



Blue Ink



Taking a knee for a better America

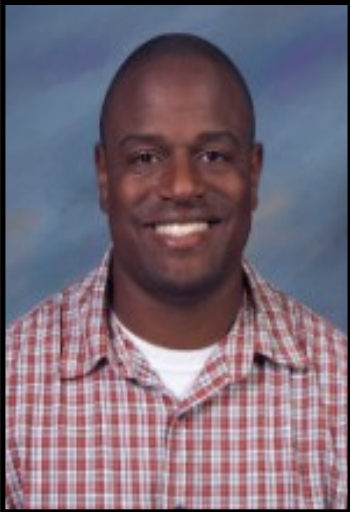
Actions by professional athletes propel discussions, provide learning opportunities

by **Peyton Sage**
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Two weeks ago, hundreds of NFL players kneeled or joined hands during the national anthem while many NBA players voiced their support and continuation for the protest as well. Although former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick started this movement during the 2016 preseason, many players followed suit after President Trump made rude remarks about the NFL players kneeling.

For many people, this is seen as an act of disrespect towards veterans and the flag. But for several others, it's seen as a very peaceful way to protest for the countless injustices that African American people have in the U.S.

Teacher and football coach Mr. Tim Hughes, who was interviewed by KELO about one week ago



Tim Hughes has taught at Garretson since 2006. Aside from being a sports enthusiast, he also has coached many levels of football within Garretson and the Sioux Empire.

about the matter, said, “Too many times we get caught up in what people are doing, and we don't ask why they are doing it.” “Usually when we aren't affected by a cause, we don't see the reason why others are so up in arms about that cause,” Hughes



Colin Kaepernick originally spurred conversation about not standing during the national anthem last year but it has taken on a whole new life during the current NFL season.

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finished.

The reason NFL players are taking a knee during the anthem is not to protest the veterans or the anthem, but instead they are using the anthem as an instrument to protest inequality, police brutality, and racism.

Colin Kaepernick originally sat during the anthem to protest discrimination but started kneeling

after he met with Navy SEAL, Nate Boyer, who said kneeling would sit better with the people who are serving for the country.

Players who are kneeling have never stated that they are anti-military or seemingly attacking the foundations of what this country is supposed to be.

This is a protest about whether or not the country has fulfilled its promise to equal protection under the law to all of its citizens, which is a conversation that many Americans seem to want to avoid.

Postseason starts off with a bang

Wildcard games live up to their name with wild offense and defense

by **Isaiah Miles Mader**
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The MLB Postseason got its start Tuesday night with the AL Wild Card game followed by the NL Wild Card game being played last night. The Minnesota Twins (85-77) battled the New York Yankees (91-71) on the AL side, while the Colorado Rockies (87-75) faced off against the Arizona Diamondbacks (93-69) both looking for a chance to enter the divisional series and extend their year.

The competition between Minnesota and New York was a thriller from the first inning with the teams plating three runs each. After that, the Yankees bullpen made solid work of the Twins, only allowing one run in eight and 2/3 innings, while their explosive offense tacked



on five more. The Yankees took the victory 8-4 over the Twins and will now go on to face the red hot Cleveland Indians.

Much like the AL Wild Card, the NL game was fueled with lot of intensity from both teams fighting for their chance to move further in the postseason. The Diamondbacks came out hot going up 6-0 after three innings. But the Rockies didn't go away, they came back with four of their own and got right back into it. The D-Backs offense proved to be too much as they scored five more to the Rockies three ending with a final of 11-8 in Arizona's favor.

With the Wild Card games over, the eight-team playoff is set and ready to get underway this afternoon. The Boston Red Sox (93-69) are scheduled to play the Houston Astros (101-61), fol-



lowed by the Yankees who will head to Cleveland to face off against the Indians (102-60).

On the NL side, the reigning champion Chicago Cubs (92-70) will travel to Washington to go head to head against the Nationals (97-65) on Friday. The Arizona Diamondbacks follow and will make the trip to play the Los Angeles Dodgers (104-58).

The favorites to meet in the World Series are the Indians and the Dodgers with Cleveland getting the edge in the potential matchup. This would be Cleveland's second straight year in the WS, although they have not been crowned champs since 1948. The Dodgers are looking for their first WS appearance since they last won it in 1988.

As the postseason gets heated up, you can be sure to see the best baseball games of the year as 8 teams battle it out in hopes of claiming the title and becoming the 2017 MLB Champions.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The longest word without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Playing with puppies and kittens can relieve stress and help students perform better on exams.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How can you tell if a vampire has a cold?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What words are pronounced differently be simple capitalizing the first letter?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 5

- XC @ BEC Conference at Beresford (4:00)
- JH VB v. Canton (4:00)
- VB v. Canton (5:00/6:15/7:00)

Friday, October 6

- No School—Teacher In-Service
- Marching Band @ Chester (10:00)
- FB v. Viborg-Hurley (7:00)

Monday, October 9

- No School—Native American Day
- Oral Interp @ Chester (9:00)
- JH/JV FB v. Viborg-Hurley (4:00)
- VB @ Madison (5:00/6:15/7:00)
- School Board Meeting (5:45)
- PTO Meeting (6:45)

Tuesday, October 10

- JH VB v. MCM (4:00/5:00)
- VB v. MCM (5:00/6:15/7:00)

Thursday, October 12

- SDSU All-State Prep Day
- Region XC @ Volga (4:00)
- JH VB @ Tea (4:30/5:30)
- VB @ Tea (5:00/6:15/7:00)

Friday, October 13

- Marching Band @ Volga (10:00)
- FB @ Canistota (7:00)

Worth Mentioning

Good Luck Cross Country as they compete in the Big East Conference meet today in Beresford.

Garretson FFA participated in a land judging competition Tuesday. The team, led by Emily Malsom (49th out of 145), finished seventh.

JOKE: By his deep coffin (coughin')

BRAINTEASER: There are multiple answers, but here are a few: job Job, herb Herb, polish Polish

Softball takes fourth in state competition

Football looks to build momentum, Volleyball shows improvement

by Heather Huether
staff writer

end at the state softball tournament
in Sioux Falls.



The Blue Dragons rounded out their season with a fourth place finish at the State Junior Varsity softball tournament last weekend. Back: Logan Nussbaum, Jazmin Gawarecki, Kyley Greenhoff, Lauren Heesch, Ashlyn Andersen, Abby Schroeder; Front: Jayden Clark, Jaden Flanagan, Nadalie Johnson, Leslie Warne, and Kylie Uhl

Photo by Anna Uhl

State Softball:

The Garretson club softball team rounded out their season last week-

played against Tri-Valley on Monday this week. The JV earned their second win, looking confident on the

The girls started the tournament with a win against Pierre but later fell to the Governors. The Blue Dragons were also able to take down Lennox and Dakota Valley over the two days.

The Blue Dragons earned 4th place, finishing the tournament 3-2.

Volleyball:

The Garretson Blue Dragons volleyball team

court.

The varsity has yet to take home a win but each game they get closer, they fell to the Mustangs in three sets 24-26, 16-25, 23-25.

The Blue Dragons have another game tonight against Canton (1-13). Tonight is the second to last home game of the season.

Football:

Football (4-2) got back in the win column last Friday against Chester with a 49-6 rout of the Flyers (2-4). The football team plays Viborg-Hurley (1-5) this Friday.

The Blue Dragons are working to



Jaelyn Benson gets one of her five digs on the night against the Tri-Valley attack while Rakell Gnadit and Madi Northrup ready for the next touch on the ball. The Blue Dragons, although having leads in two of the three sets, fell in three to the Mustangs.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

build and keep momentum as the season winds down.

Viborg-Hurley will be the second to last game for the regular season but the last home game as the Dragons travel to Canistota next week.

A formal in November?

After years of waiting Garretson students are finally getting a formal other than prom

by Greg Arana
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There's a lot of excitement for the

high school formal next month. Many girls, freshmen through seniors, are distracted trying to find the perfect dress while others are trying

to decide whether it is best to go with friends or find a date. If taking another, it's girls ask guys.

This is the first time Garretson

High School is having a winter formal. The formal is slated for November 18th from 8:00 until 11:00. More details to come as it gets closer.

What happened here, didn't stay here

People rally to support the victims of the Las Vegas shooting this weekend as police search for answers

by Mason Hofer
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On a late October first evening in Las Vegas, everything seemed normal. There was laughter filling the whole city coming from the casinos and other attractions. Then it that all changed, gunshots filled the air coming from a inner city music festival. That laughter was soon replaced with screams of terror, and feet slapping the ground as people scattered like ants. People then realized the horror that was happening.

A mass shooting took place in Las Vegas this weekend along the strip during a music festival. Jason Aldean was performing, but his set was interrupted by the pops of gunshots.

The perpetrator was identified as Stephen Paddock, a 64 year-old man. Paddock's motives still remain unknown. Nevertheless no motives could EVER justify this kind of horror this man unleashed on hundreds of innocent people.

There were 58 deaths (not including the perp), possibly more to come as 489 people were injured. Paddock

was in the 32nd floor of his hotel as he fired on 22,000 concert-goers. The S.W.A.T. team recovered 12 weapons from Paddock's hotel room alone.

Paddock was using a semi-automatic rifle, but there was an illegal twist. Paddock had attached a "bump-stock." What this does is it replaces the stock with a contraption that pulls the trigger along with the recoil of the previous bullet. Basically turning this long-range legal semi-automatic, into a illegal long-range automatic firearm.

The F.B.I. spent all of Wednesday questioning Paddock's girlfriend, who was away during all of this. She said, "I had no idea of his intentions to carry out this massacre." She did agree to stay and try to find the motive. "I knew Stephen as a kind, caring, quiet man" stated his girlfriend.

His girlfriend, Danley, who is 62, stated that Paddock had bought her a ticket to visit her family in the Philippines about two weeks prior.

The F.B.I continues to look for any leads on motive as Las Vegas works to recover from the horrific attack.

Senior Spotlight

John Christian

SENIOR PROJECT:

Rebuilding a 350 Chevy Engine

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Basketball

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:

Easy classes

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Attend Southeast Tech for mechanics



Senior Spotlight

Beth Schmidt

SENIOR PROJECT:

Volunteering at Big Paws and building ramps

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Volleyball
FCA
Basketball Statistician
TATU

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:

My friends and teachers

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Undecided college for nursing

