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- This picture will be hidden in the Blue Ink somewhere.
- Look for it throughout the issue as you read the articles and browse the pictures.
- Thank you Mrs. Granberg for creating the Blue Ink dragon

WORTH MENTIONING

- Next week and the week following are both four-day weeks due to in-service on Friday and Native American Day on Monday.

GERMAN PHRASE OF THE WEEK

- Happy Homecoming
  - **Frohes Nachhause kommen**
- Thanks to Johanna Knauer for

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Garretson teacher finds herself on another game show

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This last year for a week in April, Dr. Kelsey Buchholz went on a secret adventure. Nothing was told about it until this past September, many Garretson families were shocked to see the beloved teacher on their TV screen during Fox channel advertisements. While Dr. Buchholz was across the pond, she was shooting the fourth season of the game show, The Floor!

Although the show was filmed in Dublin, Ireland, it began with two contestants representing each American state. “I got to meet more than 99 of the coolest people and I say more than 99 because the producers we had on the show were phenomenal.”

The objective of the trivia game show is to gain all of the squares on the floor by winning duels. Duels feature two players competing in a category and the loser is the one who runs out of time first. The contestants have a chance to win $20,000 per episode based on whoever has the most territory or they can win the whole season for $250,000.



This isn’t the first game show Dr. Buchholz has been on. She was featured on an episode in Wheel of Fortune back in 2016. This made her realize that she could actually be on game shows, rather than just watch them. “My kids and I randomly turned on The Floor and we immediately fell in love with the show. One night over Christmas break, we were watching it together and somehow my kids left and I took those few minutes to myself to apply online. I was called a week later about the opportunity.” She explained, “Despite a quick call to start, the auditioning process was lengthy. I probably started it in early January and ended it in early April.”

The amazement of this experience is evident in Dr. Buchholz's face when she speaks about The Floor. “Overall, I really loved it. It was very stressful, but in the best way possible. You just want to perform well and represent yourself well.”

Although this experience was full of new, positive experiences, there are some things she may have changed about her time on the show. “It’s hard to not look back on it and say, for example, I wish I would’ve done this differently; I wish I would’ve been randomized rather than chosen; I wish I would’ve picked this category rather than this one.”

Dr. Buchholz has expressed that this was altogether an unforgettable year from when she first filled out the application to now watching herself on TV. “It is literally a top tier experience of my life from the people I met, to where I was able to travel, to the shared experience I was able to have with 99 other contestants that nobody else can speak to is really meaningful for me.”

The end of filming in April didn’t mean the end of this experience for Dr. Buchholz. She continues to talk to most of The Floor contestants in a large group chat, but also separate specific players. “My closest friends I met there are Zach from Maine, Cibelle from New York, and Arlene from Minnesota. Zach, Cibelle, and I met the first day we arrived in Ireland. Cory and I were going to walk around Dublin to see the sites. I invited a group of contestants and those two decided to take us up on it. We spent the entire day walking 15 miles talking about the show but never divulging our categories. The next day, I met Arlene at breakfast and the four of us became inseparable, all supporting each other.”

For this ambitious teacher, hopefully, The Floor won’t be the end of her gaming career. According to show rules, contestants must wait at least a year after their last episode airs to be a part of another, unless they are given special permission from the network. “I would always love to be on another show. Hopefully somebody sees something in me and says, ‘hmm she would be lovely and I would love to take her.’”

Choosing her next adventure will be difficult. “I think I would be good at Survivor. I feel like I could play a pretty strong social game and people would trust me because I am so emotional and expressive. But I also can be ultra competitive, so I’d be a strong asset to my tribe. But truly I would be up for anything. Even random British game shows like Tenable or Pointless would be fun.”

In the first two episodes, Dr. Buchholz has not played, but she and her category have been an option to be picked leaving her constantly on her toes.

The season continues to develop every Wednesday night at 7:00 on Fox for a total of twelve weeks. Each Thursday, it will be released on Hulu. Will Dr. Buchholz last until the finale? Tune in and find out!

German festival pops up worldwide

Oktoberfest highlights German/Bavarian traditions

by **Johanna Knauer & Cade Risty**
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Starting on September 20 and ending on the first Sunday of October, Germany's annual Oktoberfest takes place in the city of Munich. Oktoberfest began in 1810 as a royal wedding celebration in Munich, Germany. The festival has since become the world's largest folk and beer festival, celebrating Bavarian culture. The main festivities are carnival games, beer tents, which can host about 10,000 people, and of course, the traditional German food.

For example, there is Brezn, which is a pretzel, Hendl, which is a half roasted chicken, and lastly the Apfelstrudel, which is a sweet pastry filled with apples.

At Oktoberfest, there will be lots of Germans in their traditional clothing. For example, the women wear Tracht, a Tracht is pretty much a dress with a skirt or apron, while the men wear Lederhosen, which is just traditional leather shorts. The Oktoberfest isn't held just in Germany though, there are mini Oktoberfests held all around the world as well. It is a great attraction for tourists and locals.

Oktoberfest is more than just a festival, it's a celebration of tradition from all over the world. Since 1810, this tradition has been bringing many people together. The Oktoberfest is a unique experience for everyone.





Upcoming Fan Themes

Monday, Oct 6: Volleyball v. Elkton-Lake Benton - Black Out
Thursday, Oct 9: Volleyball v. Canton - Crazy Hair
Friday, Oct 10: Football v. Howard - Pink Out
Themes posted on Instagram at @ghsthemes

Jon Pardi to Sioux Falls



by **Bence Bonte & Chase Costello**
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Jon Pardi is coming to Sioux Falls! He is bringing his Honkytonk Hollywood Tour to the Denny Sanford Premier Center on October 17. A few special guests such as Jake Worthington and Colby Acuff will be joining the lineup as Jon Pardi's openers.

Fans will recognize some of Jon Pardi's songs, including "Dirt on My Boots," "Head Over Boots," and "Heartache on the Dance Floor." He continues to thrive by releasing his latest country album, "Honkytonk Hollywood." Which features a couple of songs like, "Boots Off," "Friday Night Heartbreaker," and "Gambling Man."

For those planning on going to the concert, tickets start at $56 and the most expensive is about $1000, so get them before they sell out. If some are not a big Jon Pardi fan there will be a couple other artists at the Denny Sanford Premier Center. Eric Church, Bailey Zimmerman, and Riley Green are just a few more country artists coming to the Premier Center. Jon Pardi's upcoming visit will be one to remember for all.

This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 3
- Marching Band @ Chester (10:00)
- Football @ Elkton-Lake Benton (7:00)

Saturday, October 4
- Marching Band @ Festival of Bands (9:30)
- JV Volleyball @ Dell Rapids (9:45)

Monday, October 6
- JH VB v. Elkton-Lake Benton (3:30)
- JH FB @ Elkton-Lake Benton (4:00)
- JV FB @ Elkton-Lake Benton (5:00)
- VB v. Elkton-Lake Benton (5:00/6:00/7:15)

Tuesday, October 7
- Soccer @ State Quarterfinals v. TBD (TBA)

Wednesday, October 8
-Parent-Teacher Conferences (2:00-6:00)

Thursday, October 9
- XC @ Big East Conference in Sioux Valley (1:00)
- JH VB v. Canton (4:00)
- VB v. Canton (4:30/5:30/7:00)

Friday, October 10
- No School - Staff In-Service
- FFA Blood Drive
- Football @ Howard (7:00)

Worth Mentioning

END OF 1ST QUARTER is in just a couple weeks. Now is the time to double check grades and assignments.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the students who have been recognized for showing positive ACE qualities (attitude, character, effort). Our first five winners are: Ava Peters, Rylee Farrell, Levi Top, Gracie Fiegen, and Joey Tonsay. Please see Mrs. Costello in study hall for an extra reward.

'24-'25 YEARBOOKS are still available. They are $30 each, a steal for the millions of memories made last year. Please come find Dr. Buchholz if you are interested.

Clash update brings big changes

by **Blake Benson and Colton Buchholz**
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The Clash Royale October 2025 update brings exciting new content. Two new evolutions were introduced. Royal Ghost, now spawn with two mini soldiers that protect and attack, and Skeleton Army, which makes the skeletons invisible and invincible until the guard in the middle is defeated. Champions, the rarest cards in the game, can now cycle like regular cards, and only the most recent ones can use its ability. You can also use Mirror on Champions, but only one Champion is still allowed per deck.

Lucky Drops have been replaced with Lucky Chests which come in Common, Magic, and Seasonal types. They offer gold, cards, cosmetics, and evolution shards. This month includes Haunted and Phantom Chests with the new evolutions. Players now get four free Magic Lucky Chests daily. Also, Merge Tactics mode resets seasonally now and brings new troops, balance updates, and themed skins. Several bugs were also fixed, making gameplay smoother.

We asked Ty Vanholland, “If you could add one thing to Clash Royale, what would it be?” He said, “Evo Berserker, because it would be exciting to see other players crash out.” Ethan McGregor was also asked, “If you could nerf one card in Clash Royale, what would it be?” He responded, “Evo Skeletons, because they are just overpowered.”

The new Clash Royale update brings exciting changes, with fresh Evo cards and balance tweaks that shake up the game, keeping the gameplay more balanced than ever.



NFL surprises

Between team successes, failures, and injuries, teams may be having new management of spotlights whether good or bad

by **Chase Arend & Shea Smidt**
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The NFL season is only a quarter of the way done but there are already multiple injuries. Injured players not only affect the football team, but also they can affect you if you have them in fantasy football. Fantasy football can be for fun but it can also be very competitive. An injured player can completely mess up a players lineup. Notable injuries include players like Malik Nabers, who is out for a torn ACL. Tyreek Hill is also out for the season with torn knee ligaments. Lamar Jackson will miss week 5 due to a hamstring injury. Ceedee Lamb has suffered a high ankle sprain and is expected to miss 1-3 more weeks.

Looking from an NFL standpoint, there have been multiple standout teams. The Eagles are a top team and the defending champions. The Bills are also competing to be a top contender. The Steelers are also a top team as they stand at the top of the AFC North. With teams at the top there are also teams at rock bottom. The Titans and Jets are two of the worst teams. Both don’t have a win this season and they aren’t looking hopeful to the playoffs.

Last night the Rams and 49ers started week 5 off with a bang. The 49ers ended up winning, 26-23. The rest of week 5 will continue and hopefully more players can stay off the injury report.





Cinch rodeo draws crowd

by **Harper Hanisch & Zach Hermanson**
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Last weekend, the final regular season pro rodeo was held in Sioux Falls, SD. This rodeo is the Cinch Playoffs “Governors Cup.” Being the last pro rodeo of the season, cowboys and cowgirls from all over the USA flooded to Sioux Falls to prove themselves worthy for the NFR.

The NFR stands for the National Finals Rodeo, which is the largest rodeo in the world. Rodeo contestants compete in events such as barrel racing, bull riding, tie down roping, team roping, bronc riding, steer wrestling, and breakaway roping. Of these events, some are timed and some are judged. Whoever wins, receives a large sum of money!

Judging from the sold out performance and enthusiastic crowds the 2025 Governors Cup was a success. It spanned from September 26th (Friday) to September 28th (Sunday). During this time, there were numerous record breaking runs. This included Justin Schaffer’s 3 second steer wrestling run. Steer wrestling combines accuracy and agility to see who can take a steer down the quickest. The cowboy begins by backing their horse into a box, then exploding out to chase the steer. After this, they reach down off their horse and grab the steers horns. Finally, they must lock their feet into the ground and take the steer down. Let’s not forget Rocker Seiner’s 88 point bronc ride to put him at the top of the world for regular season earnings.

On Sunday night the winners in each event were presented their very own governors cup, a saddle, and their portion of money. The contestants were overjoyed with their victories, saying that they were extremely grateful. However, the road does not end here for the NFR this January will determine the world champions!