



Garretson Weekly School Newspaper - Garretson, SD - Volume 2, Number 8

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Insects outnumber humans 100,000,000 to one.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:**  
What can travel all around the world while staying in one corner?  
*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** When does a doctor get frustrated?  
*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Friday, October 17

- End of the 1st Quarter
- Football v. Irene-Wakonda

#### Saturday, October 18

- Oral Interp @ Lincoln HS
- 5th Volleyball @ League Tourney at Chester Area

#### Monday, October 20

- Honors Choir @ BEC Festival

#### Tuesday, October 21

- Novice Oral Interp @ Brandon

#### Thursday, October 23

- Bookmobile @ 8:30-3:00
- Picture Retakes @ 10:15
- Football v. Canistota

#### Friday, October 24

- Volleyball v. Howard

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## Here Come the Runners

By Lana Braswell and Zeb Johnson

The Cross Country team traveled to Howard Wood to compete in the Big East Conference meet last Thursday. The team did extraordinarily well, sweeping the meet for both guys and girls.

Leading the pack for the guys, was Evan Fick with a time of 16:40, second place went to Josh Liester with a time of 16:45, third place was Josh Powell timed at 16:54, and Tait Johnson earned fourth place with a time of 17:26. A perfect finish for the boys.

The girls also brought home first at the meet, with all varsity runners placing in the top ten. Carmen Bohl placed first with a time of 14:55, Teisha Carnicle placed fourth with a time of 15:48, Rachel Kindt took fifth place with a time of 15:49, Haley Sage taking sixth with a time of 15:51. The team has continued to improve over the length of the season.



Freshman Carmen Bohl works to keep pace with a West Central runner in yesterday's region meet at River Ridge Golf Course.

"Workouts have been getting harder, but other than that we haven't done anything special," said freshman harrier, Carmen Bohl. "We are really excited for State!"

The team's morale is riding high off the BEC sweep. The team's regional meet was yesterday here at Garretson. Both teams finished second qualifying for the state meet.

Josh Leister remarked, "It was really exciting to see all our hard work pay off. We really want to do well, these last meets are the most important meets of the year. We all try to have our best races at this time." This shows how much the team cares, about the races, how they truly enjoy cross country.

But why do they try so hard? Because they try to beat their biggest competition and have fun on the way of doing it.

"Honestly our biggest competition would be West Central," Leister quoted. The girls' biggest competition is usually Madison.

"I'm really excited for State, it's going to be a great time. But I'm also sad that it's my last year," added Leister. Giving others the example that the smallest things can also be the most fun, that everyone could have fun on their own run if they try.



Senior Teisha Carnicle pushes through in the final stages of yesterday's meet

## Volleyball Looks to Close Out Season on Positive Note

By Jared Fitzgerald and Alli Kruger

The volleyball team traveled to Canton last Thursday to take on the C-Hawks for the second time this year. With a victory over Canton the Lady Blue Dragons captured their second victory of the year. The volleyball team tried to keep the momentum rolling into their final games of the season.

Unfortunately the girls started going into a downward spiral after losing consecutive games against Madison and McCook.

"We need to work on communicating, because mid-season we were nearly all arguing," responded Alyssa Bunde.

On Monday the volleyball team traveled to Madison to face off against the bulldogs. Although the ladies fell in just three sets there was a lot of good things to take away from the game.

Right off of the whistle it was a battle, the ladies put up their biggest fight during the opening set. Although they were outscored 25-22 it was a great start. It started to go south from their though, losing

25-14 then 25-15 in the second and third sets.

Putting up that big of a challenge to the second ranked team in their region was definitely a big game changer for the ladies. The volleyball team learned that you are never out of a game no matter how big or good your opponents are.

Having a game the very next day, the girls had to play against the well rested Cougars. They hopped back on the bus and traveled to Montrose to look for a win.

"Overall, I love working with the girls because so many of them share the same passion for the sport as I do," stated coach Schotzko.

With fatigue setting in the girls had to try to overcome yet another big match up. Even though the Cougars haven't had that much luck this season they came out on top, contesting the Blue Dragons in three tough sets.

Falling short of their goal of beating the McCook Central—Montrose Cougars they were never

out of the game. The ladies started off slow and dug themselves a hole early. Losing their first set 13-25, the girls never could regain their composure, continuing to lose 17-25, then 19-25.

The Blue Dragons were in play for their third set of the week. Yesterday they hosted Tea. Despite great rallies, and extra efforts, the home team fell to the Titans in three sets.

The girls continue to practice hard and are striving to improve as the end of the season is rapidly approaching. The Lady Dragons have two more matches before they have to fight in regions.

Coach Schotzko commented, "We had a lot of challenges to overcome and deal with this season."

As the season is coming to an end, hopefully Garretson will be able to pick up their feet for the last two games. This year hasn't been the most effective but hopefully next season the team will be more authoritative.

## Blue Dragons Twisted the Tornadoes

By Tait Johnson and Beth Schmidt

The Blue Dragons, currently ranked #4, touched down in Centerville destroying the Tornadoes last Friday.

The Dragons had 56 offensive plays, leading the charge was senior Matt Johnson gaining 106 yards on the ground. Quarterback Shay Gibson threw for 44 yards on 11 attempts with 1 touchdown, Gibson also rushed for 81 yards.

Senior Ben Hanson commented, "We played good Friday; we are looking to keep the momentum rolling into our next two games then we will be ready for playoffs."

On the defensive side, the Blue Dragons held the Tornadoes to only 51 rushing yards. On the other hand they allowed 203 passing yards. Wyatt Fink provided an anchor gaining six tackles and three sacks.

Coach Kevin Steckler stated, "As the playoffs near, we need to be more consistent in all three phases of the game."

Playoffs are closer than they seem, with only two home games left. Garretson plays Irene-wakonda tonight and Canistosa next Thursday night.

The Dragons host the Eagles tonight. Good luck and keep the wins coming.

## Finishing Off a Great Season

By Tabi Klingenberg and Sylvia Larson

Last Friday the GHS marching band finished of the season with a bang when they came second out of four teams, with Arlington in first.

“Arlington is a good school. I think we did well because we beat some pretty good schools ourselves. We have great potential with next year’s season,” revealed sophomore trumpet player, Kaley Flanagan.

Zebadiah Johnson, freshman saxophone player, disagrees.

“I think it could have been better. It wasn’t the strongest performance of the season.” He confessed.

The band has placed second in three out of four of their competi-

tions and they placed third in one. This marching band is a young band compared to all of the other bands they have competed against.

Johnson explained, “It is weird because in most bands you have that mix of experienced juniors and seniors. We don’t have that. We have freshman, sophomores, and eighth graders.”

Freshman Logan Nussbaum mentioned, “I still feel like we’re a complete band; we’re pretty good for being small.”

The band has 53 high school members, a small amount compared to the amount from last year.

“All of the other members learn fast and do as much as they can to improve,” Flanagan noted in reaction to having new, younger members to the band.

Flanagan continued, “I’m glad early morning band practices are done, but now we will have to focus more of our time on concerts. It was overall a great season and we improved a lot.”

The marching band is happy to conclude their season and are anxious to begin again next year with their fellow members.

## More Students Impress, Earn ACE Awards



**SOCCER:**  
**Jericho Swenson**  
**Senior**

Jericho has done a great job this year of implementing a team environment and has been a wonderful leader. She was voted a team captain and works daily to pass along her work ethic and attitude to the entire team.

**FOOTBALL:**  
**Tony Weiland**  
**Senior**

Tony worked hard this off season and has improved individually every day of this football season, because of his improvement, Tony has become a key contributor offensively, defensively, and on the special teams for our football program. Tony's hard work can also be seen in the classroom where he is an outstanding student, Tony's presence also extends to the hallways etc... where he is respected by his peers and underclassman.

**VOLLEYBALL:**  
**Shambree Smith**  
**Senior**

Shambree stands as the only senior on this year’s volleyball team. She has dedicated herself to improving her skills and has stepped up to assist in the back row line up. Shambree has a great attitude and is always willing to learn more about improving. She's an extremely coachable player who isn't afraid to try new techniques.

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY:**  
**Carmen Bohl**  
**Freshman**

Carmen's been one of our top runners over the past few years and this year is no exception. She works extremely hard and her attitude carries over to her peers. We look for her to continue to lead our team through the region meet that is approaching soon.

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:**  
**Evan Fick**  
**Junior**

Evan has been an important part of the Garretson Cross Country Program for the last few years. His attitude and work ethic are contagious with his teammates. He has worked hard to achieve his goals both on the course and in the classroom.



## Junior High Volleyball Year Ends in Triumph

By Micah Mader and Abriana Scholl

As late October approaches, fall activities begin to wind down. In the last few weeks, soccer and marching band have come to close along with junior high volleyball following shortly after.

The ladies went into the year with their focus directed towards playing as a team and having fun. The team had high hopes of improving on last year's successes.

From game one, the Blue Dragons struggled on both sides of the ball but the girls still kept their heads up and played with high spirits all year.

"Our best games were games where we walked away with a loss, but still had smiles on our faces because we had fun simply playing the

game," commented first year head coach Samantha Eliason.

Throughout the year, the team showed flashes of greatness and bright potential. But consistency was the teams downfall. The team was up and down all year according to coach Eliason and ended up with a 3-8 record respectively.

After a fun but unsuccessful year the ladies focus turns to improving for next year.

"I want to get better at serving", replied 7th grader Abby Schroeder.



Aliyah Lymon serves it over the net last night against Tea

Coach Eliason expanded on next year's thoughts saying, "I'm looking forward to see how the season goes next year. Seeing how our relationships with one another and how our communication has grown this year, I definitely think the girls will be a force to be reckoned with next year."

Although the junior high volleyball's year was not as successful, the team still enjoyed the competition and the fun of the sport. Congratulations girls on a job well done!

## Senior Spotlight

**NAME:** Wyatt Fink

**SENIOR PROJECT:** Sports Broadcasting

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Football and Basketball

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** Mrs. Sarar's Class Sophomore Year

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:** Finish ATI Training this summer and go to college



## Garretson Makes Miracles Happen

On Wednesday, students and staff were encouraged to pay just one dollar to either wear a hat or wear pajamas to school in all, Garretson, with the honor of Tina Sandbulte who was an avid supporter of the Children's Miracle Network.

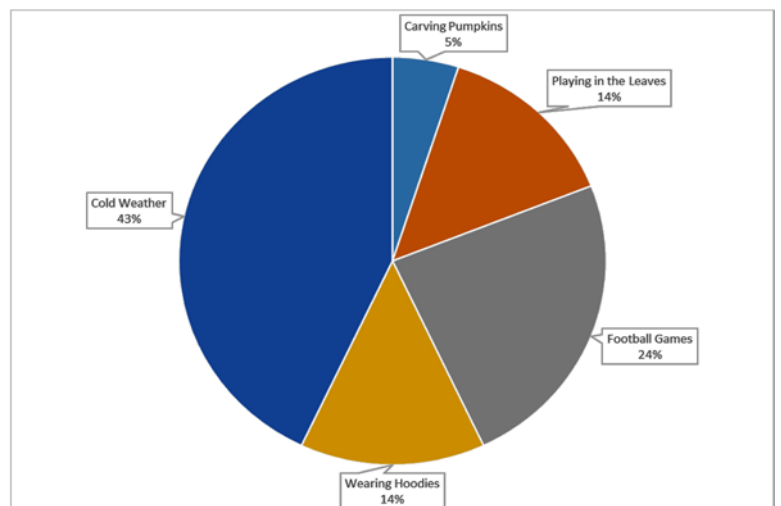
Thank you for your generous donations. The school rallied and support.

## Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked what they were looking forward to most now that it is fall.



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:** A stamp

**Joke:** When he runs out of patients (patience)