



Fifth graders get new teacher just five weeks into school year

Ms. Backer takes reigns from Ms. Theilen

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October doesn't just bring along Halloween and haunted houses but also brings along a new 5th Grade Teacher to Garretson.

On Monday, October 1st, Garretson welcomed Emily Backer to the teaching staff. She replaced Mrs. Theilen as the new 5th grade teacher. Mrs. Thielen will be missed as she and her family moved to Pierre due to her husband's promotion.

Miss Backer graduated from the University of South Dakota with a



degree in teaching but originally started college wanting to be a nurse. This will also be Miss Backer's first year of teaching.

Miss Backer is coming in over half way through the first quarter, but she has been shadowing Ms. Theilen for the past few weeks. That has helped her build relationships with the students before fully taking over teaching responsibilities. She will be working closely with Mrs. Danforth in teaching the fifth grade class.

Miss Backer is excited for her first year of teaching but she also enjoys reading, writing, camping, and fishing.



Garretson soccer's most successful season ever leads them to playoffs

Soccer makes first playoff appearance as sanctioned school sport

by Sam Gonzalez
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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. On Tuesday, the Class A Quarterfinal round was held at Cotton Park in Vermillion, SD versus the Vermillion Tanagers (7-4-2) and the Garretson Blue Dragons (5-7-1) at 2 p.m.

"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. I was a little nervous that there would be girls that were satisfied just making it to the playoffs, but as soon as that game started, I could see just how hungry every player was for a first-round playoff win" stated three year soccer Coach Emily Willman.

Vermillion was the first game of the Garretson's soccer season , with

Vermillion taking the win, 3-0. Then halfway throughout the season, they played once again which ended with a tie. The Blue Dragon soccer team was determined to not be defeated for the third time, and gave all that they had on the field.

"We played amazing. Honestly amazing. We connected all the passes that we needed to, we gave a 110% the whole time, all the way through. That game should've went into overtime; it was just one fluke, in two seconds and it was over," senior midfielder Kiley Greenhoff said.

The second the game started, Garretson and Vermillion went back to back on each end of the field. Both getting chances to score or to get close enough to make the defense sweat. The first half was a battle of who could shoot in order to gain confidence making the first half 0-0. The second half, it was no longer about making the shot, but the need and hunger to win first round. With two minutes of the game, Vermillion attempted to shoot, and what seemed like goalie Kayla Genzlinger catching the ball, led the Garretson girls to stop and sigh with

relief only for someone to fluke the ball out of Genzlinger's hand where it awkwardly bounced and slowly rolled into the net as every single girl rushed to the goal in attempt to stop it, but it was too late. Vermillion had made the first goal with only two minutes of the game left.

Garretson sprinted into action to get onto the scoreboard, and Vermillion tried running the clock by keeping the ball to themselves as Garretson fought aggressively to get it back and make a goal. But, when the whistle blew indicating the game was over and Vermillion had won by one, the Garretson girls immediately held back the tears until they hit the sidelines and let it all out as a team and the family that they are.

But, it isn't over yet, the Garretson Soccer team is ready to come back and take the win for next season playoffs. "After all the morning practices, the late games, the conditioning, and the laughs I've made and friendships I feel will last forever. We were able to prove a lot of people wrong by making it to the playoffs, and I can't wait for next year where we plan to go further. However, what's even more exciting is sharing these triumphs with a team I love and knowing I will get to do it all over again next year," freshman Miriam Pickard said.

This Week's Need to Know

- FACT OF THE WEEK:** The first U.S. Open Golf tournament was played on this day in 1895. It was held in Newport, Rhode Island.
- LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Drinking fruit juice doesn't even come close to the benefits of eating fruit. Fruit juice often contains more sugar and a lot less fiber.
- JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil?
- BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** Who makes moves while being seated?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, October 4**
- XC @ BEC in Garretson (4:00)
 - JH VB @ Canton (4:00)
 - VB @ Canton (6:15/7:15)
- Friday, October 5**
- No School—Staff Inservice
 - Marching Band @ Chester (10:00)
 - Football @ Viborg-Hurley (7:00)
- Monday, October 8**
- No School—Native American Day
 - Oral Interp @ Chester (10:00)
 - School Board Meeting (5:45)
 - PTO Meeting (6:30)
 - VB @ Hills (6:15/7:00)
- Tuesday, October 9**
- JH VB @ MCM (4:00)
 - VB @ MCM (5:00/6:15/7:00)
- Thursday, October 11**
- XC @ Regions in Dells (4:00)
 - JH VB v. Tea Area (4:00/5:00)
 - VB v. Tea Area (5:00/6:15/7:15)
- Friday, October 12**
- Marching Band @ Volga (10:00)
 - Football v. Canistota/Freeman (7:00)

Worth Mentioning

- Choose Kind**
- October Precept: "Your deeds are your monuments."
 - September Precept: "'When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.' - Dr. Wayne Dyer"

South Dakota hoco scandals

Homecoming is a time for celebration but some recent events tarnished the should be joyous time

by **Nobel Nothstine**
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Homecoming is an eventful time of the year for schools across the state. Luckily, Garretson’s homecoming had only minor bumps in the road, including a teacher’s house being TPed, a detoured parade route, and a controversial winning streak for the junior class. However, this is not the case for other schools in South Dakota.

Chamberlain Shooting

Last Friday night in Chamberlain, SD, a 20-year-old guy was threatening to shoot himself around 3:30 pm. Hours later, he acted. At 6:20 pm, the suspect was spotted in Lower Brule and the authorities attempted to make contact with him. He then fled in his vehicle, which resulted in a high speed chase. Right before Chamberlain’s homecoming game against Winner, the man drove onto the football practice field. The authorities had his vehicle surrounded, and all seemed to be deescalating. Seconds later, the man stepped out

and shot himself. After the resonating gunshot, players scattered from the field and spectators were directed to an area behind the bleachers. Chamberlain’s police chief has said that the victim was promptly taken to a local hospital and only suffered minor injuries. The game resumed half an hour later, when the all-clear was given.

Redfield Bus Vandalism

A great homecoming week at Redfield was abruptly ruined last Friday at their homecoming football game against Wagner. The accusation being that a few kids at Redfield tagged Wagner’s school bus with paint sometime during the game. This wasn’t seen as much of a big deal, and the paint was washed off before the Wagner team attempted to leave

the campus. I guess the troublesome kids weren’t satisfied, because shortly after that, the bus was egged. The Redfield school officials and staff have issued apologies to the Wagner community, as they don’t want these “thoughtless actions” to reflect upon them or for the community to feel these incidents “accurately represent Redfield.” Charged have yet to be filed, as there is still no information as to the identity of the suspects.



While Wagner and Redfield faced off on the gridiron, the visiting bus didn’t fair very well, getting splattered with paint. Redfield school officials have apologized to Wagner about the incident.

Volleyball splits win/loss

Two games already this week leaves team 1-1 going into Canton

by **Mason Hofer**
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Garretson volleyball has had a more successful season this year than years past, with a record of 4-13, this may not sound great but it is more games than they've won in the past four years combined.

The girls have had two games this week so far. On October 1st they faced off against Tri-Valley (7-9) in the Mustang’s house. Garretson won the first set of this match, 25-20 and then lost the next three, with Garretson only scoring 17 points in two sets in a row, momentum switched and the Mustangs took the dub. Lily Ranshau, Lauren Heesch, and Kennedy Buckneberg, lead the team all having seven kills. Jaelyn Benson also led the team in digs with nine.

After a tough loss in Tri-Valley, the Lady Dragons prepared for battle against Dell Rapids Saint Mary’s (7-9), where they would face off at home in the Dragon’s Lair. Once again Garretson came out the won the first set of the match, but this time they were able to keep that momentum into the next two sets winning this one 3-0 at home. Benson again led the squad with in digs with 18, Lily Ranshau was second in digs with 10. The Peytons, setters Hove and Beckman, must have been feeling really giving leading the squad with 18 total assists (Hove 11, Beckman 7). Last but not least Heesch led the team in kills two games in a row, this time with nine.

Today, October 4th the ladies head off to Canton to face Canton (4-11) for the second time this season. They played earlier in the season during a tournament game and lost 1-2, but Garretson has won three games since their last meeting and hope to get redemption.

Lots to clean up after massive natural disaster

Hurricane Florence’s devastation lasts long after the storm has left

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Hurricane Florence’s cleanup has been bad for some communities in South Carolina since it ended a couple weeks ago and the death toll that was last taken was at 50 people. Some workers still have to watch out for downed power lines when trying to help and clean everything up.

Hurricane Florence has brought a lot of mosquitoes because of how humid and dry it’s gotten, which some of them are carrying a bacterial infection which have been killing many people. One man died from getting his leg scraped and contracting the disease, doctors said they might need to amputated the leg but it was to late. Peo-

ple with weak immune systems have been told that it’ll affect them the most. The health department told people before they went back after the hurricane to get their tetanus shots to avoid the disease.

Some charities have been a massive help with Hurricane Florence such as, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, the Charleston Animal Society, and All Hands and Hearts Smart Response. One American Flag survived the mighty force of Hurricane Florence, the flag was perched on a lighthouse in North Carolina, the owner saw how much attention it got online with the livestream he did and decided will be auctioned off for charity. One of the biggest charities right now supporting is abc new, another charity is American Humane trying to get all of the animals they can out of the flooded area.

343,000+ people are still without power and will continue for the upcoming weeks. The Cape Fear River is set to crest at 62 feet located in North Carolina. The total cost of everything will be \$180 billion dollars.

New trade deal between North American countries

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The United States, Canada, and Mexico have decided on a trade deal that could possibly replace NAFTA and that is USMCA. Donald Trump and his Mexican and Canadian counterparts are expected to sign the agreement by the end on November. It is up to the Congress to decide whether or not they should agree to the deal, which will more than likely come up for a vote next year.

With NAFTA being so original, Can-

ada is limited to how much milk, cheese and other dairy products that can come in to the United States. A win for the United States is that US-MCA will open up some of Canada’s dairy markets to US farmers so that it will hopefully help them get more produce. President Trump is also hoping to lower the trade tariffs on dairy products. The new trade agreements also change things for the better for U.S. car manufacturing. The new trade agreement requires all cars to be made up of 75% American made parts which only leave 25% of the car to be made somewhere else.

Fallout 76 beta test



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Bethesda Softworks LLC is an American video game publisher based in Rockville, Maryland. They have made all sorts of quality games like Fallout 4, Doom, The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim.

They are now coming out with a new game called Fallout 76.

They are releasing the beta first on Xbox on October 23 and releasing it on PS4 and PC on October 30. Things you should know about the beta is that even though it’s all multiplayer, they will not have it run 24 hours a day, it will be available in short bursts.

The beta will have 45GBs. And another bonus is they will also have the progress from Fallout 76 beta transfer over to the full game.

The beta is a work-in-progress version and will have array of issues that the developers will know about and many they don’t know about. But actual game play testing will help them identify these problems. The game is set to be released in full November 14.

Being chosen as homecoming queen

An inside perspective from Garretson’s 2018 homecoming queen, Kelsey Keegan

by **Kelsey Keegan**
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I was extremely happy last week. It felt very good to be crowned homecoming queen at the Garretson High School Coronation ceremony on September 28th. Through the process I would need to learn to be happy whether I lost or won. My grandma told me that.

Homecoming week was full of events. I liked playing in the "powder puff" game with friends, going to the nursing home with the other royalty to crown the king and queen from the residents. During the week our school celebrated our school spir-

it with dress up days! I dressed up as Frozen's Elsa one day and a clown another. Friday was blue and white Spirit Day, the homecoming parade, and the all school pep rally. I was glad to represent my school on the football field as homecoming queen

last Friday at the Blue Dragon game against Chester.

I believe it is important to remind yourself and others that everyone matters. It doesn't matter if I am in a wheelchair-it was nice to be included and accepted. Everyone matters.



The 2018 homecoming court consisted of 10 seniors. The king candidates were Trenton Karli, Brennan Mudder, Cory Bryan, Drew Blosmo, and Dakota Johnson. The queen candidates were Keara Beck, Molly Houg, Kelsey Keegan, Emily Erickson, and Sam Gonzalez.. Coronation was last Monday where Dakota Johnson and Kelsey Keegan were named the 2018 homecoming king and queen.



Part of the king and queen duties are to share in the celebration at Palisades Manor. King Dakota and Queen Kelsey along with the rest of their court and senior athletes went to Palisades Manor on the Tuesday of homecoming to crown their own king and queen.



Thanks to Queen Kelsey and fellow senior Carter Stephenson, the seniors had a place to decorate their class float on Thursday (circus day).

Indonesian earthquake, aftershocks continue to terrorize residents

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A volcanic eruption occurred Wednesday after an earthquake and tsunami last week killed at least 1,400 people on the same island in Indonesia.

The eruption of Mount Soputan on Sulawesi Island in central Indonesia caused authorities to send out warnings of possible lava flows and ash clouds that could affect air travel. Evacuations were ordered for those living within a few miles of the volcano. The eruption shot up ash 19,700 feet into the sky.

Scientists have not yet determined if the eruption was directly triggered by the earthquake at Sulawesi on Friday. Indonesia has many active volcanoes. It is located in the so-called Ring of Fire, which is one of the most active areas for earthquakes in the world.

President Donald Trump offered the Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo assistance with both the emergency phase and reconstruction from the earthquake and tsunami that struck Sulawesi.

Hundreds of people were severely injured due to the disasters. With roads blocked and communication lines destroyed, food, water, fuel and medicine are struggling to reach the hardest-hit areas outside Palu, the largest city with lots of damaged.

Newest movie in Halloween franchise set to release

by **Cody Erickson**
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In 1978 the very first *Halloween* movie began the start of the franchise. With the newest coming out October 19, all together there will then be ten *Halloween* movies and this newest release is generating a lot of excitement.

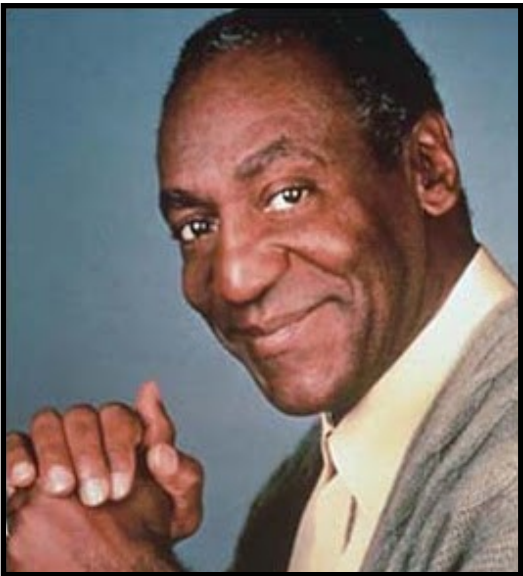
However, ten movies deep, how many more can they make? Trever Edmundson thinks this movie will be the last of the franchise. He had told me there has been way too many movies and the plot was very confusing. But does think this movie will be very good.

Cosby sentencing finally comes through

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Bill Cosby has been sentenced to serve 3-10 years in federal prison for being convicted of sexual assault.

Bill Cosby was convicted the crime in 2014 but was finally sentenced on Tuesday. The trial took four years to complete and many people are not happy with the court. When Bill Cosby was initially accused of sexual assault many people started a movement called "Me



Too" where they mustered up the courage to confront their attackers, in turn accusing big Hollywood producers and directors of sexual assault.

The first claim against Cosby came out in 2005 but it wasn't until 2014 that more women came forward.

Bill Cosby's attorneys have said that they plan to file an appeal, but until then he will serve his time at Montgomery county correctional facility and will later be transferred to SCI Phoenix.

Cosby is most well-known for his comedic talents including his long running television show *The Cosby Show*.