

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The fear of Halloween is known as samhainophobia. Also today, October 30, is National Candy Corn Day.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: In a major league baseball game, a pitcher faced only 27 batters. Every batter he faced, he struck out. He allowed no hits and no runs, yet his team lost 4-0. How could this be?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do ghosts eat for supper?
Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, October 30

- FFA National Convention
- Book Fair in New Gym
- No Pre-School
- Flu Shot Clinic - 2:30-8:30
- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 31

- FFA National Convention
- No School
- All-State Choir

Saturday, November 1

- FFA National Convention
- All-State Choir

Sunday, November 2

- Daylight Savings Ends

Monday, November 3

- Football @ Clear Lake

Tuesday, November 4

- Volleyball Rd 1 Playoff TBD

Friday, November 7

- TATU Lock-In

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Cross Country Earns Second Straight Team Title

By Alli Kruger

Last Saturday, the cross country team took it to Huron for the state meet. The girls took first place last year, looking to defend their title going into Saturday's race. Unfortunately they were held back, but did secure fourth place as a team.

They tried their hardest, which is all that matters. Taking thirteenth place and being the top finisher for Garretson girls, Carmel Bohl finished at a total time of 15:29.82. Shortly behind was Haley Sage at 15:48.29, placing 22nd. Rachel Kindt, 20th, ran a 16:12.49. Teisha Carnicle, 33rd, paced at a 16:17.35. Peyton Sage crossed the line at 16:53.59, finishing 55th and Jaden Bly rounded out the Garretson squad with a time of 17:47.03, 98th.

The boys also ran on Saturday. Last year they took third place as a team and were looking for a way to improve that. They did. Garretson took second place overall. Junior Evan Fick was the top finisher for Garretson, taking seventh place; he had a total time of 16:57.81. Josh Powell, 20th, finished at 17:29.15; Joshua Liester was right behind him 17:35.62, finishing 24th. Riley Nordstrom, 17:59.89, 37th; Tait Johnson, 40th, 18:03.00, and Jacob Fitzgerald, 18:34.03, 62nd rounded out the Blue Dragons' squad.



Garretson Boys' Cross Country Team earned second place at the State Meet in Huron. Coach Jason Bohl, Jared Fitzgerald, Jack, Konechne, Evan Fick, Jacob Fitzgerald, Joshua Powell, Tait Johnson, Riley Nordstrom, Joshua Powell, Chayce Schleuter, Assistant Coach Geof Furness.



Garretson Girls' Cross Country Team took fourth place at the State Meet in Huron. Coach Jason Bohl, Macey Bohl, Carmen Bohl, Peyton Sage, Lydia Olson, Teisha Carnicle, Haley Sage, Rachel Kindt, Jaden Bly, Coach Geof Furness

Photo by SDPB

The Blue Dragon harriers were able to defend their team title, winning the combined championship for the second straight year.

Congratulations on your strong finish to a great season!

Volleyball Finishes the Home Season

By Zeb Johnson

The volleyball team played their last home game this last week, finishing up the regular season. The last two games at home weren't just regular games either.

On Friday the 24th, the girls faced off against the Howard Tigers; the game was also a "Pink Out," a night to raise awareness for breast cancer. The match ended in three sets, finishing 16-25, 12-25, and 14-25 respectively. This last Monday, the team fell to the Sioux Valley Cossacks. The game against Sioux Valley was also Senior Night for Garretson.

The Cossacks have been close to being ranked for state all year, being a very competitive team. The girls played very well for most of the night, at one point catching up from a 10-point deficit.

The game ended in three sets, the Lady Dragons falling in each. Although the rounds ended 11-25, 15-25, 13-25, they were actually much closer than the scores sound. The team played competitively against the Cossacks for most of the match, but small lapses in concentration led to the

team to make mistakes and fall behind. The girls fought hard, but failed to convert that effort into a winning formula.

Although the team's last home games did not end as they had hoped, the team is heading into the playoffs with a positive attitude, to end the season with lots of fun.

The Garretson Blue Dragons will face Dell Rapids, at Dells, on Tuesday night for the first round.

Love Yourself, Be Drug Free!

By Beth Schmidt

Last Friday afternoon, the T.A.T.U (or Teens Against Tobacco Use) helped start Red Ribbon Week. At the assembly, they told 25 facts about tobacco and why it's bad.

Fifth grader Julia Larson stated, "We should be drug free and that drugs are bad."

Red Ribbon Week is all about teaching kids how drugs and tobacco are bad for you.

Fourth Grader, Sam Schleuter, commented, "They taught us to be drug free."

Another fourth grader, Morgan Damman, quoted, "I learned to make healthy choices and get to wear a red ribbon all week."

Drinking and abusing drugs will cause issues affecting your looks, physical health, and brain. Drug addiction can cause the user to lose self-control and ability to make sound decisions, while producing intense impulses to take drugs.

The user may also have behavioral problems and his/her personality will change. Also, judgment and memory are typically negatively affected by drug use.

If the drug user happens to be an athlete, it would most likely cause them to lose interest and/or talent as well as get themselves kicked out of their sport.

School is more important than doing drugs and alcohol. Drugs do not solve problems, they cause them.

There are some prescription drugs that can cure, but when doctors give medicine, it is important to only use the prescribed amount.

Drugs and alcohol can cause someone to lose their family and friends or even their life. Be drug free!



T.A.T.U sponsored a coloring contest for the elementary students, with the winners being featured above.

Photo by Mrs. Julie Mueller

Miss South Dakota Speaks to High School

By Micah Mader

Good news gentlemen, Miss South Dakota is in Garretson!

Meredith Gould of Sioux Falls is the new Miss South Dakota. Ms. Gould attends the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. She is also the first former Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen to go on to win the crown.

"After competing at the national Miss America's Outstanding Teen pageant, I understood what it would take to compete at another national pageant and I worked on improving all of my skills so the judges would see me as someone who could represent us well," stated Gould.

After winning the local pageant, she moved on to compete in the 2015 Miss America Pageant.

The pageant was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on September 14th.

As with every pageant, each contestant must pick a platform. It is their choice to either raise money, bring awareness to, or implement a program they created to help address the problem. After realizing how much of an effect student loans would have on her in the future, she chose Financial Responsibility Mentoring for students as her platform.

This morning she spoke to the high school, covering fiscal responsibility and her path to becoming Miss South Dakota. She took the students through her twelve-step program to achieve a well-oiled budget.

"I really liked her. She had a lot of good points and really seemed to know what she was talking about. I think it would definitely be

beneficial to take her advice and apply it later on, when I'm actually in college," stated junior Katie Giesler on Gould's presentation.

Miss South Dakota will continue to make her way to schools and businesses to speak on behalf of her successes throughout the next year, all while continuing to work towards her major at the U of M.



Miss South Dakota, Meredith Gould, speaks to the high school student body on Thursday morning.

An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away

By Sylvia Larson

An apple a day keeps the doctor away, they always say; but what does that mean?

No, it doesn't mean if you give your doctor an apple every day, you will never have to see him/her. It means that if you eat/be healthy, you are less likely to get sick. But that isn't always the case.

What about viruses? Being super healthy doesn't have very much to do with catching a virus like the flu, but shots do. Getting a flu shot GREATLY reduces the chances you will accumulate the flu this season.

Have you gotten your flu shot yet? If not, the school is offering flu shots tonight during conferences. They are free if you are under eighteen, or \$30 for adults.

The flu is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, and the flu affects everybody differently. Even super healthy people can get massively sick from the flu and infect others with the potentially fatal virus.

It's really important to get a flu shot if you have asthma, are a baby or small child, have diabetes, have heart or lung disease, are pregnant, are 65 or older, or live with or take care of someone at high risk because people in these categories are more susceptible to the virus. During a regular flu season, about 90 percent of deaths occur in people 65 years and older.

Over a period of 31 seasons from 1976 to 2007, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the U.S. range from about 3,000, to a high of about 49,000 people. Flu season in the U.S. can begin as early as October and last as late as May.

Fifth grader Morgan Moritz feels that flu shots aren't necessary, but at only ten years old she says she's really too scared of it to have a real opinion.

"They're scary and they hurt, not to mention you could get one at your normal doctor's office. Getting it at school is a lot of pressure, especially for a little kid like me. It's intimi-



dating with everybody around, not to mention you might not have your parents there to hold your hand," Moritz exclaimed.

Ruth Sarar, former high school English teacher, is for flu shots.

"Aside from providing a shield from the flu, I think it also provides resistance from the common cold. In the years that I've gotten a flu shot, I very rarely get a cold," commented Sarar.

Sarar also added, "I think that vaccinations prevent epidemics like we had in the 1900's that killed lots of people."

It doesn't matter if you're for or against flu shots, you should do the safe thing and get one anyways. It's worth the time and slightly sore spot for a day or two. The last thing you want to do is spread the flu around the school to everybody who never got a shot.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away? More like a shot once a season gives the flu no reason. -you know, to show up.

Trick-or-Treating: How Old is Too Old?

By Tabi Klingenberg

It's finally here! Halloween is tomorrow and it's time to answer the question that many people have been wondering. How old is too old to go trick-or-treating?

Some people may think that there is no limit and you can go trick or treating whether your seven or forty-five. Others think that once you hit a certain age, there is no exception for knocking on a strangers door and asking them for M&Ms.

"I'm going trick or treating so I can get the candy," confessed fifth grader Maddison Decker. "I'm dressing up as a pink skeleton and I think we should stop when we're in 6th grade because you're getting too old."

Do you remember being a little girl or boy and going around town in either your superhero or princess costume? Maybe you would have dressed up as a cheerleader, zombie, vampire, pirate, or a fairy if you were a girl. If

you were a little boy trick-or-treater, you might have dressed up as a the grim reaper, a star wars character, power-ranger, or a ninja turtle.

For those of you that know that there is somewhere the line should be drawn, you know that it isn't right to be 16 years old in a princess costume going door to door.

Some people think otherwise. English teacher Tim Hughes and Principal Chris Long are dressing up as Batman and Robin.

On the other hand, Mr. Hughes quoted, "I would say, in my opinion, that post-high school is the right age to stop trick-or treating and that also depends on where you go." He continued, "because people start looking at you weird 'cause you shouldn't be doing it."

Some say that the line should be drawn the year you turn thirteen. It is the year that you turn a teenager and for most you would be in seventh grade. It's the year to get used to a new change.

Seventh grader, Aftyn Heitkamp is not going trick-or-treating because she really doesn't

have any friends to go with.

"I don't think they will be trick-or-treating because they would much rather scare people when they come to their house."

Heitkamp also reported that the right age to stop would be either 12 or 13.

An alternative to trick-or-treating would be going to a Halloween party or just staying at home because somebody has to be there to hand the little skeletons their candy.

"The best part of Halloween is scaring people wearing my Michael Myers mask," stated Mr. Hughes.

"One of the best moments I had [when I was young] was going classroom to classroom and getting candy."

Fact is, is that if you go trick-or-treating with your little brother, sister, cousin, the child you babysit, or any other younger kid who should be with someone, it is okay. If you are still doing it for yourself it may be time to grow up.



Feeding on Reading

By Abriana Scholl

Alright book worms, it's one of our favorite times of the year! The annual book fair is back in town!

The book fair has been around for as long as our inner childhood can remember. Kids every year look forward to stopping by and checking out the variety of books and other toys on display.

"Each year, most of the elementary and many of the middle schoolers visit book fair, especially when we're open during parent teacher conferences," shared Garretson school librarian, Dorothy Williamson.

The book fair helps encourage kids to keep reading. "I think the book fair generates excitement for books and it keeps kids reading," Williamson added.

"[The book fair is] a great thing for our school! We profit about \$1200 a year, and that money gets used to purchase books for classrooms and most of the library," quoted Williamson.

Tonight the book fair will be open during parent teacher conferences. So if you get the chance, stop by and hopefully you can find yourself a good book!



History in the Making

By Jared Fitzgerald and Tait Johnson

Late October, the best time of the year! The freshly cut grass and sounds of vendor's walking up and down the aisles, you know that it is World Series time. It's everyone's favorite time of the year, no doubt.

The Kansas City Royals, the AL underdog sensation, had dominated their way into the World Series by going undefeated in the post season.

Their opponents, the San Francisco Giants, took a different route to the World Series by utilizing their bench and strategically making great match ups.

It was a battle from the start! The Royals hadn't made it to the post season since 1985, while the Giants had won two out of the past five World Series. But that didn't matter for the red hot Royals; all they wanted was to win and the only thing to stop them was the indestructible Giants.

The series between the best two teams in the MLB was in full swing on Tuesday, October 21, at Kauffman Stadium, home of the Royals. The Giants blew right past the Royals, spanking them seven to one. San Francisco stole game one by keeping the pressure on Kansas City and not letting nerves get a hold of them.

Now in a hole, the Royals had to dig their way out during the second game. The bullpen for the Royals definitely had a huge impact during game two, only allowing two runs. Everyone was on the edge of their seats and then BOOM, the Royals blew the game wide open by having a five run sixth inning putting them ahead! They



set it on cruise control and evened the series one to one.

Trying to keep the momentum rolling, the Royals traveled to AT&T Park in San Francisco. Now on their home turf, the Giants were plotting to take a lead in the series... but not on the Royals watch! Kansas City squeaked out with a win, three to two, during the nail bitter.

On the losing end of the stick, the Giants had to answer for the fourth game of the series. The Royals controlled the first couple of innings, but it was all about the Giants after that. San Francisco surged past Kansas, wrecking them eleven to four, tying up the series at two a piece.

Both teams sent their ace to the mound for game five, trying to get an edge over one another. But Giants lefty, Madison Bumgarner, was too much for the Royals' hitters. Throwing all nine innings, Bumgarner shut out the Royals and allowed only four hits. Up three to two in the series, the Giants were looking to close it out game six at Kansas City.

The Royals were on their heels in game six. On the brink of elimination, the Royals knew what had to be done. Kansas City jumped on San Francisco early by scoring seven runs in the second inning with a final score of ten to zero. They lived to see another game, forcing the first seventh game

in the World Series in the past eleven years.

The lone Giants fan, Mitch Lynch, was feeling confident, stating, "If the Giants can get to their bullpen with the lead, the Giants will win. If Bumgarner is not on the hill, I don't think we will have the lead."

The thrilling game seven started off with a two-run second inning, favoring the Giants. The Giants' dynamic hitters consisted of Pablo Sandoval and Hunter Pence. Sandoval went 2-3 with a double and scored twice. Pence went 2-4 with two singles and scored once.

Michael Morse led the Giants with two RBIs. The Royals never gave up hope, even though they trailed the whole game.

Despite a late inning threat with a triple by Alex Gordon in the ninth, the Royals were unable to repeat their heroics of 1985, losing to the Giants, 2-3.

Madison Bumgarner was the deserving MVP with being undefeated in the World Series winning five games throughout his career. He also has a ridiculous ERA at .25 in his career while in the World Series.

Joey Clark commented, "My heart was with Kansas, but my money was on San Francisco."

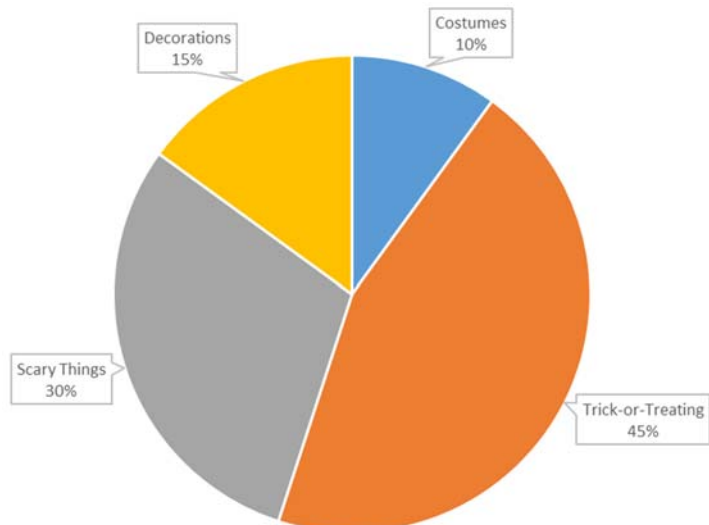
It was a great run by the underdogs, but unfortunately, it was stopped short. Now it is just a countdown until spring training.

Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked what their favorite part about Halloween is.



Take a moment to vote on the student opinion poll for next week's *Blue Ink*. Polls are located inside Mr. Hughes' room and Mrs. Buchholz's room.



ANSWERS: Brain Teaser: He came in as a relief pitcher

Joke: "Spook"etti