  
- Football @ Parker

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Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

## A New King and Queen

By Tait Johnson

And Garretson's 2014 King and Queen..... Joshua Liester and Mara VanDeBerg.

Coronation was held Monday and started at 7:00 p.m. The royalty candidates were as follows: Taiya Bunde, Teisha Carnicle, Brianna Mudder, Lydia Olson, Mara VanDeBerg, Tanner Gutzmer, Matt Johnson, Joshua Liester, Blake Severson, and Bryce Wollmann.

The night started off by the introduction from the night's emcees, valedictorian Evan Fick and salutatorian Peyton Heitkamp.

Austin Etrheim and Mariah Nelson, Garretson's 2013 Homecoming King and Queen, then gave a quick speech on how much they missed high school and the activities around it before revealing their successors.

Who wouldn't want to be the new king and queen? The new royalty would be handed down the crown from last year's winners.

After making the boys sweat it out for a little while, Etrheim crowned this year's king, Joshua Liester.

King Liester stated, "I'm honored to be the 2014 homecoming king and encourage everyone to participate in all the fun activities this week!"

Nelson toyed with the queen candidates a little longer than Etrheim with the King candidates, but eventually crowned the new queen, Mara VanDeBerg.



Newly crowned Queen Mara VanDeBerg and King Joshua Liester.

VanDeBerg later said, "I was really nervous, but now I'm ecstatic now!"

Congratulations to all the royalty and to King Liester and Queen VanDeBerg.



2013 Homecoming Queen Mariah Nelson makes the 2014 queen candidates nervously await the crowning of the new queen.

## School Spirit Shines with Dress Up Days

By Jared Fitzgerald

Finally it is here.... HOMECOMING! From sports to Dragon Olympics, the week is packed with fun-filled activities; what's a better way to top it off than to dress up? This is the week everyone looks forward to and loves showing school spirit by dressing up.

The week started off with Color Day which is always been on the homecoming agenda. Freshmen had to wear pink, sophomores green, juniors orange, and the seniors wore black. Even though it may not seem like that exciting of a day many students get very creative.

Yeeeeeee hawwwww, Tuesday came around and it was Western Day for the students. Everyone was bringing out the cowboy boots and flannels. Although this dress up day seems to come and go every year it was definitely a success. Sophomore Riley Nordstrom said, "I loved Western Day because I was sexy."

One of the new days this year was Generation Day. Many people were skeptical about this day because they have never had this before. The freshman had to be babies, while sophomores were toddlers,

juniors dressed as their parents (career day), and seniors were grandparents. Junior Jaden Bly commented, "Dressing up as a parent wasn't as fun as the other days."

Thursday was a different dress up day from other years also, Holiday day. The day was meant for the students to dress up like their favorite holiday.

The favorite holidays seemed to be Christmas and Independence Day

Spirit Day, dress up in blue and white, school colors, was Friday's dress up day and concluded the homecoming week. The high school football players wore their jerseys and the girls got to wear a football players away jersey if they were lucky!

Some of the days in the past were truly missed. Many people wished to see Character Day come back and possible Nerd



Garretson freshmen cowgirl up for Western Day

Day. But adding the new days gave students an opportunity to bring out a different part of them. "I think it was good to have a change for once," stated King Joshua Liester.

With the crazy week of homecoming the dress up days are always a blast! No one ever gets to dress up crazy without getting weird looks except during homecoming!

## Playing in the Dirt

By Allison Kruger

"Land judging consists of measuring soil and land properties in the field, interpreting, and then making intelligent land management decisions based on the measured and interpreted properties," according to the Plant Science Department of SDSU.

To further that, "To judge soil, feel its texture; evaluate depth, slope, and stoni-

ness; calculate past erosion; and interpret its permeability and surface runoff"

Those are the steps the Garretson FFA had to take when they were in the process.

Land judging is competitive and quite fraught, as Garretson wasn't quite ready for it.

With great enthusiasm, "We didn't do

so well with the texture, We just have to study the guide more," stated Mr. Mueller.

"The real purpose in land judging is to evaluate a piece of land that could be used for an acreage or what practices a farmer should use on the land".

Hopefully Garretson will be able to pick up the pace and be more successful in their competition next week.

## Down, Set, Hut! It's Football Jamboree Time

By Beth Schmidt

As the season continues the junior high and junior varsity teams head to The Viborg-Hurley Jamboree on September 20<sup>th</sup> to play little games against other schools.

"The jamboree is all about scrimmaging, getting playing time, and knowing what they have to work on. There are no kick-offs in the scrimmage," stated coach Matt Shrank.

Tad Hiekamp and Matt Schrank coached the two sets of teams on Saturday.

Shrank stated, "I was able to watch from the sidelines that Diontae Lymon had a good day defensively and the offensive lines has come together as a unit."

Junior varsity showed much improvement in the last three games in their starting positions and believing in [what

they are supposed to be doing]," commented Shrank.

The boys stay home next Monday as they play the Alcester-Hudson Cubs. Go cheer them on and good luck to the boys.

## Another Victory for Garretson Cross Country

By Zeb Johnson

This last Wednesday the Cross Country team traveled to Dell Rapids to compete against several other schools. Both the girls and the boys have been doing extremely well, both teams placing first twice so far this season.

These last couple weeks the girls have struggled to hold the top spot, earning second and third at the last two meets.

"We really need someone to step up for the girls team. No one has done that yet," articulated the team's head coach Jason Bohl.

The opposite has been true of the boys

team, as they have surged ahead to place first at the last two meets.

"We always push each other to improve, at practice and at meets," stated freshman runner, Carmen Bohl. "We always work hard to eat healthy and stay in shape."

The team really did well at this last meet, earning third place for the girls and first place for the boys at Dells.

"I think that as a whole, we ran ok. The boys ran well, but we have had troubles with getting everyone running healthy on the girls team," said Mr. Bohl.

Next week the cross country team has two meets of great importance, one at Hartford on the September 29 and Lennox on the October 3. Next week will provide some of the last opportunities for the team to practice before the state meet.

"This next week is one hard practice and two really important meets; next week will determine who runs varsity in the future," explained Mr. Bohl.

However the team performs, Garretson will always support them. Make sure to wish the runners luck next week before their meets.

## Another Tough Loss for Volleyball

By Sylvia Larson

Last Tuesday the Garretson girl's varsity volleyball team failed to overpower the Dell Rapids Quarriers with a losing score of 1-3.

Garretson started out strong, winning the first set 25-23.

Emily Schleuter, a freshman (29 digs), claimed the loss is due to the team's periodic lack of much-needed communication.

"We played better than I thought we would," Schleuter remarked, "we have improved on our communication but we're still getting used to the people on the team."

The Quarriers won the second set 25-11, and the fourth 25-19.

The third set had the Dragons and the Quarriers neck and neck. Garretson was ahead, then the Quarriers, then Garretson again. Finally the Quarriers succeeded in beating the Dragons with a score of 25-22.

"We had our ups and downs, more ups than downs. Overall we played ok, we obviously have more things to work on but they're minuscule things that we can fix quickly," Katie Geisler, a junior, commented.

Geisler added, "I definitely think we will win [a game this season] it just depends on when we decide to pick it up and get our heads in the game."

Also rounding out the stats were Peyton Heitkamp (5 kills, 4 digs), Lara Luke (5 kills, 1 serve ace), Brianna Callsen (4 kills, 4 digs), Sage Gullickson (3 kills, 1 serve ace, 3 digs), Kristen Martens (3 kills, 2 serve aces, 8 digs), Taiya Bunde (2 kills, 12 digs), and Morgan Gloe (19 assists, 7 digs).

The Garretson volleyball team was in action last night against the undefeated Chester Area Flyers. Chester proved why they were ranked third in state by sweeping the Blue Dragons in three straight sets.

Although they are improving, the volleyball girls have a lot to work on. Next time they have a home game they hope to see you in the stands cheering them on!



## When the Band Comes Marching Home

By Tabitha Klingenberg

Yesterday the Garretson marching band went to Arlington for the very first contest of the year.

Before the contest, the players were eager to begin. "I'm excited because we have a good chance," quoted Moriah Flanagan, sophomore trumpet player.

"It's a lot of fun to get out of school and I'm excited to eat pizza and meet the other bands."

Some of the other schools that participated in the festival were Tea Area, Sioux Falls Christian, and Castlewood. The Blue Dragon players hoped to come out on top.

It looks like the band practices every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday have paid off due to the band winning second place yesterday, just one point behind the first place recipients.

"We are really busy just because of Arlington on Thursday, Luverne on Saturday, then the pep bands and pep rally, and the parade on Friday," Flanagan also mentioned.

"It's fun to torture the 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders," stated Nick Sitting, instructor of the Garretson marching band. "It also gets you in really good shape for the fall."

The previous year when the Garretson marching band went to Arlington they had won first place.

The Garretson marching band will also be performing on Friday at the homecoming parade starting at 1:15. The pep band will also be playing on Friday at the football game vs. Alcester-Hudson.

The songs played yesterday were "Grand Old Flag"/"America the Beautiful" and "Americana." Wish the marching band good luck tomorrow in Luverne on Saturday.

## Seniors Hold off Juniors for Powder Puff Title

By Micah Mader

Homecoming week kicked off this previous Monday, and with its beginning came the much awaited coronation and powder-puff football games.

Powder-puff is a popular homecoming tradition six years running, and yields new fans every year.

The ladies wait patiently all year to showcase their skills on the grid-iron. This Monday they got their annual chance to compete.

Teams are separated by grade and according to flag football ruling, only seven girls can be on the field for both offense and defense. There is no physical blocking in powder-puff nor is there tackling of any kind. But as history would prove, this doesn't mean that games don't get intense and physical.

Although this type of behavior is frowned upon by officials, senior Blake Severson seemed to disagree stating, "My favorite part is watching the girls drill each other."

Immediately following coronation teams flocked to the football complex to prepare for their matchups. To start the action, the seniors faced off against the freshmen and the juniors with the sophomores.

On the south side of the field, the juniors jumped all over the sophomores due to clever play calling and unworldly execution.

The sophomores were never able to get a drive going, and lost in embarrassing fashion to a junior team who was hitting their

stride.

On the north end, the star-studded senior team faced off against the unexperienced freshmen team. Early in the game, the freshmen were able to move the chains and test the senior group. But, the seniors would prove to be too much and took the game with ease.

After two easy victories the juniors and seniors were beaming with confidence, ready for the championship.

First play of the game resulted in a momentous touchdown for the senior class. But the juniors would not back down as they came back with one of their own.

Control of the lead alternated from side to side throughout the game, but with three minutes left the juniors snagged a seven point lead.

The seniors were not phased and marched the ball into the end-zone and tied up the game to send it to overtime. In OT, both teams get four plays to try to score a touchdown.

With their backs against the wall, the juniors scored a touchdown on their fourth and final play. The point after attempt, however, was no good.

The seniors likewise scored on an impressive drive, coming down to the PAT. With the ultimate pressure surrounding her, senior Taiya Bunde was all kinds of clutch and came through to give the seniors the victory!

Congratulations to the senior class on a well-deserved victory. But rest assured, a talented and eager junior team will be back to claim their title next year.



Junior Haley Sage takes the ball for a run and scores on the drive.

## Senior Spotlight

**NAME:** Mara VanDeBerg

**SENIOR PROJECT:** Mission Trip to Jamaica

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:**

Soccer, Basketball, Track

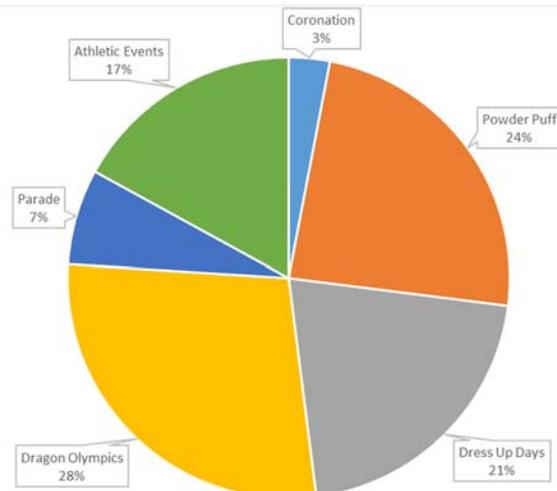
**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** Sports and Friends

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:** Go to college with an undecided major



## Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked which homecoming activity/event they enjoyed the most.



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:** A mushroom

**Joke:** "You crack me up!"