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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** The United Nations was formally established today in 1945.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** What word, when written in capital letters, is the same forwards, backwards and upside down?  
*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What is a snake's favorite subject?  
*Answer on back page*

- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- Friday, October 24**
    - Volleyball v. Howard
  - Saturday, October 25**
    - Cross Country State Meet
    - 6th Volleyball @ Chester Tourney
  - Monday, October 27**
    - Volleyball v. Sioux Valley
  - Tuesday, October 28**
    - Football v. DeSmet-Iroquois
  - Wednesday, October 29**
    - FFA National Convention
    - Book Fair in New Gym
    - Oral Interp @ Big East
  - 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

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## Blue Dragons Stomped Out the Eagles

By Beth Schmidt

Last Friday night the Blue Dragons beat the Eagles 54-0, stopping play at half time because of the mercy rule that prevented the Dragons from running up the score.

The Blue Dragons rushed a total of 383 yards. Seniors Tony Weiland and Wyatt Fink had one reception each in the game.

For individual rushing, senior Matt Johnson lead with 23 carries gaining 260 yards, sophomore Shay Gibson followed with five carries for 79 yards.

Johnson scored four separate times: a 53 yard run, 10 yard run, 60 yard return from an interception, and 30 yard score.

Gibson had a 30 yard, 31 yard, and six a yard touchdown in the game.

Defensively, senior Bryce Wollmann had four tackles and one sack.

For the last regular season game, the Blue Dragons played the Canistota Hawks last night. After a tight first half, the visitors were only up by two, 8-6. Unfortunately, the Hawks took control second half and defeated the Blue Dragons 36-6.

As the playoffs near, Johnson commented, "I'm ready for playoffs, we worked hard in the off season and the coaches have prepared us all year."

The Blue Dragons go into the playoffs with a 6-2 record and will host DeSmet-Iroquois on Tuesday. Good luck at playoffs!



The Garretson Blue Dragons hustle to the line after moving the ball down the field.

## One Quarter Done, Three to Go!

By Abriana Scholl

The school year has been flying by as we come to a close on our first quarter. Students rush to complete their unfinished assignments and are jumping for joy knowing that over one fourth of the school year has been completed.

"The freshmen, as well as the sixth graders, his year, were in for a whole new experience. Being over one-fourth of the way through the school year, they are finally starting to get the hang of it," mentioned sophomore Tabitha Klingenberg.

Although the first quarter has passed through easy-breezy, more challenges are coming to the students. Now that they all have gotten used to the fact that school is a priority, students have been putting more effort in their school work.

"Perhaps the freshmen will start working harder while everyone else

knows the drill," stated study hall teacher Jo McClure.

For the first quarter, many fun events and activities were held. "I enjoyed homecoming, meeting the new kids, and getting back into a routine," McClure commented.

Now that the students have got the hang of being back in school this year, they are ready to take on the rest of it.

There are many things in store. For example, there is the conclusion of football, volleyball, and cross country season; the Veteran's Day program, the middle/high school winter concert coming in December, and the start of new sports. So keep your eyes peeled for any updates and keep up the good work Garretson School District!



## Think Pink

By Alli Kruger

It's October! Do you know what that means? Well, besides Halloween, it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which defines the annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. Being one of the more common types of cancer, many people may know someone who has battled breast cancer.

According to National Cancer Institute, in 2011 there were estimated 2,899,726 women living in the United States with breast cancer. The estimated new cases and deaths have been fairly high; there was nearly 40,000 deaths this year alone, and almost 232,670 new cases. The per-

cent of breast cancer deaths is highest among women aged 55-64.

Many people have made donations to The Avera Center, the Edith Sanford Breast Cancer Foundation, and also local chapters of the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation.

Last year, the Rapid City firefighters raised more than \$7,000 for the American Cancer society through t-shirt sales.

Feisty Fighters has been one of the organizations to do so. According to an article on [keloland.com](http://keloland.com), "Feisty Fighters Hosted golfing and wine tasting events to raise funds for breast cancer awareness and prevention."

They handed over three checks; \$10,000 to the Avera Center, another \$10,000 to Edith Sanford Breast Cancer Foundation, and \$25,000 went to Susan G. Komen South Dakota.

The Feisty Fighters have raised more than \$360,000 for breast cancer since 2005.

Breast cancer awareness helps us become aware of cancer, and what it can do. We can even promote awareness by attending tonight's varsity volleyball pink out, where the girls will be wearing pink shirts and throwing out pink mini-volleyballs to the crowd. It is a really great thing to be raising awareness like this.

## Pheasant Season Opens with a Bang

By Micah Mader

This past weekend, the familiar ring of shotgun shells returned to South Dakota's fields and sloughs marked the annual pheasant opener.

Anticipation for the season was unusually high in comparison to past years, due to an influx of local roosters. According to the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks, pheasant populations per mile have risen a bewildering 76% state wide since last year.

"The numbers are really good this year, so it should be a fun season," commented sophomore Brendan Harris on the statistic.

Thousands flocked into the state and out into the fields in hopes of bagging a couple roosters. Although last year was a "down year," 132,000 people took part in the sport; 75,000 of hunters were from out of state.

With this rush of people comes substantial revenue that is vital to the state of South Dakota. In fact, pheasant hunting produces millions of dollars each year.

Although the bird numbers are up, pheasant sanctuaries are being diminished due to drain tiling and destruction of grassland and wetlands.

South Dakota government officials are worried about the future of the ring-necked pheasant, but promise provisions will be taken to preserve the species.

Junior Cassie Faber stated, "I think it is unfair to take the pheasants' land away because that could cause them to die off."

As for now the numbers are way up and the hunting is fantastic! So grab your gun and your dog and go enjoy the dazzling South Dakota countryside.

## Manning, the New TD King!

By Tait Johnson

This past weekend history was made in the NFL, when quarterback Peyton Manning passed Bret Favre's record of 509 touchdowns. Manning threw four touchdowns on Sunday's game against the 49ers, raking up his total to 510.

Manning stands at the top of the podium after his 8-yard touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas, giving the Broncos a 21-3 lead.

Thomas told a reporter after the game Sunday night, "I thought before the play I might have a

chance. I just wanted to make sure I got my feet down. I'm grateful for the opportunity."

The new TD king also had a few words to share about his career, saying, "I've discussed with some family and friends recently that I certainly didn't think this would even be a possibility a couple of years ago, and I'm really enjoying playing here, playing for this organization."

The Broncos played a celebration video in Peyton's honor, the video had messages from Favre, and John Elway.

This also impressed local student Jacob Fitzgerald. He stated, "I knew going into the game he would break the record. I hope he can keep up this performance all the way to the super bowl!"

Congratulations to Manning on being the new TD king!

## Welcome to Reader's Theatre

By Lana Braswell

Last Saturday night, the Garretson oral interp participants went to Lincoln High School to compete against other dramatic readers, within the categories of humor, serious, drama, poetry, duo, and many more.

Oral interp has similar qualities to acting, just on a smaller scale.

People involved with oral interp such as Tabi Kilgenberg and Abriana Scholl think oral interp is something more people should enjoy because not only is it a day out of school or home, it is a chance to be able to act as you wish without having to worry about people judging you.

Sophomore interper, Abriana Scholl, enjoys oral interp and was excited to get the first meet underway.

"Well, the beginning for this year I think we have been doing great so far," she stated.

"I think that Saturday went very well, it was a very interesting experience to perform in front of other students and hear their pieces as well."

Although this was the first competition for the readers, this is just a practice to get them ready for the upcoming meets throughout the next few weeks. It also gives them a chance to change their piece and practice more for future competitions.

Coming into the picture is the new leader of our Blue Dragon actors is Andrew TerWee, middle school reading teacher. Even he seems thrilled at the fact that students that are having the same interest in poetry and acting.

Mr. TerWee, leader of the poets, felt proud with his students for participating.

Keep up the good work to the newest leader of oral interp!

With our actors up and ready we are sure that this year will be the best one for oral interp.

Klingenberg quoted, "I am excited; it's fun to get out of school and to go to the new schools to compete. My goal is mainly to make it to finals, but I mostly I like the fact that I get to spend time with my friends and for the experience."

So good luck to you actors and keep up the good work!

## Parent Teacher Conferences Right Around the Corner

By Jared Fitzgerald

Oh crap... It's parent teacher conferences!!! As October 30th comes closer and closer, students are trying everything to bring up their grades. Next Thursday conferences will take place from 2:30 to 8:30.

The main reason of parent teacher conferences is for parents to get informed about the grades and behavior of their students. The parents get to sit down one on one with all of the teachers and talk about their child's perfor-

mance in the first nine weeks of school.

Conferences are one of the best ways for parents to get involved into their child's academics. Parents just want to get in the loop, even though most students don't want to talk to their parents about their grades.

Junior John Houg stated, "I am confident about my grades, and nothing will go wrong."

For students, probably the scariest thing is waiting to hear what your parents to say after

they got home from conferences. If you get good grades and don't goof off, you don't have a thing to worry about next Thursday but right about now is when the "naughty" students start to kiss up to their teachers.

Mr. Furness commented, "It's a good thing for parents to find out how their child is doing in the classroom."

With parent teacher conferences getting closer, be sure to be on your best behavior!

## Local Chicks Flock to Hen's Rush

By Sylvia Larson

The second annual Hen's Rush took place in Garretson this last weekend, celebrating the start of pheasant hunting. It was designed as something for the women to do while their husbands were out hunting, but it's mostly just a fun, family friendly day for everyone.

Last year when the first Hen's Rush took place, no one expected it to become so popular with the locals.

The day started out with a vendor fair at Annie's Coffeehouse. Some vendors carried nationally recognized items, but there were also some independently owned vendors selling handmade items.

Also taking place at Annie's was an Egg Bake and a Hy-Vee Wine and Design painting class.

"We had a really good day and had a lot of people from out of town here," declared Annie Pedersen, owner of Annie's Coffeehouse.

"There was a nice variety of different vendors at the vendor fair, and I enjoy having them in my shop."

Rainbow Delight had a few sale items and a "Chicken" you could take a selfie with.

The Treasure Chest had a bake sale benefit for Janie Ellefson-Hendrix, door prizes, and many sales.

There was also a pumpkin contest where you could take your decorated or carved pumpkin and have it judged to win a Garretson gift certificate.

In past years, this contest was held on Halloween weekend or the Halloween events the town is known to hold. This year there are no such plans, except for 'Spook Alley' at the nursing home and a costume contest at Annie's.

Freshmen Elizabeth Schmidt and Emily Schlueter attended many of the town's festivities while their dads were out hunting.

"It gave me some ideas for what I want for Christmas," commented Schmidt.

Schleuter mentioned, "I just went to the vendor fair, normally I would have been hunting, but I had a birthday party afterwards. I'll probably go next year, but I like the town Halloween events because there is more to do."

Schmidt agreed. "I think they could do some fun activities for the kids that can't go hunting so they're not stuck at home bored."

"Next year I would like to offer the Hen's Rush on a different weekend so we don't compete with the Women's Expo (Expo for Her) in Sioux Falls," Pedersen added.

The Hen's Rush brings in many out-of-towners and creates new business in Garretson, all in the form of a fun day for men and women of all ages. The plan is to keep having a Hen's Rush every year, so don't fret, you haven't missed out on ALL the fun!



## Selected Vocalists Prep for All State

By Tabi Klingenberg

In case you aren't sure about what All-State choir is, it's where schools from all across the state get together and showcase their excellent voices. The group representing Garretson consists of only one sophomore and six juniors. Four of those members will be attending All-State next weekend, while the other three are alternates.

Cassie Faber, one of the six juniors, filled in, "This year the rules were changed to where girls could be tenors and boys could be altos. Not many boys took up the opportunity, but a few girls did. This year at the Big East Honors Choir, I was the only girl tenor. It was very awkward. Everyone just stared at me. Although it was awkward it was a really fun experience. The conductors were really fun and nice."

"I believe All-State is a whole new level of choir class. This time, it has like ten times more people involved. It is nerve-racking, but super

exciting and fun!" sophomore Abriana Scholl exclaimed.

Scholl is the only sophomore and is the youngest to make it through the audition process this year. She is the soprano alternate. What that means, basically, is that if Katie Giesler gets injured or is otherwise unable to attend, Scholl will go to compete in her place. It is her first and hopefully not her last year being part of the Honor Choir team.

"It was really fun and I got to meet a lot of nice people. I thought it was a very interesting experience and I hope to do it next year, too," Scholl added.

On Monday, the students left for Chester and Kelby Robinson, first year choir teacher at GHS, felt good about how they did overall.

"It went really well. They worked really hard all day and put on a good concert. The students got to work with professors and concert stu-

dents on their music," Robinson told.

She continued, "I know they've been working on it and I hope they're prepared. It's my first time working on it and I really don't know what to expect. I have enjoyed working with all the students in Garretson."

The student's second to last competition of the Big East Honors Choir was on October 16<sup>th</sup> and All-State will take place on October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The students will leave that Friday morning of the 31<sup>st</sup>, stay over night and come back Saturday night.

Alto, Kyrstyn Beck's thoughts on the subject were, "It was fun and boring, though it helps with memorizing the songs."

Let's wish the students good luck Halloween morning when they leave.

## Halloween Historia

By Zeb Johnson

Trick or Treat! It's a week away from one of the highest-grossing holidays of the year. Second only to Christmas in spending, Halloween has turned into a giant cash cow for companies, netting over \$8 billion annually. We all know about the modern holiday called Halloween, but few people know where the tradition started.

The day actually got its start in Celtic societies as Samhain. Samhain was the day that the spirits of the dead were thought to return to earth along with other denizens of the "Otherworld."

The Celts thought that the spirits made it easier for their Druidic priests to make predictions on the year to come. And that was a

rather large event for people whose whole livelihood depended on the weather. Along with the predictions, the Celts also celebrated the end of the harvest on Samhain.

"I think that it changed so much because of the large corporations. Like, why wouldn't they want another time of the year to sell a ton of stuff," commented freshman Sylvia Larson.

"I don't know how it got switched from a harvest festival to candy and costumes, but it did," she added.

The change is mostly identified to have started in the 1950s. Around this time, many organizations wanted to shift Halloween away from its religious roots. Instead of having fires and warding off spirits, these organizations taught

that Halloween should be a time for communities to grow closer. Thus, the modern Halloween party filled with candy and food was born.

Communities began to have celebrations for all the children of the town. Families would gather in a public places, bringing food and games for the children. Costumes were also encouraged.

As towns began to grow extremely fast, it became common practice for people to give treats to roaming children, mostly to avoid having "tricks" played on them. Such is the origin of trick-or-treating.

Whatever way you celebrate Halloween, with horror or candy, it is a great time to celebrate the change from summer to fall.

## Students of the Month Recognized



6th Grade:

Lizzie Olson



7th Grade:

Kendra Kleven



8th Grade:

Ben Konechne



Freshman:

Ryan Fick



Sophomore:

Garrett Haygood

## Senior Spotlight

**NAME:** Teisha Carnicle

**SENIOR PROJECT:** Making a Star Quilt

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Cross Country, Basketball, and Track

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** Sports and Friends

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:** Go to college



Junior:

Jaden Bly

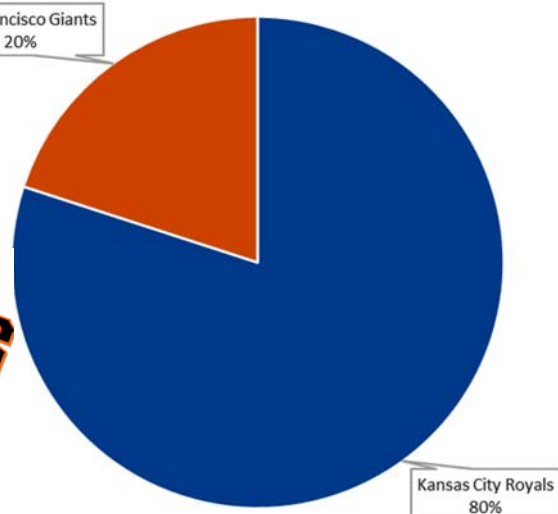


Senior:

Blake Severson

## Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked which team they thought would win the World Series



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:** NOON

**Joke:** Hiss-story

■ Kansas City Royals ■ San Francisco Giants