Garretson Pride Award Richard Johnson

Garretson School District 49-4

Richard Johnson has been giving students a ride in the Garretson School District for over 40 years. He's retired more than once, but whenever there has been a need, he is one of those people who is willing to help us out.

Richard is known in our school as someone who shows up, he does the job and is friendly as he does so.

Mr. Schrank thought back to those many trips that Richard has driven for his teams: "As I started my coaching career here at Garretson, I was coaching the 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams. Richard was often our transportation expert for road games. Being new to the community, it was great having someone who knows everyone, and also so easy to talk to (I got a word in here or there). We had a lot of great conversations on the bus, and he was always in a great mood. I would like to personally thank him for all of the encouragement and compliments before and after every game, and for being a great role model for our student athletes."

It is pretty rare to have someone this committed to the school and the community as Richard Johnson. We wish him a happy second or third retirement, and recognize that he is definitely part of the PRIDE of Garretson.