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- 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

- The first wrestling practice starts on Monday, November 17.

GERMAN PHRASE OF THE WEEK

- Snow
  - **Schnee**
- Thanks to Johanna Knauer for providing the Phrase of the Week.

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FFA grows experiences through convention

by **Harper Hanisch**
staff writer

National Convention celebrates accomplishments and celebrates the wide reach of agriculture's influences

On October 28th the Garretson FFA officer team and others took off for the 98th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Alysha Kientopf, Garretson's Ag teacher as well as Susie Weir, a dedicated supporter of the FFA drove them.

The eleven hour drive looked daunting, but the team was excited for the week ahead.

Through the drive they stopped multiple times for educational tours. These included Hanson's Dairy in Iowa as well as the John Deere museum. Many of the students that farm found the John Deere museum quite interesting.

Throughout the week they attended "sessions"; sessions are organized meetings of all the members that are educational and fun! They began with opening ceremonies by the national FFA officers followed by guest speakers, group activities, and challenges.

To begin the first day the Garretson FFA team toured Indianapolis Motor Speedway, even "kissing the bricks" of the finish line.

After this, they took a well needed stop at Raising Canes before heading to the Ella Langley concert to finish off the night.

On day two, they had a fun filled day which included visiting the Louisville Slugger Factory and Churchill Downs.

Later, In honor of Halloween, the team braved a haunted house.

Next, on the last day they went to the convention center to do some shopping.

Finally, the team gave back to the community by volunteering at a local homeless shelter.

At the end of the week, the team expressed they were very grateful for this opportunity. Until next year!



Seniors Cole Schleuter, Brecken Weir, and Levi Top strike a silly pose in the Indiana Speedway gift shop after taking a tour of the massive facility.
Photo by Harper Hanisch

The FFA leadership team took part in many activities, tours, and learning sessions, but were also able to kcik back and relax as they attended the Ella Langley concert.
Photo submitted by Harper Hanisch





First winter sport starts next week

by **Cade Risty**
staff writer

As winter rolls in for Garretson, so comes the winter sports. After a decent season last year, the Garretson wrestling team looks to come back stronger than ever before with new wrestlers, and a new head coach.

Garretson's new head coach, Tyler Sorensen, a former youth wrestling coach and a wrestler himself, is looking forward to this coming wrestling season. He hopes for his players to make big leaps in their development like strength and experience, and eventually to make state.

Garretson's only wrestler returning from state is sophomore Blake Benson who wrestled the 106 weight class last year, Benson is looking forward to the upcoming season and said, "I think it's going to be better than last year and I'm excited to get better with the team. I'm ready to have Tyler as our head coach because he wrestled for SDSU, and I think he will put us to work and make us the best we can be as players and a team."

The Garretson wrestling team's first practice will be held on November 17, with their first wrestling meet being on December 6.

Garretson looks to hold strong with their Dragon pride and make marks in the South Dakota high school wrestling world.

NFL loses two strong presences

Former commissioner, former player pass away last week, leave legacies

by **Blake Benson**
staff writer

In the span of just two days, two people deeply connected with the National Football League passed away.

Paul Tagliabue was the NFL Commissioner from 1989 to 2006, he spent lots of time and hard work trying to make the NFL a more enjoyable place for the players and fans. When he was commissioner he added new teams, expanded television deals, and his number one focus was the health of the players. Despite him having difficulties with league controversies, he stayed strong, calm and made great decisions that helped the NFL's future.

Another memorable player that will never be forgotten is Marshall Kneeland, a very gifted, young defensive player.

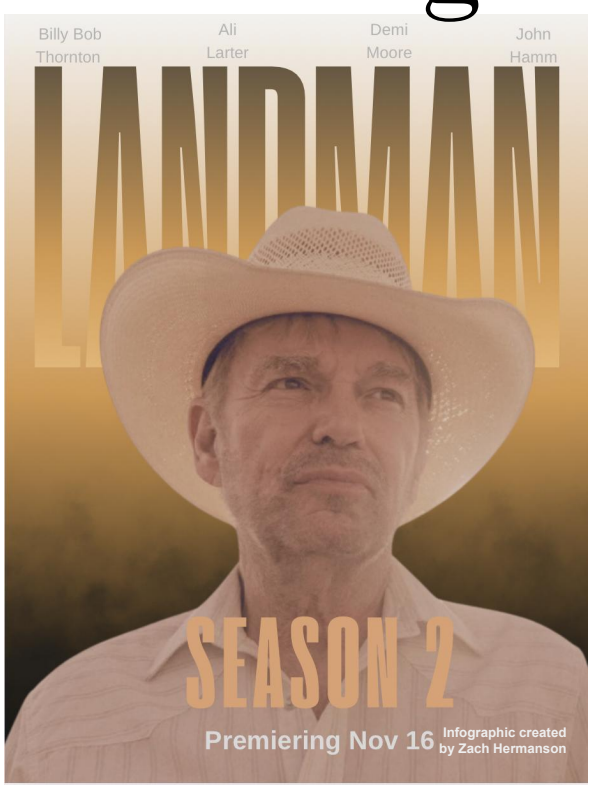
Kneeland came from a small town far from the big cities but that didn't stop him. He rose to college and to professional football through his effort and leadership. Kneeland's passion for the game and the kindness he brought on and off the field will always be much respected and honored.

Both men, even though they have passed away, left behind powerful legacies. Tagliabue improved how football was managed and viewed by players and fans, while Kneeland inspired others with his strength and passion. Their leadership and love for the sport will always continue to impact football for generations to come.



Drilling deeper

Landman strikes again as second season is about to drop



by **Zach Hermanson**
staff writer - editorial/AI Overview

Landman 2 is a second season of a TV drama by Taylor Sheridan, focusing on the lives involved in the west Texas oil industry.

The series showcases the struggles, and personal setbacks that come with chasing success in a harsh world. It also combines the modern drama with the nerves of the west.

People are talking about it due to its thrilling scenes, characters, and plot changes.

Both seasons can be streamed on Paramount+, where Season 2 debuts on Sunday, November 16, with new episodes streaming every Sunday after.

Senior Spotlight
Elizabeth Roth



Activities Involved In:
Choir, All-State Choir, Spring Play, Oral Interpretation, NHS, Film Club, School Spirit

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
Mr. Hughes and Jake in Government

Favorite School Lunch:
Chicken Ranch Pasta

Favorite Class You've Taken:
Chemistry

Plans for Next Year:
Attend college for nuclear engineering or chemical engineering

Class Of 2026

This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 17
- First Day of Wrestling Practice
- Oral Interp @ Regions in Brookings

Tuesday, November 18
- 5th Grade Band Concert @ 6:00
- MS/HS Band/Choir Concert @ 6:30

Thursday, November 20
- FFA District VII LDE @ Hartford

Friday, November 21
- PTO Family Bingo Night @ American Legion (7:00)

Monday, November 24
- First Day of Girls Basketball Practice
- Youth Wrestling Parent/Athlete Meeting (6:00)

Wednesday, November 26
- No School - Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 27
- No School - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

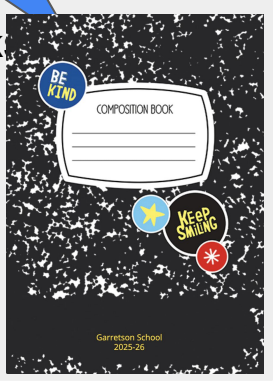
Friday, November 28
- No School - Thanksgiving Break

Worth Mentioning

WINTER SPORTS start Monday, November 17 with wrestling practice, then girls basketball will be the following week, and boys basketball the week after.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the students who have been recognized for showing positive ACE qualities (attitude, character, effort). Our five winners from October are Amaya Millwood, Cole Schleuter, Hannah Hummel, Isaiah Coburn, Connor Smith. Please see Mrs. Costello in study hall for an extra reward.

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New teacher takes on coaching

Fourth grade teacher Ms. Werkmeister quickly makes an impression on Garretson as junior high volleyball and basketball coach

by **Chase Arend**
staff writer

The town of Garretson welcomes a new teacher and coach, Faith Werkmeister, from Armour South Dakota, who is already making an amazing impact in the community.

She helps the school by coaching girls volleyball and basketball. Looking over her first volleyball season, she said “It went pretty well, I was super excited with the growth of the girls throughout the season.”

Coaching a combined 7th and 8th grade basketball team that has 20 girls, she said “My goals as coach is to help as much as I can and help them in any way whether that’s attitude on the court or skill as well.” Looking forward, she's getting ready for the first basketball game on December 1. She is pretty optimistic on how it will go on December 1 as they have had two practices and she is already impressed on how much they have picked up.

Ms. Werkmeister teaches 4th grade, she brings a passion for education and a dedication to her growth for her students and players. This is just the beginning of Ms. Werkmeister's Garretson teaching and coaching career. Faith chose Garretson for its small town feeling as she grew up in a small town. Also it's close to Sioux Falls, allowing her to stay close to family. She is super excited for the season and she can’t wait to see how far the girls will grow.



Clash Royale dying?

Game that took the school by storm seems to be fading quickly, being replaced by other apps

by **Bence Bonte**
staff writer

Is Clash Royale dying? Clash Royale had one of the biggest reboots in history, millions upon millions of people were playing the game, but now it's rare to find anyone playing it. It seems that the updates of the game are just the same over and over, becoming very repetitive and draining.

Some people think the game has become pay-to-win, buying things to become better or giving a competitive advantage.

Is there another game that took the spotlight? It’s hard to say with all the new games coming out and old ones coming back.

Blake Benson said, “I play a lot of Rocket League Side Swipe now.”

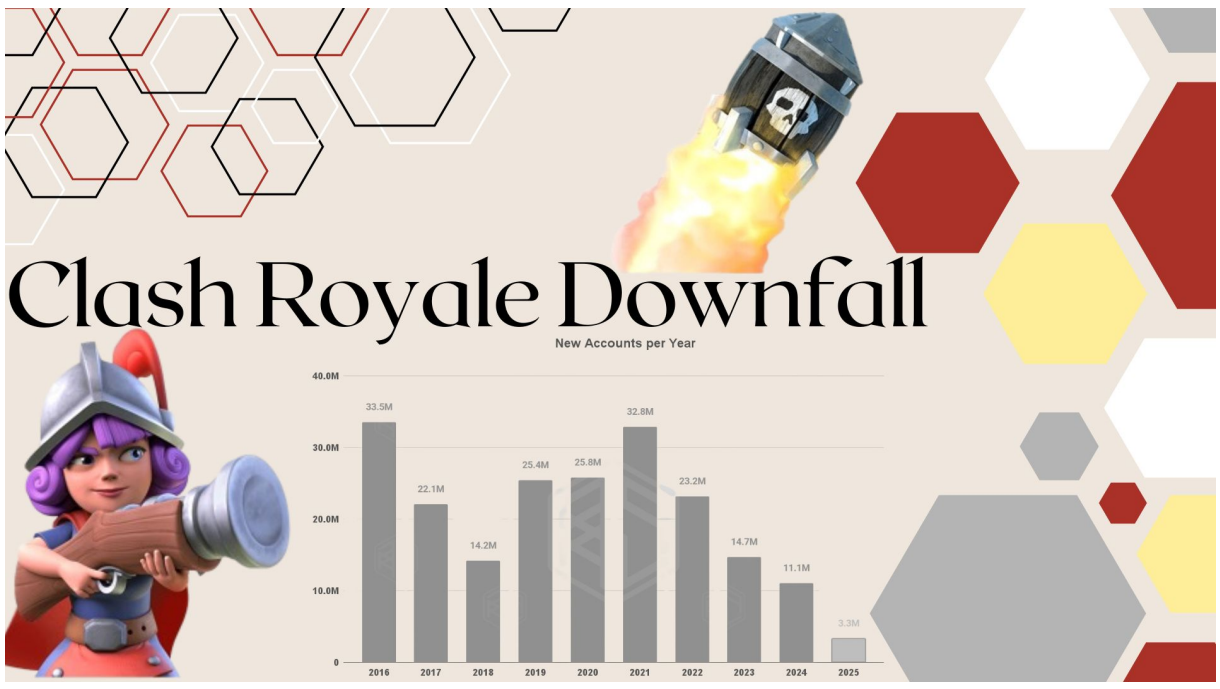
Not everyone is ditching Clash Royale though; Chase Arend said, “I’m still pushing ultimate champion”, the highest rank in Clash.

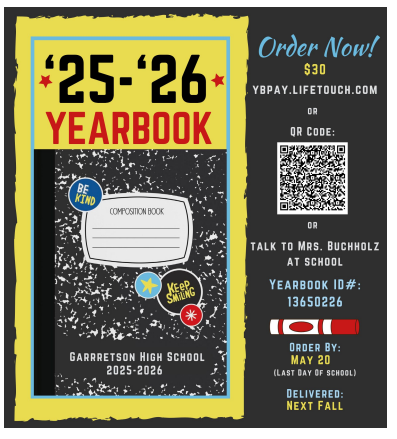
Some people still play, but they must have a lot of money into the game.

Junior Ty VanHolland said, “Sweats and pay-to-win people have ruined the game, it's just not fun anymore.”

People on YouTube and TikTok and other apps like that have also declined meaning it's just not a fun game to watch anymore.

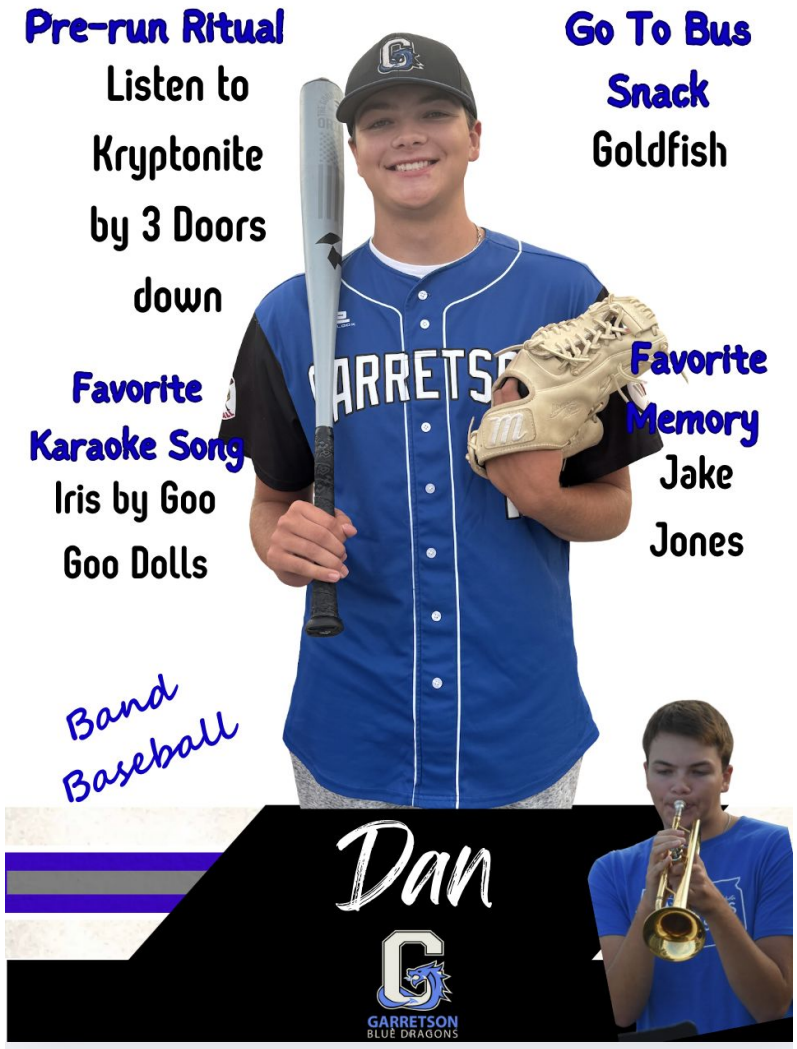
If Supercell doesn’t bring a new update into the game it probably won’t see another reboot. Clash Royale isn’t fully dead, but it’s definitely on life support.







Senior Activity Spotlight





"I'm really happy with how the season has gone this year. We've had a lot of superiors, a lot of top six placers in big competitions."

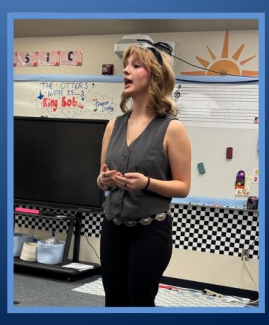
Ms. Stallman, Oral Interp Coach



Thursday, November 13th

ORAL INTERPRETATION Showcase

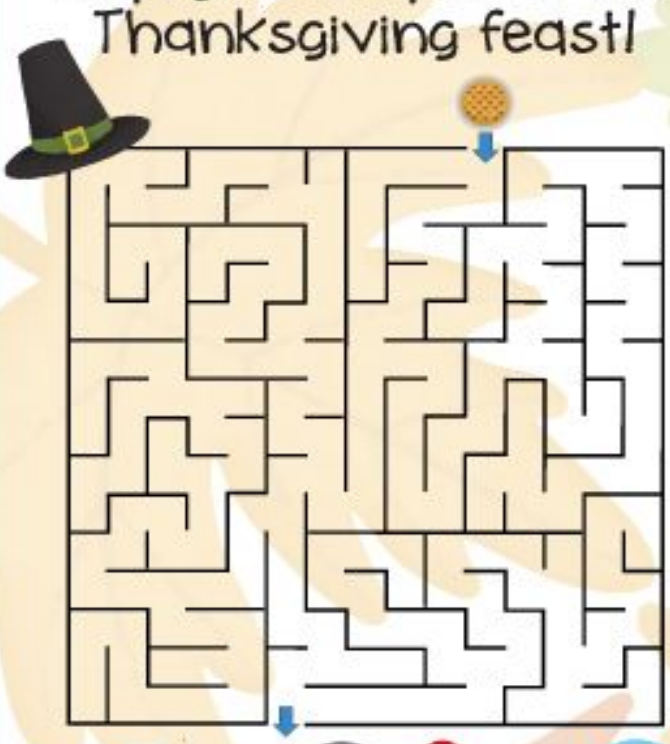






The showcase displayed these students' hard work and made it more accessible for friends and family to attend at Garretson High School.

Help get the pie to the Thanksgiving feast!



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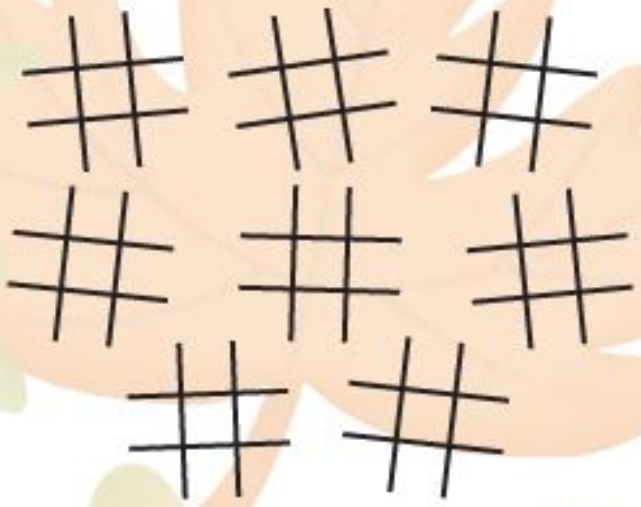
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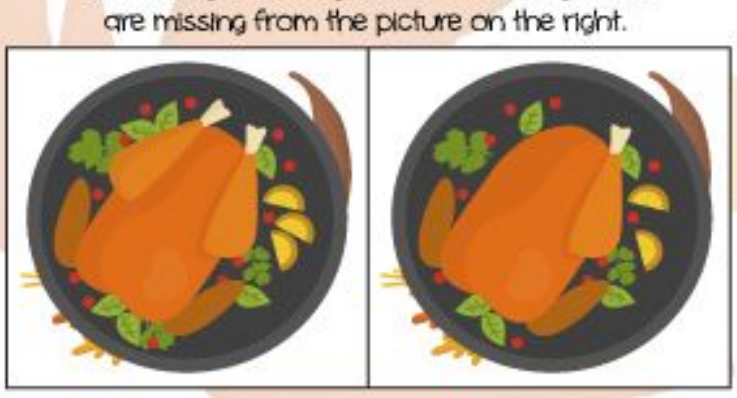
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Tic-Tac-Tournament!



Thanksgiving Detective

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