

Garretson high school staff & students spent the day cleaning the town . Also thank you to GFC for the meal. CHOOSE KIND





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School recap A fun-filled, jam-packed year comes to an end

by Mataya Trower staff writer

2018-2019 school year is coming to a wrap and it has everyone excited. Garretson High School has gone through a lot from almost being football champions to arguing about the parking fiasco. Over the last 10 months we have gone through ups and downs but their has been at least one big event every month.

August - New faces join Garretson

With every new school year comes new faces. This school year we started off with four new teachers, Tony Johnson (middle school social studies teacher), Erika Brown (music/choir teacher), Liz Etrheim (fourth grade), and Kara Assid (special education teacher). With a few teachers retiring or leaving, Garretson school is excited to have more new faces next year.

September - Homecoming Coronation

This year's homecoming started off with coronation of the small senior class. The queen candidates were Kelsey Keegan, Molly Houg, Keara Beck, Samantha Gonzalez and Emily Erickson. Followed by the King candidates Drew Blosmo, Brennan Mudder, Cory Bryan, Trenton Karli, and Dakota Johnson. And to close the 2018 coronation, this year's king and queen were Dakota Johnson and Kelsey Keegan.

Cross country continued their success with qualifying their girls team as well as one individual boys runner to the state competition.

October- Soccer Playoffs

After six years, three coaches, long practices, and hard games, the Garretson Blue Dragon Varsity Soccer Ladies made it to the first round playoffs for the first time ever in GHS soccer history. "I was just so proud of the girls for working so hard this season and getting the opportunity to participate in a playoff game. They never gave up, even through blowouts and injuries; they always found a way to pick themselves up and keep fighting," stated three year soccer Coach Emily Willman.

The Garretson choir also sent four participants to All-State Choir. They were Aliah Lymon, Aftyn Heitkamp, Trevor Fiegen, and Luke Ross.

November - National FFA

Eleven GHS students got to be part of one of the largest youth gatherings in the country, the National FFA Convention. Garretson FFA took part in ag-related tours, leadership development activities, and community service projects during the 2018 convention. "My favorite part of the convention was by far the Garth Brook's concert," said Madison Decker.

Football made a deep run in the playoffs, falling short just one game shy of the Dome. That was the furthest they have went since 2001.

December-CMN donations

On November 6, 2009, heaven gained another angel named Tina Sandbulte. Tina enjoyed raising money for CMN (Children's Miracle Network) in her free time. After Tina passed, Norinda wanted to carry on the impact that her daughter had in the CMN, and started taking donations every year. This year Garretson raised over \$1,300 and 100% of the donations made by students and teachers went straight to CMN.

January- Kristi Noem's plan for South Dakota

Being the first female governor in South Dakota, Kristi Noem took the oath of office on January 5, 2019. Noem was quick to reveal her stance on education when she announced her proposal to require all students to pass a US Citizenship test in order to graduate. Many teachers don't think they'd have to change much in what they teach to prepare their students to take the test and

many felt that it is important information for our students to leave high school with.

February- Garretson's Climate Zones

Traveling room to room through Garretson school was like traveling through the earth's three climate zones-Tropical, Temperate, and Polar. Last February, students struggled to find consistent temperatures throughout the school. While some of it has been issues with the heating system itself, other variances in temperature can be attributed to the polar vortex we experienced. To deal with this students had resolved to wearing their coats to class, knowing it is against the dress code.

Garretson sent seven wrestlers to the state meet, the most in recent memory. Hayden Pierret fared the best finishing on the podium in eighth place.

March- The pickle in the parking lot

We all remember when last March sparked a new debate over the "prime spots" in the west parking lot. Aftyn Heitkamp made an article for the blue ink representing the upperclassmen while Rave Uhlich wrote the underclassmen side of the argument. The juniors argued that they should get front row parking because of hierarchy. Of course the underclassmen didn't agree saying that there is no rule saying upperclassmen get it. Although this debate isn't talked about anymore, the issue was never resolved.

April- Juuls in School

Overall, JUULing is influencing high schools heavily everywhere including the small town of Garretson. Many students from Garretson own this popular vape which looks similar to a flash drive. The Blue Ink talked to an anonymous student at GHS who was apprehended for JUUL'ing to get a little bit more personal view which caught people's attentions. Many kids, teachers, and parents are uneducated about the reality and dangers of JUULs and vaping. Educational materials and resources are available in GHS, talk to school counselor, Ms. Pliska.

May- Sister Scandal

The scandals with James Charles, a famous YouTuber, may not have effected students but it sure did spark conversation. Tati Westbrook, a long time friend of James, released a 45 minute long video exposing Charles' actions towards her and others, which caused Charles to lose over 3 million subscribers

To end the school year, many track and golf athletes will be heading to state. The state track meet is today in Tea and tomorrow in Sioux Falls. Garretson qualified a dozen athletes. State golf will run June 3 and 4 in Yankton. Both boys and girls teams qualified, sending eight golfers to the state meet.

This year has gone by so fast but let's hope summer



excitement of the school year with their own league that they created. The DBL seemed to get just as much of a following as other school sports.

This Week's **Need to Know**

FACT OF THE WEEK: Today is the last day of school. The next time we'll see you is August 22. Enjoy your summer.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Ant problem on your picnic? Sprinkle a few coffee grounds around your area for a bug free dinner.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Do fish go on vacation?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:

Solve this rebus puzzle.

DAYSALLWORK Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 24

- State A Track @ Tea (9:30)
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Saturday, May 25

- State A Track @ Sioux Falls (9:00)

Tuesday, May 28-Friday, May 31

Driver's Education (8:00-3:00)

Monday, June 3

- State B Golf @ Yankton

Tuesday, June 4

- State B Golf @ Yankton

Worth Mentioning

Choose Kind

- May Precept: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." - John Wesley's Rule
- April Precept: "What is beautiful is good, and who is good will soon be beautiful." - Sappho
- March Precept: "Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much." - Blaise Pascal
- February Precept: "It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers." - James Thurber
- January Precept: "No man is an island, entire of itself." - John Donne
- December Precept: "Fortune favors the bold." - Virgil
- November Precept: "Have no friends not equal to yourself."
- October Precept: "Your deeds are your monuments."
- September Precept: "When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.' - Dr. Wayne Dyer"

PBL Projects vs. Tests

by Oliviyah Thornton staff writer—editorial

It's finals week and there's definitely some stress in the air about getting projects done or studying for a upcoming test. However, there is controversy over which is more stressful, projects or tests.

Having a PBL (project based learning) project you have more control over what you get on what you present. It depends on how much work you put into it and if you did it correctly. Projects also allow for you to work on your

assignment over time. But if it is a group project, it can be stressful relying on someone to do their side of the project. But when people are in group project, they are forced to get along with their partner and create something they are proud of and get a good grade on it.

Group projects reinforce team work and time management which we will all have to deal with when we become adults and are forced to work with all different types of people.

Rachel Kindt shared her thoughts on PBLs. "I think PBL projects push students to step out of their comfort zones and work in a group setting which is something we don't do a lot of at school. I am not 100% against semester tests, I just believe that it's more so a memorization game than really a test where you have to apply your knowledge. I think our school should put together a policy where if a student has an A or higher they don't have to take a semester test; if a student works hard all year maintaining that A, then they should be rewarded for it."

On the other side of the argument, with tests you are slammed with studying after school and trying to remember all the material you have learned this semester. For some people it is easier to remember the material and be ready for the upcoming test to come. The test allows for people to go in and think, "Whatever I get, I get," and unlike with semester projects, you are able to get it done and over with in one day.

But there is other big downside of taking tests. Most just study and then take the test. After the test most people just forget about everything they reviewed over. Taking a test is way to test what you remember but afterwards it doesn't mean anything and you just move on to the next subject or in our case we just going to summer.

Tests are better in Mya Long's opinion. "I think I like tests because then it's your fault if you get that grade. You can't get a bad grade from other people and it's all of your hard work that gets graded not other peoples."

Others will also say having both is nice and it depends on which class. Classes you struggle with would be better as a PBL projects because you are able to work on the project and if you don't understand it you can just look it up or ask the teacher. Classes that you succeed in would

work for having tests because you know Different assessment about the material and tests should be over with it and you don't have to spend hours on studying but more on reviewing which takes about a hour or two. Also, being able to take breaks from

> having to study so you can work on your project can give your brain a break.

> Having a test every day and in every class could become stressful and cause your mind to feel overwhelmed. On the other hand, having projects in every class can cause you to feel overworked and effect your final outcome of your project(s). I think having a good mixture of the two is nice and gives you more breaks.

> Each have their own disadvantages and advantages but they are both something that will affect 20% of your grade so in end no matter which one you end up with in any class you'll have to apply yourself and work hard for whatever grade you want. Because in the end, it all

comes down to how much you apply yourself and work for what you want.

methods have their

pros and cons

"Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did," said by Newt Gingrich. Don't give up on working hard for that grade just because it is the end of the year.

Knowledge battle

Baltic v. Garretson book battle returns

by Kylie Uhl staff writer

For some of us, we would much rather open a book then watch a movie! Right? Well, for the Garretson 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades this is exactly what they did. They put down their electronic devices and picked up a book for some healthy competition during the annual book battles.

The book battles if a friendly competition between Garretson and Baltic elementary students grades 3-5. Each school gives their students a similar list of books that meet their reading level. Then, each grade splits into groups of about five students. Each group then assigns different people to read each book.

After they read them, groups from the same school compete to find the best group. The best group is then chosen to compete against the other school.



With the book battles in progress featuring Garretson hosting Baltic, the Garretson team conferences, making sure they are in agreement with their answer.

Picture by Nadalie Johnson

DBL takes Garretson by storm

by Jayden Clark staff writer

I'm sure everyone has heard the buzz surrounding the Dewitt Basketball League, affectionately known as the DBL. DBL is a basketball league started by the upperclassman.

Senior Hayden Pierret said, "We were all bored and sitting around and we had nothing to do, so we decided to start a basketball league," and then, DBL was born!

DBL is comprised of six teams split into two conferences. The Eastern Conference consists of three teams: the Jacksonville Jodie's, the Toronto Jelly Gods, and the Copenhagen Curns. The Western Conference includes the other three teams: the San Jose SeaMen, the Brian City Burglars, and the Corson Cheesecurds.

Since its inception, DBL has included an official draft, multiple regular season games, and is just finishing post-season playoffs.

Freshman Dylan Kindt said, "As of right now the Brian City Burglars have punched their ticket to the ship and the San Jose Seamen and the Copenhagen Curns are tied 1-1 in their semifinals series."

The semifinals games are a best-of-three series format.

Throughout the DBL season, the boys have spent a lot of time together, whether it be in practice or during the games. Sophomore Jake Schroeder stated, "I played for the Jacksonville Jodie's. We did really bad and our only strengths was...well none I guess you could say. My favorite part was being out there and taking pride in being the worst team out there."

Pierret added his favorite part was, "Actually

getting out and doing stuff with everybody and slamming it on people."

Junior Hayden Olofson said his favorite part was, "Beating the Jelly Gods."

DBL has one semifinal game left between the Copenhagen Curns and the San Jose Seamen. Whoever wins that game will then go on to play the Brian City Burglars in a best-of-five series for the first DBL Championship

When asked who is going to win, Kindt said, "I think the Curns will win the ship because they are a tough team with Brennan Mudder and Ollie complimented by Cadyn. #CurnFam"

Pierret agreed with Kindt saying, "#CurnFam because Copenhagen is very supportive, and they have a great fan base. The players are outstanding too."

> On contrary, the

Schroeder said, "I think the San Jose Seamen will win if Trevor is there because he has height and bounce."

The date and time for the championship games has not yet been an-

With the first year of DBL wrapping up, people around the school, both players and spectators are all wondering one question; Will DBL continue? The official DBL twitter page tweeted on May 10, "Just wanted to let the fans know, we are not folding as a league."

Schroeder added, "DBL will 100% happen again."

Pierret added only two words, "Stay tuned."

Out of each grade, the best groups from each school compete by answering questions about the books they read, and the winner is chosen by who answers the most questions correctly.

Being that this is Mrs. Bly's 15th year doing book battles, she's very pleased with the positive energy it has on students, "I do believe that it makes the kids read more considering that it is the end of the year and their done with Smarter Balance testing and that it gives that extra push of motivation."

The Garretson 3rd grades definitely had that motivation taking the W with a score of 13-11. The 4th graders were also took a W, winning by 2 points. Another close game against Baltic the Garretson 5th grades didn't have the best of luck taking the L by only 2

Trying to catch readers minds one book at a time. Hopefully the classes can keep up their winning streak for years to come.

KSFY Media Camp



Students try their hand at TV broadcasting

by Kennedy Buckneberg staff writer

Two summers ago, Jaden Braaten and Diontae Lymon, spent a week of their summer at the KSFY media camp. And now, it's that time a year. In early May, a couple of students from Garretson also tried out for the camp and two advanced. Riley Altman and Mattea Fiegen are very excited to get this type of experience and also get a feel of what it's like to be behind and in front of the camera.

At media camp, students will learn about broadcasting, acting production, the behind-the-scenes working of a newscast and pitch their stories to sponsors, all while creating a broadcast that will air on KSFY News. Ages 14-17 are able to audition for the free camp, which will be held on June 10th through the 14th from 9am to 12pm. Altman (RA) and Fiegen (MF) are looking forward to this unique opportunity that they have, this summer.

Q: What made you want to try out for the media camp?

- RA: "Jaden Braaten told me that she really enjoyed it and suggested it to me, I've always wanted to be on tv, and touring KSFY for journalism really interested me to audition."
- MF: "I wanted to see if this was some-

thing that interested me and wanted to pursue further."

Q: What are you most excited for?

- RA: "Everything, like what it's all about, and definitely meeting new people."
- MF: "To meet new people and experience something new."

Q: Are you nervous to be on TV, if so

- RA: "Kind of, I am not a very serious person, so I think I will laugh.
- MF: "Of course I'm nervous! It's TV! I want to represent my school well, and messing up wouldn't help my case."

Q: What topic would you be most interested in covering?

- RA: "I am honestly good with anything. I feel like reporter or anchor would be
- MF: "Definitely would shoot for the anchor, but so will everyone else so I'll take what I can get."

Is this something your considering as a career in the future?

- RA: "I could see myself using the sales part of it in the future, but we will just have to see if I am good at it and is something that I enjoy."
- MF: "Well this will be the decider. I have no idea what I want to do with my life so it will be nice to cross this off the list or make it a priority."

Kindness means building bridges instead of walls

by Kelsey Keegan staff writer

I'm a senior here at Garretson school and I have seen many bridges being built this school

I have seen many kindness activity walls and bulletin boards throughout the school walls with positive notes and with students being caught being kind in some

Some of the community kindness has been the FFA plan the meals of hope event. Donations from alliance has made possible for viewers to watch TV School events on 230.

Garretson has given hope, and life by giving blood support for the community bloodmobile drive several times each year.

Garretson school district does a backpack program so children are getting nutritional food on the week ends.

Lots of fundraising events to help with the progress of building the Blue Dragons Academy.

Garretson community in the

past has done a community Relay-For-Life at the track to raise the money to help fight cancer and find a cure. This community does do many more kind things that I can't even list them all.

Garretson also has a day this Spring when school students and the community have Pride Day. Pride Day is when lots of Spring cleaning is done not only on school grounds but all around town. From raking, picking up garbage, stacking branches, scraping and painting, landscaping, and much more. Kind words or kind actions can be short and easy to speak or do but their echoes and the memories are truly endless. So be that person to honor by making kindness a way of life.



Class of 2019 says farewell

by Riley Altman staff writer

On May 18 the GHS class of 2019 walked through the gym one last time as students in Garretson. The small class of 27 students are now Garretson alumni.

Ms. Kientopf, teacher of the year, gave the graduates their goodbye speech. Her message to them was all about "climbing mountains." She talked about how they have climbed this mountain and are ready to go face the other obstacles and climb all the other mountains that are waiting for them in their future.

Senior, Drew Blosmo added, "I walked out of the gym with a lot of mixed emotions, I'm excited to try something new it's just hard leaving the people I grew up with my whole life."

Now that high school is officially done Kyley Greenhoff stated, "I am relieved and ready for the next chapter in my life."



Now that the school year has ended and seniors have graduated, the juniors are anxiously waiting for their turn to walk across the stage. Zach Klaasen, a junior stated, "On Saturday when they graduated it finally hit me, that'll be us next year. I'm very anxious, excited, and a little unsure about how it'll go."

Madisen Nordstrom, junior, said, "It's sad to see the class of 2019 go, but I am happy that we are one step closer to our turn. I just hope senioritis doesn't kick in too early."

"If there's one thing I would say to you juniors it's get involved in as many things as possible because you won't be able to go back once you're done with high school and lastly just enjoy it, it goes by faster than you think," said Blosmo.

State bound

by Malia Johnson

The Blue Dragon golf team was in full swing this past week. They traveled to Mitchell on Friday, May 17, for preregions and back to Mitchell on Monday, May 20, for regions. Class 3B region consists of 12 schools but only some fielded full teams, three girls teams and seven boys teams.

Garretson girls (making it two years in a row as a team) were one out the teams that qualified for the state meet, finishing runner up to Bridgewater Emery, as well as boys, making the state meet by finishing runner up behind Parker. Sam Konechne. Girls were Katie Hanson, Malia

The last time both teams qualified for state was in 2012. Johnson, Maren Bonte, and Jayden Clark



Both boys and girls qualified for state as a team. Boys consisted of Cooper Long, Rave Uhlich, Dylan Kindt,

golf head coach, Kari Stoltenberg stated she is very happy with the overall outcome of regions, but says there is time for improvement in order to get lower scores.

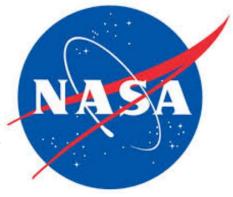
Stoltenberg explained her goals as the golfers prepare themselves for state. "I would like to see both teams place 6th or higher and our top boy and girl golfer place in the top 25 medalist." The boys 3B region team is made up of Rave Uhlich, Dylan Kindt, Cooper Long, and Sam Konechne. The girls 3B region team consists of Katie Hanson, Malia Johnson, Jayden Clark, and Maren Bonte.

The state tournament will be held June 3 and 4 in Yankton. Golfers will be on two courses, boys will golf at Hill Crest and girls will be golfing Fox Run.

Operation Artemis

by **Mason Hofer** staff writer

NASA announced Tuesday, May 14, that it is going back to the moon by 2024, but in a bigger way. NASA posted a video on YouTube titled "We Are Go-



ing" describing the mission. In the video it shows new never before seen technology, and its future plans. In the video, they included phrases like "We are going to the moon to stay" and that rather than the moon being the finish line, (like it was 50 years ago) it will be used as a stepping stool or "checkpoint" in sending humans to Mars.

When we went to the moon for the first time 50 years ago, we called it Apollo 11. But this time, it will be called "Artemis." In Greek mythology, she is the twin sister of Apollo, and goddess of the moon. Artemis personifies the path to the most important NASA program ever. Artemis will put the first ever woman on the moon, and will pave the path for deep space research.

The video hints that the United States will set up camp on the moon for extensive research. NASA stated they would like to "establish a sustainable human presence on the moon by 2028 to uncover new scientific discoveries, demonstrate new technological advances, and lay the foundation for private companies to build a lunar economy."

But in order to accomplish all of this, they need a lot more toys. Here are the record breaking vehicles NASA is creating.

Space Launch System

The NASA space launch system (or SLS) is the strongest rocket ever created. It is mainly created to have the strength to carry lots of cargo, and the power to leave earths orbit. NASA is very exited about this because it broadens the possibilities of deep space exploration, NASA stated this makes it possible to put robotics on Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter.

The Gateway

The Gateway is a "Lunar Outpost" that will orbit the

NASA puts another moon landing back in their sights, but this time it might be to stay

moon for science and technology demonstrations. Located on average 250,000 miles from earth, it will give access to astronauts to land anywhere at any time on the moon.

Orion Spacecraft

This is a spacecraft that will "usher astronauts to deep space exploration." This spacecraft is built for four astronauts, and has the ability to explore rather than humans have ever traveled. This is built to attach to the Space Launch System, in Florida they will launch the first operation of this whole project called Exploration Mission 1. In this, Orion will detach from the SLS and venture thousands of miles beyond the moon, and will return three weeks later.

Humans on the Moon

NASA stated that they will series of small commercial deliveries to the moon and build an outpost. This will be used to have astronauts on the moon for extended periods on time. With this new ability, humans will conduct research on radiation and just things on the moons surface.

William Shatner stated "Humans are the most fragile element on this entire endeavor, and yet we go for humanity. We go to the Moon and onto Mars, to seek knowledge and understanding, and to share it with all. We go knowing our efforts will create opportunities that cannot be foreseen, we go because we are destined to explore and see it with our own eyes. We go towards the moon not as a conclusion but as preparation, as a checkpoint for all that lies beyond. Our greatest adventures remain ahead of us. We are going."



Community Service Day



On behalf of the City of Garretson,

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped yesterday with the Garretson Community Pride day. After getting home from work, I took a few minutes to drive around town. The amount of work that you accomplished in half a day was impressive. All of the citizens of Garretson should be proud to see the students of our community helping those who need a little extra assistance, improving the looks of our town and simply taking pride in the community where you live. I even saw a video of Mrs. Gloe with a chainsaw. Who knew that she was so good at cutting down trees! Thank you high school students, teachers and administration for your gift of time and talent.

Greg Beaner,
Garretson City Mayor



Controversial bill pops up in multiple states

by **Nobel Nothstine** staff writer—editorial

Men shouldn't be making laws on women's bodies

Georgia, Ohio, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Alabama. Abortion is a topic that has been poked and prodded at by anti-abortion followers for years, but in the past three months, these five states have adopted regulation that severely restricts access to abortion. In some cases, these laws restrict abortion access at as early as six weeks into a pregnancy (by that time, most women do not even suspect they're pregnant).

In Alabama, their newly passed law bans abortion in almost all cases (no exceptions for rape or incest) and additionally institutes up to a 99-year prison sentence for doctors who illegally perform the procedure. Additionally, the Alabama House passed a bill on Wednesday requiring doctors to try to save the life of a baby born after an attempted abortion or face up to 20 years in prison.

These laws have caused outrage on social media, and has gained coverage across the US. Seemingly because these mark the most direct challenge to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision instituted the constitutional right to abortion until the fetus reaches viability (24 weeks of pregnancy).

For the first time, successfully challenging Roe

v. Wade and banning abortion outright seems realistic, as the US has a recently established five-justice conservative majority on the Supreme Court.

Tony Johnson, a social studies teacher at GHS stated, "I'd be very surprised if these issues do not make it to the Supreme Court in the near future. Like many other issues that we hopefully remember from history and government classes, the courts will ultimately decide whether states have the right to pass certain laws, and whether those laws violate constitutional rights. I'm not so sure of the direction of the effect though, since so many people are pretty firmly entrenched in their opinions on these issues."

The Alabama law has specifically caused controversy because it's the most drastic law of the five states, and bans on abortions in the first trimester of a pregnancy (before 13 weeks) aren't in line with most Americans' views on abortion. According to a 2018 poll, nearly 80 percent of voting-registered Americans think abortion should be legal (in at least some circumstances).

With regards to the other four states, their laws didn't directly challenge the constitutional right to

abortion; rather, they imposed regulations on clinics and abortion doctors while adding



requirements like mandatory ultrasounds, counseling, and waiting periods. These restrictions and requirements make the entire process much more difficult, time consuming, and expensive.

There has also been controversy in the South with laws being passed that prohibit or ban same-sex couple adoptions on "religious grounds." This will greatly influence the adoption rate, as the amount of children in the system is sure to skyrocket, whilst the amount of viable adopters will plummet.

Though the Alabama governor is a woman and signed off on this law, attached is a photo of the rest of the "political experts" and legislation behind the Alabama Abortion Law. In 2020, we will have the opportunity to speak up. Register to vote and re-institute women's right to have a choice apply for offices and elect women equally into every legislative branch. We have to fight for a truly free future.