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WORTH MENTIONING

- No School on Monday due to Labor Day! Have a safe three day weekend, Blue Dragons.
- Question of the Week: If you had to give up one of the five food groups, what would it be? Which one could you NEVER give up?

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And the king and queen are...

by **Cece Fiegen**
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The crowning king and queen is a beloved homecoming tradition. There is no better way to start off a week of celebrations than with coronation.

Representing the senior class for queen was Anna Ebbing, Alexis Christensen, Maddie Waltman, Emma Wolf, Ella Ferk and for king, Isiah Coburn, Michael Hanish, Ty Vanholland, Carder Siemonsma, Collin Olson.

Two by two, the court walked to their seats, as Casen Smith and Rylee Ferrell introduced them. When making it to the center for pictures, they each did a unique handshake, making every entrance memorable. The crowd got to see a heartwarming side of the candidates as Blake Benson and Bence Bonte led a get to know your court.

Lucie Frewaldt and Cole Schleuter returned to Garretson to crown the next generation. The two paced between each candidate, building the anticipation for who will take on the mantle. They stopped behind this year's homecoming king and queen, Collin Olson and Alexis Christensen.

Both King Collin and Queen Alexis reacted with surprise to being selected. “I thought they were just doing the Kings first. And so when I got flowers placed on my lap, I was really confused. And then I got really happy,” Christensen explained.

The two both expressed their gratitude for those who voted for them. “Thanks for voting for me!” Olson stated. The king and queen were critical to keep homecoming traditions alive, the two stepping into the role perfectly.











Top Left: The Queen candidates were Anna Ebbing, Emma Wolf, Maddie Waltman, Alexis Christensen, and Ella Frerk.
Above Top: The King candidates were Carter Siemonsma, Isaiah Coburn, Collin Olson, Ty VanHolland, and Michael Hanisch.
Above Middle: Lucie Frewaldt crowns Alexis Christensen as queen.
Above Bottom: Cole Schleuter passes on the crown to Collin Olson.
Left: In their first official duty as King and Queen, Collin Olson and Alexis Siemonsma pose for their official photograph. They participated in other events throughout the week, including crowning the king and queen at Palisade Manor and speaking to the student body during the community pep rally.



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Sports see mixed success

Cross Country has strong showing in Salem, including Siemonsma finishing first

by **Colton Buchholz**
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FOOTBALL

The Garretson Blue Dragons (2-0) will host the Hanson Beavers (0-1) in a highly anticipated Homecoming game. Garretson will look to take advantage of the home-field atmosphere and keep their top tier defense rolling and take down the Beavers.

The last time the Blue Dragons beat the Beavers in football was 2018, but this year the boys that suit up on tonight are looking to change the script.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball kicked off their busy week on Tuesday by hosting Dell Rapids St. Mary's (6-1), but falling short 3-1.

On Thursday, they traveled to take on the rival Baltic Bulldogs (2-1), but unfortunately lost in three straight sets.

The Lady Blue Dragons (1-3) will travel to Canton on Saturday to compete in a varsity volleyball tournament.

SOCCER

On Thursday the soccer team (2-5) hoped to bounce back from a couple tough losses by traveling to Lennox (3-2). Earlier this season the Blue Dragons vs. Orioles was a competitive game with Lennox narrowly sneaking out the win, but not this time. The Orioles defeated the Dragons 7-2.

After starting their season off strong the Garretson soccer team has cooled off, but hopefully will rewrite their path for the rest of the season. Garretson's next game is Tuesday at Vermillion.

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country program has been on the uprise for a couple of years now, and this week, it showed. The runners headed to Salem and compete in the McCook Central/Montrose Invitational.

On the varsity side, the Blue Dragons had six runners and four of which placed in the top 30: Miles Sievers (26), Cooper Smith (25), Ethan McGregor (8), and, most notably, Carter Siemonsma (1).

"We are doing good so far," spoke Siemonsma on the rest of his running mates' performances. "I hope we can continue to push ourselves and step it up for the rest of the season. It would be really nice to qualify four runners for state, but it will take a lot of hard work, determination, and grit.

The next meet for the runners is September 8th, in Garretson where the Blue Dragons look to defend their home course and possibly place all four runners for their second meet in a row.



The runners pushed through a challenging course in Salem last Tuesday. But making it even more difficult was the heat they had to battle as well. As the Garretson runners pushed down the homestretch, they were splashed by their teammates to cool them off as they got to the finish line. Cooper Smith (25th) and Miles Sievers (26th) placed for the Blue Dragons, being the third and fourth scoring runners, just behind seniors Carter Siemonsma and Ethan McGregor.

Photo by Caylix Buchholz



Carter Siemonsma has been the lead runner for the Blue Dragons for the last couple years, frequently found running around town in the off-season as well. Siemonsma continues to pace the Blue Dragon harriers including finishing first in his most recent meet in Salem.

Photo by Caylix

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This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 4
- Parade (1:30)
- Community Pep Rally (2:00)
- Tailgate Supper (5:00-7:00)
- Football v. Hanson (7:00)
- Mini Cheer Clinic Performance (FB Halftime)

Saturday, September 5
- Volleyball @ Canton Tourney (9:00)

Monday, September 7
- No School - Labor Day
- JH Football v. Hanson (4:00)
- JV Football v. Hanson (5:00)

Tuesday, September 8
- XC @ Garretson (4:00)
- Soccer @ Vermillion (5:00)

Thursday, September 10
- VB @ BEC v. MCM in Garretson (6:00)
- VB @ BEC v. TBD in Garretson (7:30)

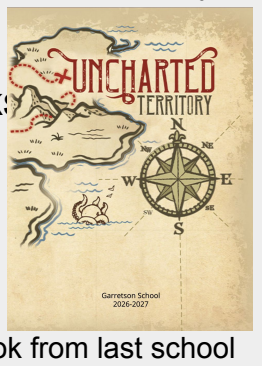
Friday, September 11
- Tailgate Supper (5:00-7:00)
- Football v. Bon Homme (7:00)

Saturday, September 12
- JH/JV FB @ Canistota Jamboree (9:00)
- XC @ Luverne (9:30)
- VB @ BEC v. TBD in Parker (TBD)

Worth Mentioning

NO SCHOOL on Monday due to Labor Day. Have a happy and safe three day weekend Blue Dragons.

SCHOOL PICTURES are on Tuesday, September 15. Make sure you wear something nice and smile pretty.



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Dress Up Snaps



Ruff ‘n’ Tuff brings the heat

For teachers...

by **Autumn Genzler**
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This year’s homecoming week showed a lot of school spirit, but on the court something a little different than school spirit was brought. With each class cheering from the side of the courts and the energy was brought throughout the gym, the high school boys took the court ready to compete.

The first game started with strong energy as the seniors took on the freshmen and the juniors took on the sophomores.

The seniors were ready to defend their two-year back-to-back first place title. Freshmen weren’t quite aware of what was about to happen. Players kept rallies alive with powerful back row hits, while the crowd responded with excitement after every big play. After two sets, the seniors took a huge win and swept the freshmen to get themselves into the championship for a chance at the threepeat.

The juniors and sophomores knew what to expect and everyone knew it was going to be a good hard fought battle. While points went back and forth and some went on a run for a few points, it was an intense game. The junior class made sure to keep the spirits up on the sidelines as they chanted after every play that they had won. Every serve, kill, and hard fought rally added to the excitement as all teams battled for every point. Although the juniors gave up one set to the sophomores, they came out on top and defeated the sophomores, 2-1.

The consolation match consisted of the sophomores and freshmen. For it being their first ever time stepping on the court actually playing, the freshmen boys did not let their loss against the seniors drag them down. They put in work to take a set from the sophomores. Obviously, no one likes losing so the sophomores took it personal. Fighting extra hard, the sophomores ended up winning the third set to take home third place, meaning the freshmen finished last.

By the championship game, the juniors and seniors were smack talking each other even though deep down the seniors knew exactly what they had to do. The match had become a true test of toughness. The grades stayed involved, making the gym loud with every serve and point. The game was very close as the rallies got longer and the boys got more anxious to win. Each team making a mistake and the other team celebrating it, the score was very close the whole game. The juniors even ended up taking a set from the seniors which upset them quite a lot. With the match on the line, every point mattered. A strong serve, or a perfectly placed hit could change the energy in an instant. Seniors took the first set and juniors retaliated in the second.

After three hard fought sets the seniors continued to defend their first places title making it the third year in a row. Juniors took second place, sophomores took third place, and the freshmen took last place.

On the bright side for the freshmen boys, the seniors lost their first year too, and now they’re back to back to back champs. Maybe next year the freshmen will hold it down for the seniors but until then, homecoming week comes to an end, and like every other year it shows how much school spirit Garretson really has and what it’s like the have the high school experience here at Garretson.









The Class of 2027 took the Ruff ‘n’ Tuff championship three years in a row after defeating the juniors in the tiebreaker game of the championship set.
Top Right: Mason Snyders tries to make a play at the net but struggles with the no jumping rule that the boys have to follow.
Middle Right: Gavin Coburn tips the ball over but was cleared on the jump since he took off behind the ten foot line.
Bottom Right: Chase Arend attacks the ball for the juniors, continuing their aggressive play, vaulting them to the championship set.

Photos by the Blue Ink newspaper and Dragon yearbook staff

Kicking our way through powder puff

Sophomores take first place for the second year in a row



by **Blue Ink staff**
staff writers

Under the Monday night lights, the field belonged to a different kind of football team. With whistles blowing and competition running high, the girls of Garretson High School took the field for this year's Powder Puff game, bringing energy, teamwork and lots of school spirit.

Starting off the seniors lost to the freshmen in a close game with a final score of 16-17. The seniors were on a roll taking advantage of their skilled soccer player Anna Ebbing, who didn't miss when it came to the extra point. Sadly it wasn't enough to keep them in the lead, yet, giving them a second chance when playing the juniors next.

While that game was in play the juniors took on the sophomores, with lots of hustle the sophomores came out on top winning 23-18.

Aubrey Sikkink was able to pull down almost every pass thrown her way, Brenna Smith with one interception, and Brynlee Stiefvater with the game winning interception, yet both teams were very competitive.

In the final games seniors played against the juniors in the consolation match losing 13-35.

With back and forth interceptions from both teams the juniors were able to pull out the win which put them in third place overall. While sending seniors to the bottom of the bracket, receiving fourth place by the end of the night.

Lastly the sophomores beat the freshman in the championship game of the night putting them in first place and leaving the freshmen with second place. The sophomores took a huge lead with the final score being 18-5.

Overall, this year's Powder Puff game was filled with excitement, competition, and plenty of school spirit.

Each class gave it their all on the field, making for an entertaining night of big plays, interceptions, and close games.



The Class of 2029 defended their Powder Puff title defeating the juniors and freshmen on Monday night.
Above: The freshmen girls came to play and put the seniors on their toes. Lydia Frerk ran past the senior defense and in for one of the freshmen touchdowns..
Left: Brielle Weir looks to scramble away from the sophomore pressure in the opening round of Powder Puff. The sophomores scored with a minute left to overtake the juniors and go into the championship.
Below: Homecoming is all about the school and coming together and despite the small class competitions throughout the week, the students were more than happy get a whole school picture after all the fun and festivities on Monday night.
Far Below: While the weather was a little warm during coronation, by the time the Powder Puff games took place it was beautiful with temperature and views.

Photos by Bryce Howe and Caylix Buchholz



