



Photo courtesy of Jason Bohl
Cross country had their state qualifying race yesterday. Preston Bohl and the entire girls team advanced to the state meet.

Blue Ink



Garretson goes ham against Hamlin

The Garretson Blue Dragons and Hamlin Chargers fight for a first round playoff win

by **Sam Gonzalez**
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The vibration of feet banging against the bleacher floor, the screaming of the student section blaring in the stands, and the sound of pads clashing viciously against each other as the football players rush towards the end zone. Ladies and

gentlemen, just last night, on October 18, the Hamlin Chargers (7-1) and our very own Garretson Blue Dragons went head to head during the first round of playoffs at the Garretson Sports Complex.

“We have to understand that anything can happen, we have a goal, an agenda in front of us and a team we need to beat, that is our focus until we can keep moving on” Mr. Long stated before the game started.

Region 1

7:00 PM CT @ Wolsey	
#1 Wolsey-Wessington	60
#4 Miller/Highmore-Harold*	6

7:00 PM CT @ Webster	
#2 Webster Area	42
#3 North Border	0

Region 2

7:00 PM CT @ Arlington	
#1 Arlington/Lake Preston	55
#4 Elkton-Lake Benton*	20

7:00 PM CT @ Garretson	
#2 Garretson	24
#3 Hamlin	20

Region 3

7:00 PM CT @ Tyndall	
#1 Bon Homme	50
#4 Deuel*	12

7:00 PM CT @ Tripp	
#2 Tripp-Deimont/Armour/AC/DC	0
#3 Irene-Wakonda	51

Region 4

6:00 PM CT @ Gregory	
#1 Gregory	51
#4 Baltic	0

6:00 PM CT @ Murdo	
#2 Jones County/White River	6
#3 Kimball/White Lake	48

#1 Wolsey-Wessington	
#8 Irene-Wakonda	

#4 Bon Homme	
#5 Gregory	

#2 Arlington/Lake Preston	
#7 Kimball/White Lake	

#3 Garretson	
#6 Webster Area	



2018 Class 9AA Football Playoffs



While Garretson had a few miscues in the game, the Blue Dragons were still able to play a fairly solid defensive game stopping a strong Charger offense. Hamlin’s run game was considerably limited by the Blue Dragon defensive line. Garretson came back late in the game to secure the 24-20 victory over the Chargers.

Photos by Sam Gonzalez

everything they had, and we overcame that because we trusted each other and followed our blocking rules” Senior Dakota Johnson said after the game.

The Garretson Blue Dragon played hard and gave it all they had which resulted into a win of 24-20, meaning we are now officially able to move on and beat the next opponent.

“I love this team and last night showed us how something special can be almost taken away, but the guys and the coaches we have on this team are hard to find. This was a relieving team win and we’re happy to get onto the next win. We just have to survive and advance.” Johnson commented.

After an amazing game played by both teams last night, Garretson will be facing the Webster Bearcats (7-2) next Thursday with Garretson hosting for 2nd round of playoffs.

1:00 PM CT @ DakotaDome	

Quarterfinal Teams		
# Wolsey-Wessington	9-0	46.500
Arlington/Lake Preston	9-0	46.500
Garretson	9-0	45.750
Bon Homme	8-1	45.250
Gregory	7-2	43.500
Webster Area	7-2	42.375
Kimball/White Lake	6-3	42.125
Irene-Wakonda	7-2	42.000

This Week’s Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: If you fill up a two liter bottle with dimes, you should have about \$500.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: When you are finished with an essay, copy and paste it into Google Translate and listen for mistakes.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why did the old man fall in the well?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Can you solve this rebus puzzle?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

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Upcoming Events

- Friday, October 19**
 - VB v. Adrian (5:00/6:15/7:15)
- Saturday, October 20**
 - State XC @ Sioux Falls (12:30)
- Monday, October 22**
 - VB v. Sioux Valley (5:00/6:15/7:15)
- Tuesday, October 23**
 - JH VB v. Colman-Egan (4:00/5:00)
 - VB v. Colman-Egan (6:15-7:15)
 - National FFA Convention
- Wednesday, October 24**
 - National FFA Convention
- Thursday, October 25**
 - National FFA Convention
 - FB Playoffs v. Webster (7:00)
- Friday, October 26**
 - All-State Choir @ Rapid City
 - End of 1st Quarter
- Saturday, October 27**
 - All-State Choir @ Rapid City

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”

Volleyball wraps up their regular season with three straight home games starting today. While the Blue Dragons ended on the wrong end of a four-set match against West Central on Tuesday, they did take down Tea Area in four sets.

SDSU Jacks serve as host for State Journalism Convention

Journalism students learn from college and industry professionals

by Nobel Nothstine
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If you didn't notice, there were a number of students absent from school Monday. The reason being the state journalism convention in Brookings, SD. Seven students from Mrs. Buchholz's journalism class loaded up in the mini-bus and took the hour long trip to the SDSU campus.

During the beginning of the day, we got a keynote presentation from Lori Keekley, the Scholastic Press Rights Director of the Journalism Education Association. After listening to her speak about how many students are censored in student newspapers today, we participated in a Kahoot with over 175+ members! We also took place in a short contest about what topics we would write about if we didn't have to worry about censorship at school. The randomly selected winner of aforementioned contest won a new laptop.

Later in the day, we were split into four groups and rotated through different student session speakers. These covered a variety of topics: mobile storytelling through social media, upcoming yearbook and magazine design trends, story ideas and what to do with them, and how to do a podcast.

After lunch, we listened to a panel about diversity in coverage and staffing. The three main panel participants were Sarah Eagle Heart, a Native American independent journalist who works with the Indian country media network, Maria Kalyvaki, a Greek immigrant who is also the SDSU High performance facilitator, and Blaise Keller, a LGBTQ+ freelance meteorologist and dog care professional.

Lastly, there were door prize drawings (including coffee cups, cameras, kindles, colored pens, and notebooks) and awards handed out for honorable school newspapers, individual news writers, photography, and yearbooks.

Because the contest was in the fall this year, as opposed to the spring when it has been in the past, submitted content was a blend from the first week or two of

this school year with later weeks from last year. Multiple students received awards and honors including Jayden Clark (sports writing), Dominick Krueger (feature writing) and Cory Bryan (photography). The school newspaper, *BlueInk*, was also awarded for its layout, content, and production.

Overall, it was a fun learning experience and I hope to go again next year. If any of this intrigued you or peaked your interest, consider joining journalism class or yearbook next year!



Half of the journalism class took in the day at SDSU earlier this week for the South Dakota High School Press Convention, participating in multiple journalistic breakout sessions. These students also represented the Garretson publications (both newspaper and yearbook) well and came back with new ideas to implement and keep driving forward.

Blue Dragon XC compete at state this weekend

by Mason Hofer
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"And they're off..." almost. This Saturday, October 20, the State Cross Country tournament will be held at Yankton Trail Park in Sioux Falls.

This year, a very young crew will be representing Garretson, as almost all participants in middle school. Freshman Olivia Mullin is the most experienced runner heading to the state meet this year. She is accompanied by the rest of the qualifying girls team: Payton Campbell, Jordyn Williams, Makayla Heesch, Kylie Christensen, Adair Hanisch, and Adisynn Fink. Preston Bohl is the lone boys runner representing the Blue Dragon harriers.

The boys will run at 12:30 and the girls at 2:00. Bohl has set his own goal to place in the top 25 racers.

"We hope to see as many people there as possible as the meet will be held only a half hour away," said cross country coach Jason Bohl.

Fall ball

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Garretson will be hosting their second annual Formal on Saturday, November 17th from 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. The Fall Ball will be held at the legion. Though the Formal didn't get off on such a good start in the past year the student cousin and Ms. Gloe are hoping this year will be better.

Although last year didn't go quite as well as Garretson high school thought, some students enjoyed it while others did not.

"If they didn't like it, I think it's their own fault for being a buzzkill. It's only as good as you make it!" Noble Nothstine a 11th grader who enjoyed the dance commented. "I enjoyed the photo booth, the food wasn't bad, and thought the music choice was good."

"I think it was the location and music choice, people couldn't jam to the music because it wasn't music that we liked to listen to." Jayden Clark a Sophomore who didn't enjoyed the dance commented. "Being forced to come at a certain time wasn't fun."

Coming into this Garretson's second formal the student council is hoping that this one will be blast with better food options and a better music.

And remember don't leaf your dancing shoes at home.

Snow? How about, no!

by Jacob Facile
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As all of you know, snow hit our area last Sunday and that seems to be a recurring experience. In October of last year, we had some as well. Snow in October does seem a little bit early but it is more common than most of us would think.

South Dakota gets an average of 1.9 inches of snow in October almost every year. Lead, one year, received 42 inches of snow on October 13th, 2013, just on that day, which is a state record for South Dakota.

Sioux Falls gets an average of 1.3 inches each October and Brookings has an average of .9 inches.

While there were many excited

kids anxious to don their snow boots and winter coats, snow this time of the year can cause many problems. One of the most notable is that it delays harvest season which for farmers makes them upset because it's a great time to bring in the big bucks. Luckily this past week Mother Nature has been nice to us and has given us sometime to get all the crops out.

Kids driving their way to operation

by Dominick Krueger
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In the England's East Midlands, there's a hospital called The Children's Hospital in Liecester Royal Infirmary and it's a place where children will go for anything from surgery to cancer treatment to emergencies and broken bones.

This hospital came up with a creative way to let their patient have a bit of enjoyment on their way into their operations, so they got electric cars.

The type of electric cars they got were mini Fiat 500, Alfa Romeo 4C, Volvo XC90, Jaguar F-Type, a Range Rover and a remote-control Land Rover defender. The reasons they got electric cars is for the children, hoping that driving these cars into the opera-

tion theatre would not only spark joy for the kids but also help ease fears.

These cars were donated by the Sturgess Motor Group. The hospital try to previously do a donation, but they couldn't get enough money for this to happen. The Sturgess were so

thankful for the hospital to have taken care of so many people from their family. So the Sturgess Motor Group got Involved and this was a way for the Sturgess family to give back for what the hospital done for them.



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