

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Cats have over 100 different vocal sounds; dogs only have 10.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK: What call for help, when written in capital letters, is the same forward, backward, and upside down?
Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do you make fruit punch?
Answer on back page

- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- Friday, October 3**
 - Marching Band @ Chester Area
 - Cross Country @ Lennox Invite
 - Football @ Parker
 - Saturday, October 4**
 - 7-12 Band @ Festival of Bands
 - 5/6 Volleyball @ Chester Area
 - Monday, October 6**
 - Volleyball @ Tri-Valley
 - 7/8/JV Football @ Parker
 - Thursday, October 9**
 - Cross Country @ BEC—Howard
 - Volleyball @ Canton
 - Friday, October 10**
 - NO SCHOOL—Staff In-srvice
 - Marching Band @ Sioux Valley
 - Football @ Centerville

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Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Epic Night

By Jared Fitzgerald

It's all fun and games until you get tackled and handcuffed by the cop.

Many high school students look forward to Thursday night during homecoming week.

This tradition has been going on for a while now, and no one really knows when it started. Beginning with just a few harmless pranks, going out started to become a regular thing each year. Principal Chris Long declared, "Kids need to reevaluate what homecoming is about."

At first, players would prank their coaches by toilet papering their trees, but as the years went by, more and more houses started to get tp'd. The town was soon being covered Thursday night and the tradition began.

"Everything is ok unless the person you prank gets mad," commented freshman Isaiah Mader.

High schoolers started bringing along and using different items to go with their toilet paper. Many students started to squirt mustard, ketchup, syrup, or even shaving cream all over the town. But was that too far?

Sooner or later, a harmless prank does go too far. The once-simply funny tradition turned bad when high schoolers started to vandalize property and throw eggs. Everything started to go downhill from there.

Another One Bites the Dust!

By Allison Kruger and Beth Schmidt

As the fall sports find their midseason stride at Garretson High, there have been some injuries plaguing the hallways: two sophomores, four freshmen, one sixth grader, and one fifth grader.

With all the injuries going on, there has recently been a horde of students on crutches.

Freshman Emily Schleuter stated, "I sprained my ankle and stretched a ligament and almost tore it during a volleyball game."

This happened on Thursday, September 25 vs the Chester Area Flyers.

Schleuter also said positively, "I'll be playing again by regions."

The cops started cracking down on the egg throwing nonsense that started to happen homecoming night. Students that were caught could get a curfew ticket, and depending on what items they had along, could get in more trouble; including being fined.

"I feel like the cops ruin the fun," stated Mader.

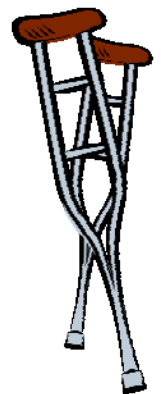
If you are in sports and end up getting caught on Thursday night, you would be benched the next time you had an event. That started to scare away some students that were deciding to go out or not.

Junior, Jacob Fitzgerald, commented, "Don't get caught."

There are more ways to have fun than to destroy property on homecoming night. High schoolers need to start getting creative when going out. Students can find other ways to prank each other without taking it too far. "It has gotten better over the past five or six years," responded Principal Chris Long.

Many want to keep the tradition going next year, but if the students want to they need to find alternatives other than vandalism.

No one wants to see Thursday night of homecoming go away, but it is headed in that direction.



Lana Braswell, a freshman, is now wearing a boot for an unknown amount of time until her x-ray.

"They can't tell what's wrong with it now because of the swelling in the ankle, but soon I will find out," noted Braswell.

She hurt her ankle on Saturday, September 27th. Braswell commented, "I was running and hit rough ground and my ankle went the opposite direction of my leg and I felt a snap."

While participating in sports, or anything for that matter, please continue to be safe to stretch when playing sports and to watch where you walk. Don't trip on your feet!

Garretson Hosts, Places Well at State Land Judging

By Tabi Klingenberg

The GHS FFA members continued land judging last Tuesday when they ran into a bit of a struggle. The members and the soil got poured on, and everybody seems to have a different outlook on the effect.

Lets just say that if you don't know what land judging is, it is a lot of studying and memorizing.

"The way to study is to know how one thing affects something else," mentioned Ed Mueller who teaches the FFA members.

In reaction to the rain, he also stated, "It did effect how the kids thought. It makes them rush things that they would otherwise take the time to do."

This is because they are more focused on getting out of the rain and their mind is somewhere else.

Freshman Ryan Fick placed 24th out of 193 kids, which is extremely well. Fick was happy with how he placed.

In preparation for the contest, he informed, "You have to memorize the score

that you would get for different land characteristics like soil and texture."

Fick wasn't the only one who said that there was a large amount to study. Moriah Flanagan, Matt Gustafson, and Mr. Mueller all agreed.

The rain may have been a bit of a challenge, but the members still stuck it out.

Though we had not placed in the top ten the previous year, the Garretson High School still placed seventh on Tuesday.

"I don't know what we would have placed there, but I know it would have been much better [if there wasn't any rain]," Mueller admitted. Mueller also added that he was



State land judging participant finishes his analysis before the rain really sets in.

satisfied with the results.

Fingers crossed that Garretson will do just as well when they go to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky at the end of the month.

Racing to the End

By Lana Braswell

Ready, set, go! Here come the Garretson cross country runners. They have had a great year so far, with the wins from great teams, with great talent.

Students in cross country such as freshman runners Peyton Sage and Hunter Carver seem to enjoy cross country for the time they get out of school. Others prefer to run for fun, competition against other schools.

Freshman runner Carmen Bohl stated how, during their meets, they focus on push-

ing forward with the run to get to the top. She lead the girls with a time of 15:01. Just hitting a few seconds past, senior Teisha Carnicle with 15:08 at their last race in Hartford.

"There isn't a lot of pressure during the runs, but we do get nervous when racing for first." Coach Jason Bohl added.

All runners push their limits, others only run for the fun of it. Trying to prove the pride they have for this school, with four meets

left and few races, they are going to push themselves up to first.

Junior runner Evan Fick, top runner of the boys, led the team at the last race with a time of 16:40.

The boys' and girls' teams are in action today at the Lennox Invitational before running in the Big East Conference meet next Thursday.

Keep it up runners and good luck with the rest of the season!

Volleyball Team Falls Once Again

By Zeb Johnson

The volleyball team suffered another loss this last Tuesday against Elkton-Lake Benton. Both varsity and junior varsity fell in straight sets to the Elks.

The girls played without spirit in the first two sets, losing 11-25 and 12-25. The girls came back in the third set, making it a close game, but falling 23-25.

The team performed better than suspected, considering the loss of one of their strongest defensive players, freshman Emily Schleuter, to a stretched ligament in her ankle.

Schleuter plays as the team's libero, a back row specialist who



is usually the fastest back-row player on the team.

The loss of the team's libero was expected to hurt the performance of the back row this week, but that was not the case against Elkton-Lake Benton.

"The back row really stepped up and gave the team a chance," stated assistant coach, Kelsey Buchholz.

Leading the team defensively was junior Morgan Gloe with five digs.

"The total number of digs was rather low for how well the back row played," added Buchholz.

This fact is attributed to the play style of Elkton; their players were

comfortable to play with tipping the ball over the net, not attacking with the aggression shown by teams such as Chester and Parker.

Offensively, the team did not have any stand-out players for this match-up, with four players getting two kills each.

The volleyball team played Parker last night and dropped in three consecutive sets.

The girls will play Tri-Valley and Canton next week. The games will bring their season closer to finishing, as after those matches the girls will only have five more matches for the year. So make sure to support the team as their season gets closer to finishing.

Literally Literary

By Sylvia Larson

Do you like to read? How about write? If you answered yes to either of those questions, the Festival of Books is the event for you.

The 12th Annual South Dakota Festival of Books took place last weekend in Sioux Falls. The theme this year was "Where Readers and Writers Rendezvous."

From Thursday to Sunday, readers and writers visited with and listened to some of the people who helped make them what they are.

The festival started with the Young Readers Festival of Books on Thursday, September 25th at the Children's Museum in Brookings, and finished with the every-age sessions on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at various buildings in downtown Sioux Falls.

Some of the sessions included a reading of "The Monster That Ate the State" and a reading of "My Grandpa's War." Other sessions included Crime Fiction and Human Nature, The Pros and Perils of Writing About the Past; and many, many others.

An exhibitors hall was also open on Friday and Saturday, housing authors, publishers, retailers, and organizations.

Not many people walked out of there with the same amount of money they walked in with. With things for sale like books, bookmarks, and t-shirts, one could spend quite a lot of time browsing in the hall.

The book festival brings in local and regional authors to present in front of people about what they do or what they've written.

This year brought many authors, including Sarah J. Pepper, Joyce Wheeler, Pete Dexter, and C.J. Box.

"A lot of authors are present, and you can at least see the author even if you can't talk to them. They offer workshops that are interesting, modern, and up to date," school librarian and previous book

festival attendee Ms. Dorothy Williamson reported.

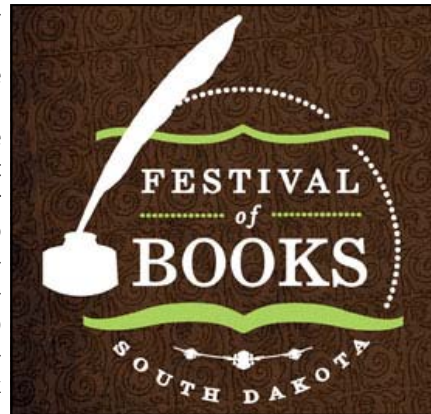
The book festival is all about inspiring writers to try and get a book published, and also for readers to expand their horizons.

There is something about the smell and sight of a brand new book, hot off the press, that makes you want to take it home with you. There are plenty of opportunities to acquire a new book for free, like winning a door prize or completing a survey.

Williamson commented, "Seeing the new products inspires you to read more, and when you read, you learn."

A number of states offer similar festivals, and there is even a national one. If you have never been to one but love to read or write, next year the festival is held in Deadwood, SD.

Keep reading!



Junior High Football Takes the Win, Again

By Abriana Scholl

So far this year, junior high football has been very successful in their games. The boys have been building up their strengths to hopefully make it to the top and keep their undefeated record.

On Monday, September 29th, the Garretson JH football team hosted Alcester-Hudson.

In the first quarter, eighth grader Brennan Mudder dodged past the opponent and ran 61 yards scoring the Blue Dragons their first touchdown.

The tension was building up during the second quarter, but neither team was able to score.

In the third quarter, Ethan Kippes ran for nine yards scoring Garretson another touchdown and bumped the score up to 16-0.

Alcester-Hudson took until the fourth quarter to score their first touchdown switching the score to 6-22. The Dragons became aware of their comeback and scored another touchdown by Hayden Pierret.

Running 30 yards, Trenton Karli finished off the game with the final touchdown. In the end, the Dragons took home the victory with a score of 34-6.

Next Monday be sure to support the team on their trip to Parker for their next battle. Let's roast those Pheasants!



The Blue Dragons use a strong block to move the ball up the field.
Photo by Sylvia Larson

Soccer Wraps up Season with Tie

By Lana Braswell and Abriana Scholl

This soccer season has finally come to an end, but that doesn't mean the girls have given up their confidence. Although they struggled in a few games throughout the season, they pulled themselves up and focused on the fun of soccer.

Right before homecoming week, the girls scored a point against Groton Area, but did not succeed in the end. The girls have been

showing improvements throughout each game.

Last Tuesday, the girls took a trip to Mitchell. They made it through half time, one point ahead of the opponent, but the Kernels popped their way to the top.

Soccer finished their season against Sioux Falls Christian. Although the Blue Dragons beat them in the first matchup of the sea-

son, they were unable to repeat. The teams tied at the end of regulation.

We will be sad that soccer has ended for the year, but we hope to kick some butt next fall. The team ended with a 1-9-1 record. Great job girls!

Friday Night Lights

By Tait Johnson

With a booming kick from Alcester-Hutson, Matt Johnson elects to test the kick coverage; he follows his blocks up the middle, and BAM! A 76 yard touchdown return!

Garretson battled Alcester-Hutson last Friday for the Blue Dragons' homecoming game. Garretson ended up on the bad side of a scoring run.

The Blue Dragons, for the first time this year, were simply out played, losing in eve-

ry department; rushing and passing yards, sacks given, and had 59 offensive plays to Alcester-Hudson's 61.

Shay Gibson went two for nine for 34 yards and one interception. Johnson, also getting to throw the ball, completed one 23 yard pass and one interception.

Seniors Johnson and Ben Hanson led the team with seven tackles. Junior Sean Tillma recovered one fumble. Sophomore Aaron Hoon had one interception.

Hanson said, "There was confusion on the defense for the first time this year; we switched up our assignments and missed tackles."

Johnson agreed with Hanson, saying, "The confusion on defense was hard to overcome mid-game. It's something we are going to need to practice on and make sure that doesn't happen again!"

The Blue Dragons face Parker tonight for their match up against the Pheasants.

Marching Band Starts off with a Boom

By Micah Mader

The marching band started their year off on a high note last Friday in Arlington. The group took second place overall in Class A competition, just one point out of first.

With very little support from upperclassmen and high school students overall, younger players have had to step in and carry the weight.

Bringing up middle schoolers has forced the band to adapt, but not lower standards. "They are doing a good job, but still, improvements could be made," quoted sophomore Shay Gibson.

Timing and footwork continued to be the main focus going into their first competition.

According to sophomore Kindra Clark, "Our stepping was strong and so was our playing; overall it was a good performance."

Now feeling more confident in their marching, the band's focus now turns to the music.

Band director Nick Sittig, equipped the band with two pieces, "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Americana."

Saturday arrived and the band was eager to continue their success. The tri-state festival in Luverne brought larger bands and stiffer competition.

"We could've marched better and used more dynamics," stated freshman Isaiah Mader on the performance.

Garretson tallied 63 points, earning fifth place out of six competitors; however, only six points separated the band from first place.

The band looks to keep improving in all areas of focus in hopes of achieving better scores and overall higher finishes.

Today the group is set to march on over to Chester for the Chester Lake Area Festival.

Senior Spotlight

NAME: Joshua Liester

SENIOR PROJECT: Interning with Rick Weiland's Senate Campaign and being a Legislative Page

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Cross Country, Track, FFA, One-Act Play, and Three-Act Play

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST: Friends and Cross Country

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Go to a 4-year college with an undecided major

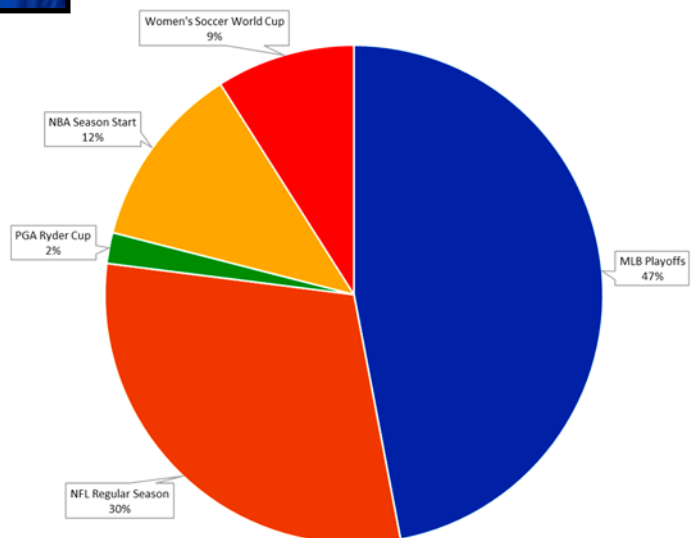


Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked which October professional event are you most excited for.



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: SOS

Joke: Give it boxing lessons