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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

- Support the Garretson Fire Department before the football game tonight.

GERMAN PHRASE OF THE WEEK

- Good luck to the football team.
  - **Viel Glück an das American Footballteam.**
- Thanks to Johanna Knauer for

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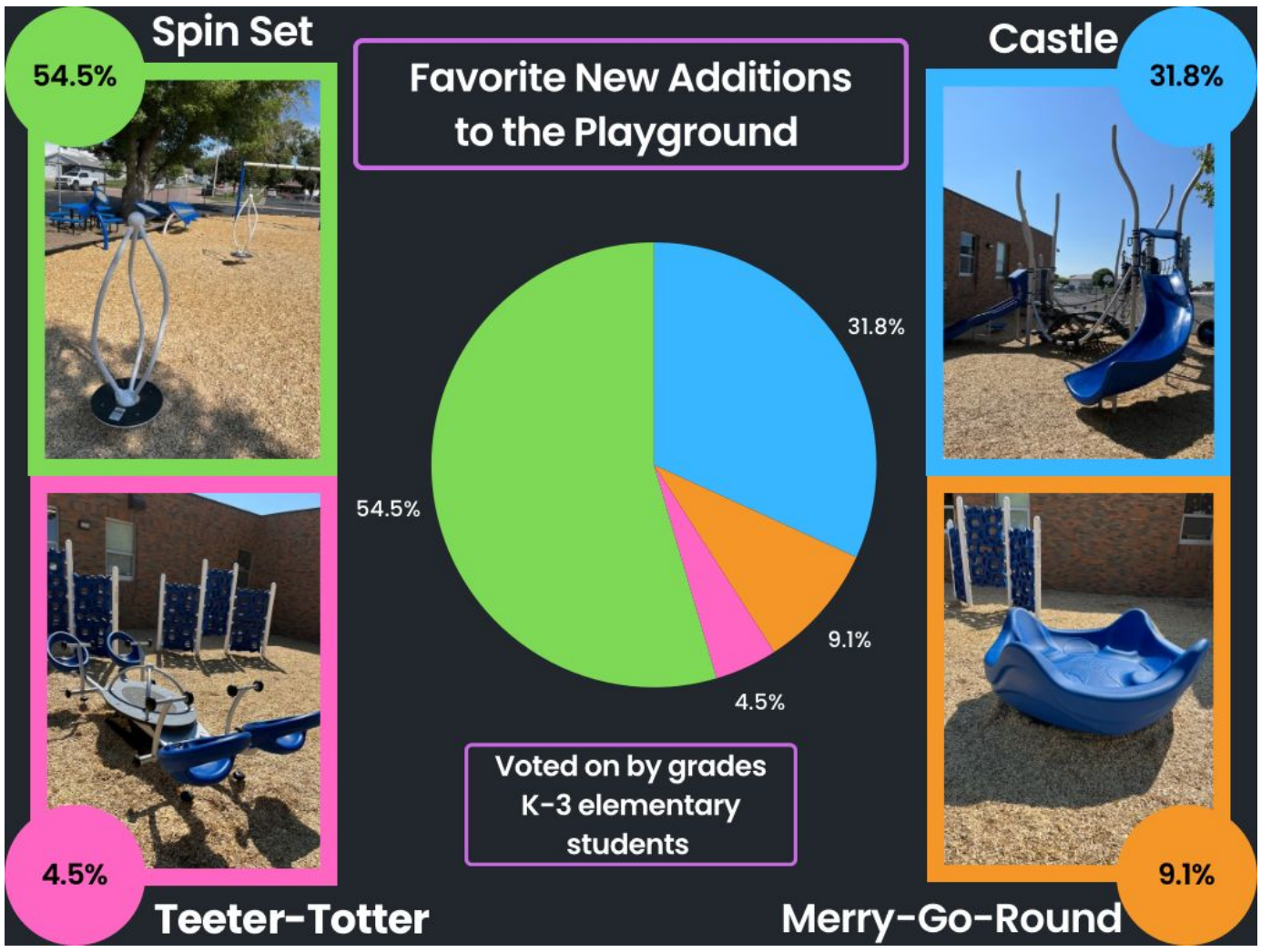
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Playground improvement is a welcome change

New equipment is well received by students and community



by **Cece Fiegen, Harper Hanisch, & Johanna Knauer**
staff writers and infographic creator

The elementary kids have been abuzz with the new additions to the school playground. Many students have been waiting multiple years for this exciting project finally to arrive and be ready to use. To get an insight on the process it took to get the playground to our school, Betsy Howe, an active member of the Garretson PTO, answered a few questions:

Q: How long did it take to fundraise?
BH: “We fundraised for just over 5 years and we weren’t able to get the full amount but we were able to give a good chunk to pitch in with the school.”

Q: What did you do for fundraising?
BH: “We did a variety of things, so we did some decor stuff, so we did porch boards like garretson porch boards people can put on and we painted driveways with the Garretson emblem, we did various fundraisers as far as selling stuff, like apparel, soups, just all sorts of stuff like that. And then we worked concession stands a few times through the year, too, to help raise some of that money. We always do a youth spelling bee and all of that. That always brings in fundraiser money.”

Q: Where did you get the ideas for the equipment from?
BH: “We actually went to Flandreau to look at this one. So the company we worked with to purchase the equipment had the same model in the Flandreau parks so we went and looked to see if this is something we are interested in.”

Q: How long did it take to build the playground?
BH: “It was worked on through most of the summer. It took a few weeks to actually get the old stuff removed and installed (the new stuff) and then right before school came the wood chips.”

Q: Do you have more plans on building other equipment?
BH: “Yes, so our last final phase is to hopefully replace all the wood chips with some sort of rubber matting…that costs a lot of money, so back to fundraising we go again and then making some of it more ADA accessible, so we have some wheelchair accessible swings and stuff coming.”





Garretson volleyball hosted Baltic yesterday seeing all levels, JH through Varsity, in action. Garretson couldn’t use their home court advantage and the Bulldogs took each match.

Shake up in rankings

by **Colton Buchholz, Chase Costello, & Zach Hermanson**
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This past weekend was week one in college football and kicked off the season with a bang. With there being lots of top level talent and games, this weekend of football did not disappoint.

After Bill Belichick's dominant career in the NFL, his luck did not translate to college after losing his first game with the Tar Heels 48-14 against TCU. Despite all of the celebrities in attendance including Michael Jordan and Lawrence Taylor, UNC was not up for the challenge against the Horned Frogs.

Former South Dakota native, Kalen DeBoer, has not started off his second season the way he planned. DeBoer and the Alabama Crimson Tide opened their season against the Seminoles of Florida State but ultimately fell short 31-17, making people wonder if he was cut out for the job.

Ohio State (3) vs. Texas (1) was one of the most anticipated games of this decade. The rematch from last year with Ohio State winning, featured the debut of Heisman favorite Arch Manning. Throughout the game, it was all defense with OSU forcing 5 turnovers and Texas holding OSU to punt after punt. In the end, OSU took the win shutting down Texas 14-7 with Arch Manning really struggling.

This upcoming week isn't as packed as week one but there is still a couple key games: Iowa vs. (16) Iowa St. and (15) Michigan vs. (18) Oklahoma. Week two is set to be another week to remember.



College football opened up the season this past week with some marquee matchups including a rematch of last year's national championship game featuring number one Texas and number three Ohio State. Big movers this week include Ohio State taking the top spot, LSU up to three, and the Gamecocks squeaking into the top 10.

Upcoming Fan Themes

Friday, Sept 5: Football v. Centerville- Jersey
Monday, Sept 8: Volleyball @ DRSM - USA
Tuesday, Sept 9: Soccer v. Vermillion - TBD
Themes posted on Instagram at @ghsthemes



Football gets first win in 10 games

After showing marked improvement over last year in their first game of the season against Hanson, Garretson had the chance to show off on their home turf last Friday as they hosted DeSmet.

The Blue Dragons scored early and often, finding the end zone twice in each of the first two quarters, darting out to a 28-0 lead at half.

The teams both were scoreless in the third quarter and while the Bulldogs made a push in the fourth, the spread was too much to overcome. Garretson won 35-24 moving their record to 1-1.

Garretson hosts Centerville tonight.



Pictures and Infographic created by Gracie Fiegen

This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 5
- JH FB v. Centerville (4:00)
- FB v. Centerville (7:00)

Saturday, September 6
- JV FB @ Alcester-Hudson Jamboree in Alcester (8:00)
- VB @ Canton Tourney (9:00)
- XC @ Luverne (9:30)

Monday, September 8
- JH VB @ DR St. Mary (3:00)
- JH FB v. Centerville (3:30)
- JV FB v. Centerville (4:30)
- VB @ DR St. Mary (5:00/6:00/7:00)

Tuesday, September 9
- XC @ Jesse James Invite (4:00)
- Soccer v. Vermillion (5:00)

Thursday, September 11
- VB @ BEC v. TBD (TBD)

Friday, September 12
- FB @ Canistota (7:00)

Saturday, September 13
- JH FB @ Canistota Jamboree (9:00)
- JV FB @ Canistota Jamboree (9:00)
- Soccer @ Dakota Valley (11:00)
- VB @ BEC v. TBD (TBD)

Worth Mentioning

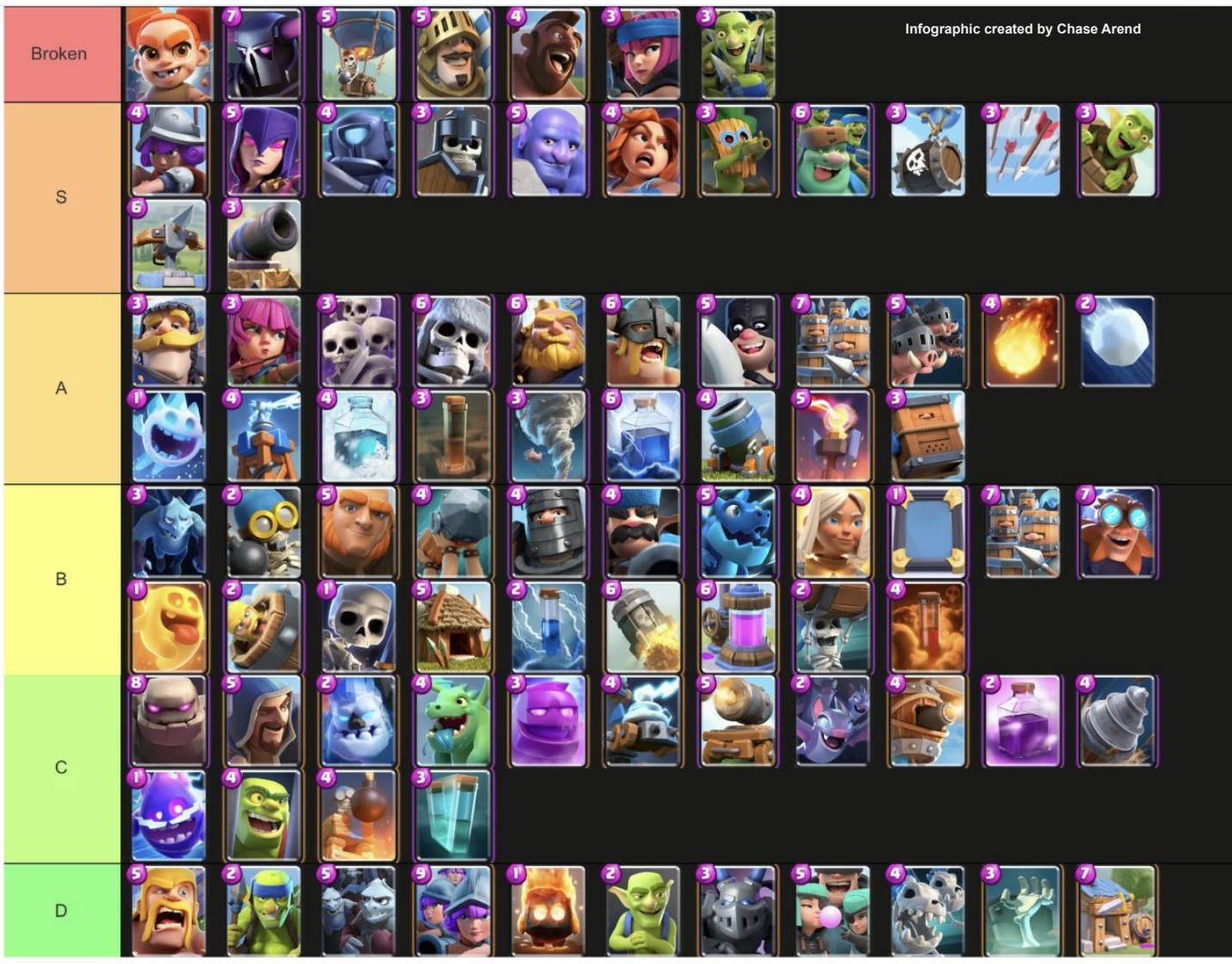
WELCOME BACK to the building. It is so good to have you here! Let's make it our best year yet!

BE CAREFUL STUDENTS of the Lunch Ramp Railing. Please do not pull or sit on it. It is heavy and a pain to reinforce. Please help take care of our school.

'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 Royal Card Rankings Pt.1

Common, Rare, Epic





Running to victory

by **Blake Benson, Bence Bonte, & Shea Smidt**
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On September 2, 2025, the Garretson cross country team competed at the McCook Central–Montrose Invitational held in Salem, South Dakota. Everyone started strong, and it was a fun meet to say the least.

Carter Siemonsma led the team, getting second place with a time of 18:36. Nathanael Roberts came in hot behind Siemonsma finishing fourth with a time of 18:50. It didn't end there, Miles Sievers, although it was his first time running varsity, finished 20th with a time of 19:56. Those three led the Blue Dragons to their first team victory in a very long time.

We can't forget JV having the best time of them all. The JV team also won, but that is not all they did; They tried their hardest to look the best they could, rocking arm sleeves and all the "drippiest" sportswear there is. Ethan McGregor ran as fast as he could, looking fly while doing it, and came home with the victory with a time of 16:00. Michael Hanisch came in hot behind McGregor, getting ninth with a time of 17:12. Right behind Hanisch were Shea Smidt and Cooper Smith, getting 10th (17:13) and 11th (17:14) respectively.

Bence Bonte and Blake Benson finished just two seconds apart in 38th (19:03) and 39th (19:05) place. Cooper Danforth, with his luscious locks came sprinting in at 42nd, with a time of 19:10. Layne Rogers and Caylix Buchholz finished in tandem at 58th and 59th, with Rogers coming in just ahead of Buchholz with times of 20:21 and 20:24. Isaiah Coburn finished at 65th in 20:54.

The one and only girl for Garretson cross country also has shown much improvement over last year. Taylynn Luedtke got 61st in the girls JV race with a time of 26:10.

The Blue Dragons have their next meet already tomorrow. They head out to Luverne for the third meet of the year. Shortly after, they host the fourth meet of the year in Garretson, The Jesse James Invite.