



Football has a bye week after going 2-0 to open their season. They return to action against Menno/Marion next Friday

# Blue Ink



## Construction boom in Garretson

*Fixing roads, updating infrastructure, improving buildings may be eyesores and frustrations now but will be worth it in the end*

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION**  
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In the early summer, construction came onto Third Street. While it is an much needed update, the long, slow process has



Current construction on Third Street, taken from the corner of Third and Main. Construction will continue to move down Third Street but is projected to be completed in November.

been taxing and some say disastrous for people in that area.

The construction has caused many problems for the residents on Third Street. Some people have to park in an alleyway or on the street behind, causing residents have to walk long distances to get to vehicles. A few extra steps isn't bad but when hauling groceries or kids it gets to be a burden. Adding to that adjustment is sidewalks are also out of service so manmade walkways are now cutting through people's lawns. The goal is for construction to be completed by November 2.

But more than just Third Street will get a face lift. One of the biggest things that Garretson citizens love is

Main Street because it has a lot of Garretson's most beloved things. Main Street has GFC( Garretson Food Center), The Treasure Chest, Garretson Heritage Museum, O' So Good, the bank, post office, and more.

Main Street will be hitting the construction block not too far into the future. The construction team will continue their work down Third Street, across Main, going straight down to Skrewballs. This will cause added travel time getting through Garretson and to specific destinations. The intersection of Third street and Center Ave by the Catholic Church isn't completed yet but plan to be soon, so that road will be open for a little bit before phase 2 begins next

year.

The homecoming parade will be quite different from most years but it'll make it interesting for which way the parade will go. "With that construction happening during homecoming we've been trying to figure out a re-route of the parade, we won't have a positive one until next week Friday but it will still be awesome and fun," said Garretson school's administrative assistant Leslie Longhenry.

Until construction is completed, Garretson citizens will have to chose a different route to get where they need to go. But when phase 2 is done in 2019, Garretson will see a considerable benefit in the construction that is currently causing some headaches.

**PALISADES OIL**  
by **Cody Erikson**  
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Keeping with the idea of improving the community, Palisade Oil is making some noticeable improvements of their own.

The construction crew started about a month and a half ago on new pumps, wiring systems and siding.

Palisades Oil is taking out the four old pumps in the front and turning that into parking. New pumps are moved off to the side a bit and diesel pumps are going in the back, making it easier for larger vehicles to maneuver.

Technology updates came as a part of this as well. Construction is expected to last through October.

### This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Giraffes have the highest blood pressure of any mammal even though their heart rate is about the same as a human.

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

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What kind of key opens a banana?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** Which tire doesn't move when a car turns right?

*Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.*

### Upcoming Events

**Friday, September 7**

- Football v. Menno/Marion

**Saturday, September 8**

- XC @ Luverne (9:30)

- VB @ BEC in Beresford vs. Flandreau(2:00)

**Monday, September 10**

- JH/JV FB v. Menno/Marion (4:00)

- School Board Mtg @ Library

(5:45)

- PTO Family Meet/Greet (6:30)

- PTO Meeting (7:00)

**Tuesday, September 11**

- JH VB @ Flandreau (4:00)

- C/JV VB @ Flandreau (5:00/6:15)

- VB @ Flandreau (7:15)

- Soccer v. Vermillion (5:00)

**Thursday, September 13**

- XC @ Chamberlain (2:30)

**Friday, September 14**

- Football @ Hanson (7:00)

### Worth Mentioning

**Choose Kind** this is the idea that Garretson schools are rallying around this year. There was an all-school viewing of the movie *Wonder* where the Mr. Browne's opening precept (defined as a general rule to regulate behavior and/or thought was "When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind." - Dr. Wayne Dyer"

## Nike goes out on a limb with most recent ad campaign

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"Believe in something, even if it means sacrificing everything." This is strong quote from a Nike advertising campaign that was released last weekend. The ad talks about going above and beyond your dreams, and not letting anyone call you crazy. This would just be a same old sports commercial but



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there is one characteristic that stands out, Colin Kaepernick is the narrator.

A few years back, Kaepernick start-

ed a controversial movement, taking a knee. Kaepernick's take a knee protest, consisted of players getting on one knee during the national anthem. This was initially it started as a protest of police brutality, but as Kaepernick kept getting hate for it, it quickly added a second meaning, the "I support Kaepernick" protest.

Kaepernick received strong backlash for his choices. Due to this he opted of out of his contact with the 49ers. But, 49ers GM stated they were going to cut

Kaepernick anyway.

Kaepernick has not been on an NFL team since and is feeling cheated. He

### *Polarizing star, Colin Kaepernick, newest face of athletic campaign*

has sued the NFL for punishing him for exercising his freedom of speech. More details soon on this lawsuit and its progress.

Regardless of not being on a team, Kaepernick is synonymous with a polarizing protest, where even the President has chimed in. Because of Kaepernick's strong viewpoint, many people were outraged at Nike for backing him and making him one of the faces of their newest "Just do it." campaign, despite not taking a position on the original kneeling protest. Some are bashing the NFL, including President Donald Trump, but most are boycotting Nike.

Experts say that for most people, this will not have any long-lasting negative effects on Nike or its stock

**JOKE:** A mon"key"

**BRAINTEASER:** The spare tire

# Busy week for Garretson athletics

*Volleyball starts BEC tourney, XC hosts, and soccer gains another win*

## VOLLEYBALL

by **Malia Johnson**  
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The Garretson Blue Dragon Volleyball team got off to a rough start at the Big East Conference tournament in Volga last night. The #8 seeded Blue Dragons played a tough #1 seed, the Chester Flyers and lost in three sets.

Garretson then turned around and played Sioux Valley (#4 seed) which resulted in a 3-1 loss.

Tournament action will pick up again on Saturday in Beresford, where the Blue Dragons will take on the Flandreau Fliers (#6 seed) at 2.00 pm.

Next Tuesday the Lady Blue Dragons will visit the Flandreau Fliers. All levels will play (junior high, C, junior varsity, and varsity).

## CROSS COUNTRY

by **Jayden Clark**  
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This past Tuesday, the Garretson Cross Country Team hosted a meet at the River Ridge Golf Course.

In girls junior varsity, eighth grader Payton Campbell placed first individually with a time of 17:49 followed closely behind by seventh grader Jordyn Williams, who had a time of 17:57 and placed second overall. Seventh grader, Mikayla Heesch, came in sixth with a time of 18:12 and seventh grader, Kylie Christensen, came in eighth with a time of 18:24.

For the boys junior varsity, freshman Jayse Miller placed fourth with a time of 15:18. Eighth grader Matthew Gilbert came in 24th with a time of

16:28 followed closely by eighth grader Sam Schleuter, who came in 25th with a time of 16:29.

On the varsity side, junior Geraldine Fry came in 51st with a time of 26:25, eighth grader Preston Bohl came in seventh with a time of 18:00, and freshman Devon Leedy came in 46th with a time of 20:50. There were only three varsity runners for this meet.

The cross country team will be traveling to Luverne Saturday

for their next meet. Go Blue Dragons!

## SOCCER

by **Riley Altman**  
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The Blue Dragon soccer team hosted the defending state champions, West Central Trojans, on Tuesday. The girls started out strong in the first half, but let a few goals in late in the first half due to great shots and miscommunication.

The Blue Dragons lacked intensity in the second half and allowed the Trojans to score some more. The Trojans outscored the Dragons 7-0 to end the game. Late in the second half, starting center defender, Kaycie King went down with a knee injury, causing her to miss their next game.

The Blue Dragons came home with



Junior varsity runners had a solid performance with four placing in the top ten. Payton Campbell (left) took first overall, Mikayla Heesch (middle) finished sixth, and Kylie Christenson (right) was close behind in eighth. Jordyn Williams (not pictured) took second.

a win Thursday night, against the Worthington Trojans.

The girls came out strong early in the game allowing, Freshman, Paige Sterud to score the Dragons first goal of the game. The soccer team then fell flat and couldn't stop a Trojan goal. Senior, Kyley Greenhoff put one in the back of the net off of a free kick.

The Blue Dragons once again started the second half in a slump but pulled it together as freshmen, Morgan Damman and Allison Ebbing both put points on the board.

The Blue Dragons came out with a 4-1 win over the Trojans. The JV game ended in a 3-2 Garretson victory. The girls (4-5-0) are looking for another win on Tuesday, as they get a rematch with the Vermillion Tanagers (4-2-0) in Garretson.

# Parking space at premium

EDITORIAL by **Triston Rekstad & Kennedy Buckneberg**  
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Last night I got home late from the volleyball game and realized I still had homework, so I ended up getting to bed super late which also led to not waking up to my alarm. I still had to finish some chores for my mom which left me leaving my house four minutes before school started.

I only live two minutes from the school but as I got into the parking lot, I realized there was no parking. I had to drive to the front of the school to park on the street where I had to squeeze between two cars. I got into the school right as the bell rang still needing time to get to class all the way upstairs.

Getting my second tardy, and now having to serve a Saturday school makes me wonder if there are enough parking spots for all the students driving.

If you are a student at Garretson High School, then you are most likely aware about little space to park in the parking lot. With big class sizes coming up and more people being able to drive, it makes it tough when finding a place to park. There are only around 70 parking spots available and over 150 kids in high school; it has forced some students to park on the side of the road. Mr. Long said, "I know it's pretty tight to find a parking spot with over 150 students."

Mr. Long also said, "We plan to make additional parking spots in place of the daycare behind the student parking lot, but for now we are going to have to make it work and learn to park between the lines."

# 400k GoFundMe fraud case for homeless man

*Couple raises thousands of dollars on GoFundMe for homeless man, uses it on themselves*

by **Sam Gonzalez**  
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The biggest fraud case occurred this year under the #1 free fundraising company, GoFundMe. About 10 months ago, a couple started a GoFundMe account that raised nearly \$400,000 for a



Johnny Bobbitt Jr gave the last of his money to help Kate McClure fill her gas tank. McClure and her boyfriend set up a GoFundMe account to help Bobbitt but didn't give Bobbitt the money.

*Photo courtesy of ABC News*

homeless man near Philadelphia after he used his only \$20 to help Kate McClure put gas in her car after she ran out on the Interstate. The \$400k was supposed to be for homeless man, Johnny Bobbitt Jr, but he recently claimed that the couple has been using it for themselves and not letting him receive any.

The story went viral around November last year when McClure had run out of gas on Interstate 95. Bobbitt was sitting on the side of an exit ramp

near McClure and automatically helped her by walking to the nearest gas station using his last \$20 to put gas in her car. After the fact,

McClure stopped by his spot under the exit ramp a few times to give him food, gift cards and more.

Finally, McClure and her boyfriend, Mark D'Amico set up a GoFundMe account that soon reached 400k after she told her story about Bobbitt. The three became a hit on social media and news such as Good Morning America soon after which helped them get to 400k. The plan was to send Bobbitt to rehab, buy him a house and his dream truck. Sadly, the happy story

soon took a sharp turn.

McClure and D'Amico bought Bobbitt a camper, a soon-to-be broken-down SUV and some other items. Soon after, the middle-class income based couple bought a new BMW and started going on many luxurious trips, including taking a helicopter over the Grand Canyon. They stated none of Bobbitt's money had gone toward that other than \$500 which they claimed was immediately paid back.

Their excuse for not handing the money to Bobbitt was because of his drug addiction and the fact that he didn't have a job. Bobbitt had become three weeks drug-free and yet they did not give him the rest of the money which they said was about \$200k left.

A lawsuit began and was settled that McClure and D'Amico handover the rest of the money to Bobbitt, and they have yet to have any comments about it. Information has rumored that there was barely anything to handover to Bobbitt and that most of the 200k was gone.

# Predator USA joins franchise

by **Trever Edmundson**  
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*Predator USA*, the newest extension to the *Predator* universe is almost here, opening to the public September 14. It has the best possible people in charge: director Shane Black and screenwriter Fred Dekker.

It is for this reason that many have high hopes for the newest release to the series. The movie will be taking place in an American suburb and according to Cody Erickson, fan of the series, this environment will add a lot of action to the movie.

*Predator USA* will be the fourth *Predator* movie and according to Erickson the fourth should be the last, which many can agree. Many movie fans are afraid of the *Predator* series being ruined by lesser quality sequels.

