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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

- Dress Up Themes for activities have been decided. Look on social media for each game's theme. TONIGHT'S FOOTBALL GAME is **BLACK OUT**.
- **Would You Rather:**
  - Play Piano or Guitar

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Not your normal night out

by **Cece Fiegen**
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In the gloomy beginning of fall, Sioux Falls and the surrounding area has new, unique things coming. Whether it's to get out with friends or try something new, it can be found in the local community.

Watch

Kick back and watch the fun happen, with new experiences guaranteed at these occasions. The renowned ballet, *Swan Lake*, comes to the Washington Pavilion on October 18. Returning to popularity among younger crowds, *Waitress: The Musical*, also makes a feature at the Pavilion October 9 through 11. For those looking for a lively time, the Armored MMA: Medieval Cage Fighting Championship goes down at the Sioux Falls Arena on Saturday.

Eat

Perfect for a dinner date or a night out, Sioux Falls has upcoming events that combine both a meal and a good time. Lasting through all of October, 27 downtown restaurants participate in a "pork showdown", each bringing their own unique twist to the entree. Tomorrow, the Dinner Detective True Crime Murder Mystery Dinner Show gives audiences the chance to enjoy a meal while using their own Sherlock Holmes skills to solve the case. It will continue twice a month for the rest of the year.

Do

Socialize with a select few or run with a big crowd, by stepping out of the comfort zone. Get into the fall vibes with the Yogi Bear or Heartland Country corn maze, both going through the entire month of October. Tomorrow at the Premiere Karaoke Showdown 12 local singers battle, each advancing to the next round based on the amount of tips received from the audience. With over 100 small businesses to shop from, Junkin' Market Days Fall Market has clothes, decor, furniture, and so much more on October 9 through 10.

Try New Things

Sioux Falls has many hidden gems that can turn a regular fall day into an unforgettable memory. Make the most of the season by trying new things that will push boundaries.



Social media gives 15 seconds of fame



Hanisch organized the student section to do the Mannequin Challenge at a home football game, picking up on the social media trend. Screenshot from Hanisch's TikTok account.

by **Colton Buchholz**
staff writer

Nowadays, everybody is on their phone posting videos hoping to go viral. Well, some of the students at Garretson High School have felt a couple days of fame with viral videos posted for their friends to see. According to the American Psychological Association, a high school student on average spends just under five hours a day on social media whether it is Instagram, Snapchat, Tik Tok, etc.

Michael Hanisch is the most recent Garretson student to go viral. "There was this trend on Tik Tok called the mannequin challenge where everyone stands still while playing Black Beetles, so me and Brecken Honey told everyone to do the trend. I gave my phone to the cop and he recorded it and I guess it just went viral from there," stated Hanisch on how he came up with the Tik Tok.

Viral videos go farther back than this football season; one of our students met a celebrity that helped him go viral. Blake Carmody was walking around Mt. Rushmore when he stumbled upon IshowSpeed.

"I was able to get in his way enough to where I could talk to him, and I pretty much asked if he could bark at the camera and it went viral I guess. Moment of my life," said Carmody on his experience going viral.

Shea Smidt a year ago also had a moment in fame when he and a couple of his friends dressed up as 2k characters.

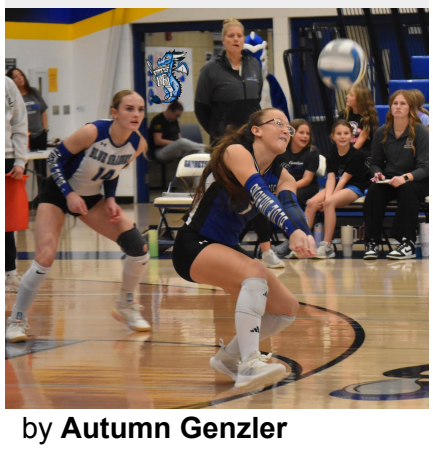
Smidt stated, "I expected it to go viral because I was with Ethan and Cam and you know. We recorded before basketball practice and when I checked my phone after, it said I had over 5K notifications."

If you are scrolling for your daily five hours of social media and come across your friends post, do your part and help them get to their short moment in the spotlight.

Falls sports continue busy schedule

Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country, and Football all compete this week

Senior libero Alyssa Garcia passes the serve to set up the Blue Dragon offense.
Photo by Coyer Buchholz



by **Autumn Genzler**
staff writer

Garretson High School had a busy week, with volleyball, soccer, cross country, and football all competing.

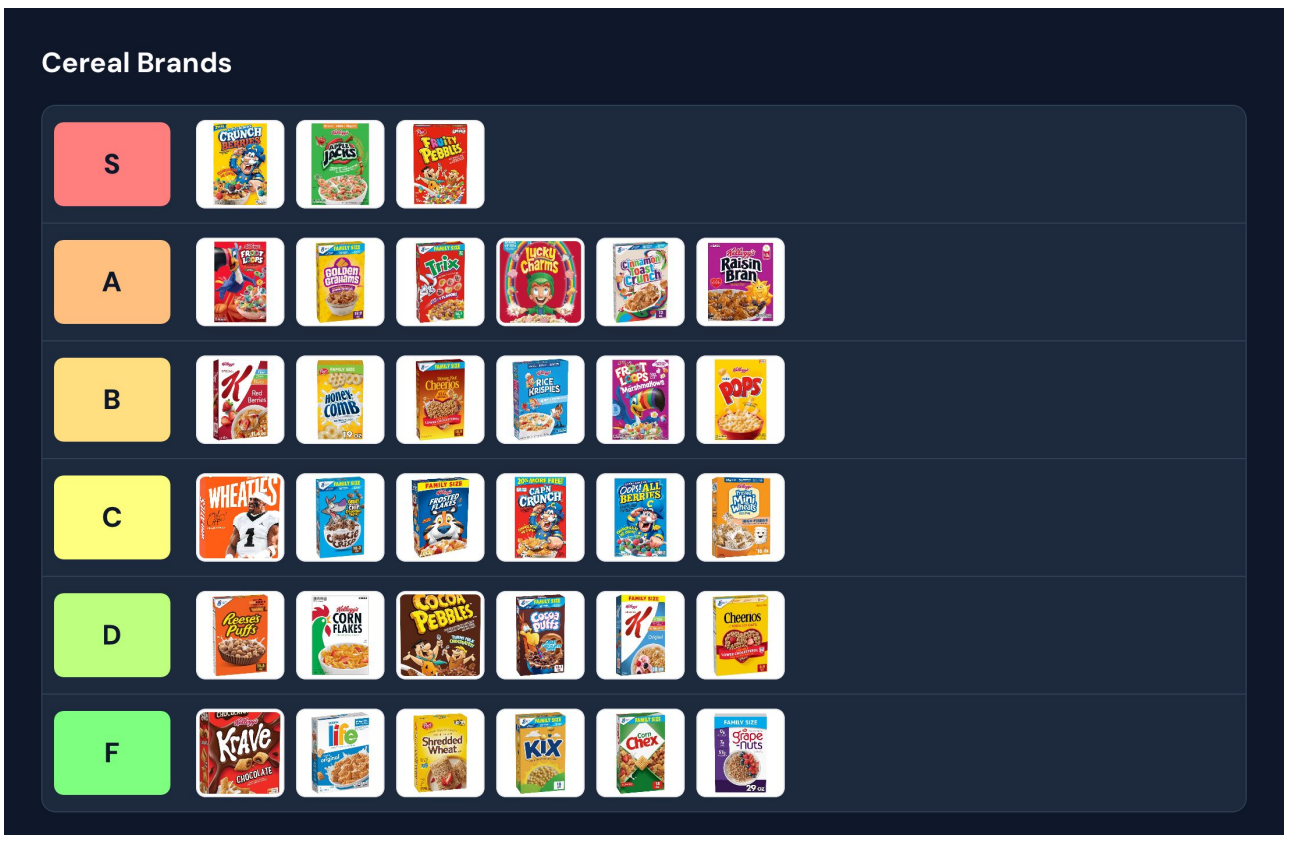
The Lady Blue Dragon volleyball team took a huge win on Tuesday, Sept. 29, defeating Alcester-Hudson 3-0 at home. The Lady Dragons won all three sets: 25-19, 25-18, and 25-20.

The JV volleyball team will also have a busy weekend, as the girls have a tournament in Dell Rapids starting at 9:30.

The soccer team played twice this week. On Monday, Sept. 28, Garretson traveled to Marshall, MN where the Blue Dragons lost 3-1 to the Tigers. Garretson then traveled to Groton on Thursday for their final regular season game. Although they fought hard and played aggressively, the Blue Dragons fell short by just one goal with the score being 2-3. The soccer team is scheduled to begin postseason play with Class A quarterfinals on Tuesday, Oct. 6 against Dakota Valley.

Cross country competed Tuesday, Sept. 29, at the Sioux Valley Invitational in Volga. Senior Carter Siemonsma led the Garretson harriers finishing second with a time of 17:34. Ethan McGregor finished in 11th. The cross-country team is in Lennox today before the BEC meet next Thursday.

The Garretson football team will also be back in action this week. The Blue Dragons will travel to Viborg today to take on Viborg-Hurley Cougars. The varsity game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.



Match the teacher to the saying

"Drama?" Mr. Moehlenbrink

Mr. Heumiller "That's cause you're S-A-W-F-T."

"Have a good weekend, make good choices, and be smart." Mr. Bohl

"I'm the Alpha" Mr. Hughes

"You're a....." Mr. Ehrisman

Answers at the bottom of page 3
Infographic created by Autumn Genzler

This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 2
- Marching Band @ Chester (10:00)
- JH FB @ Viborg-Hurley in Viborg (4:00)
- FB @ Viborg-Hurley in Viborg (7:00)

Saturday, October 3
- Marching Band @ Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls (9:00)
- JV VB @ Dell Rapids (9:30)

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

Tuesday, October 6
- Soccer @ 1st Round State v. Dakota Valley

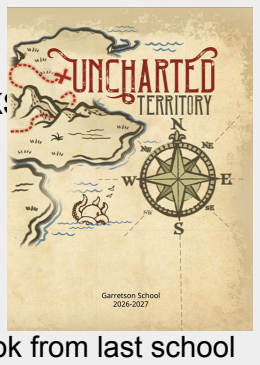
Wednesday, October 7
- All-State Choir Workshop @ USD
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:00-6:00)
- Book Fair

Thursday, October 8
- XC @ BEC in Beresford (1:00)
- JH VB @ Canton (4:00)
- VB @ Canton (4:30/5:30/6:45)

Friday, October 9
- NO SCHOOL - Staff Inservice
- FB v. Hamlin (7:00)

Worth Mentioning

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES are in line for October 7 (2:00-6:00) and October 14 (4:00-6:00).



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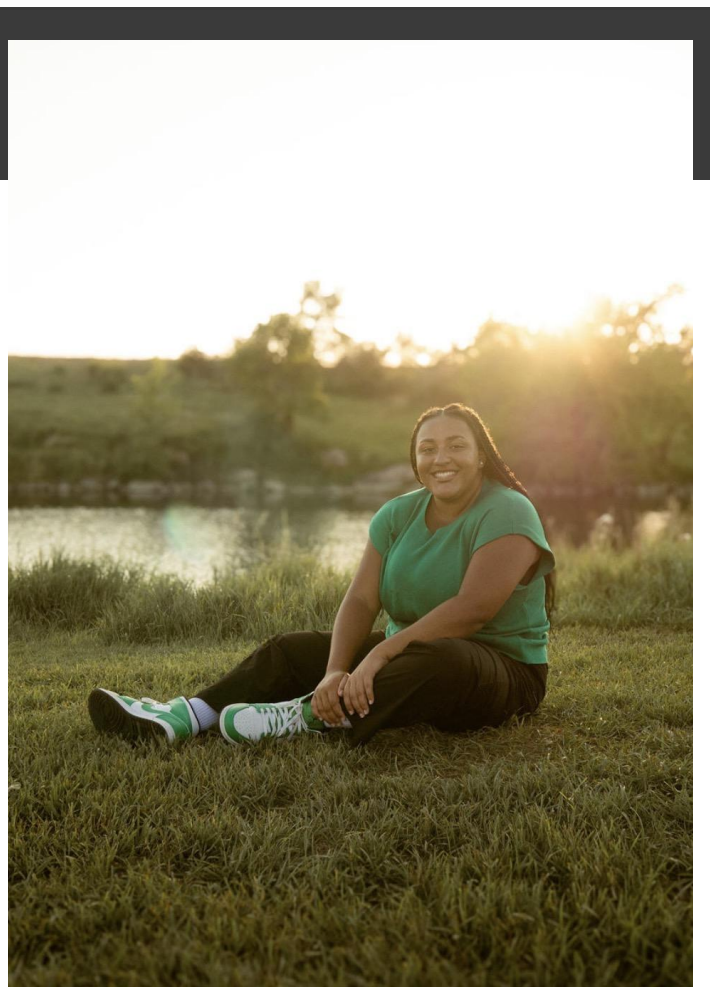
Senior Spotlight
Amaya Millwood



Activities Involved In:
Soccer
Cheer
Powerlifting
Wrestling
Track & Field
Softball
Trapshooting
Maybe the play

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
I'm definitely going to miss my teammates and sports the most, and of course my bestie, Mr. Ehrisman.

Favorite School Lunch:
Spicy chicken sandwich without the buns

Favorite Class You've Taken:
Pottery: it was relaxing and I was good at it

Plans for Next Year:
Go to a tech school and get an apprenticeship to eventually become an electrician

Is it worth the wait?

Free application period opens up for SD colleges and universities

by **Brielle Weir**
staff writer

When the time comes to start applying for colleges, it can be overwhelming at first. Where to apply to? What to major in? When to apply? There is no need to stress about when applying, if it is more convenient South Dakota waives the college application fees through October and November.

Senior Alexis Christensen stated, “For SDSU I applied for their free admission through the fast track program, but for Vanderbilt and Cornell I have been waiting until this month to apply for a reduced application fee.”

Not only does South Dakota allow free application fees, but so does Minnesota only through the month of October. While many Nebraska colleges allow free application fees, so do all of Iowa community colleges at any time of the year. College can get expensive as is without the application fee. That is why this waiver can reduce that financial stress. Plus it encourages students to apply to multiple schools and allows more time to submit their application.

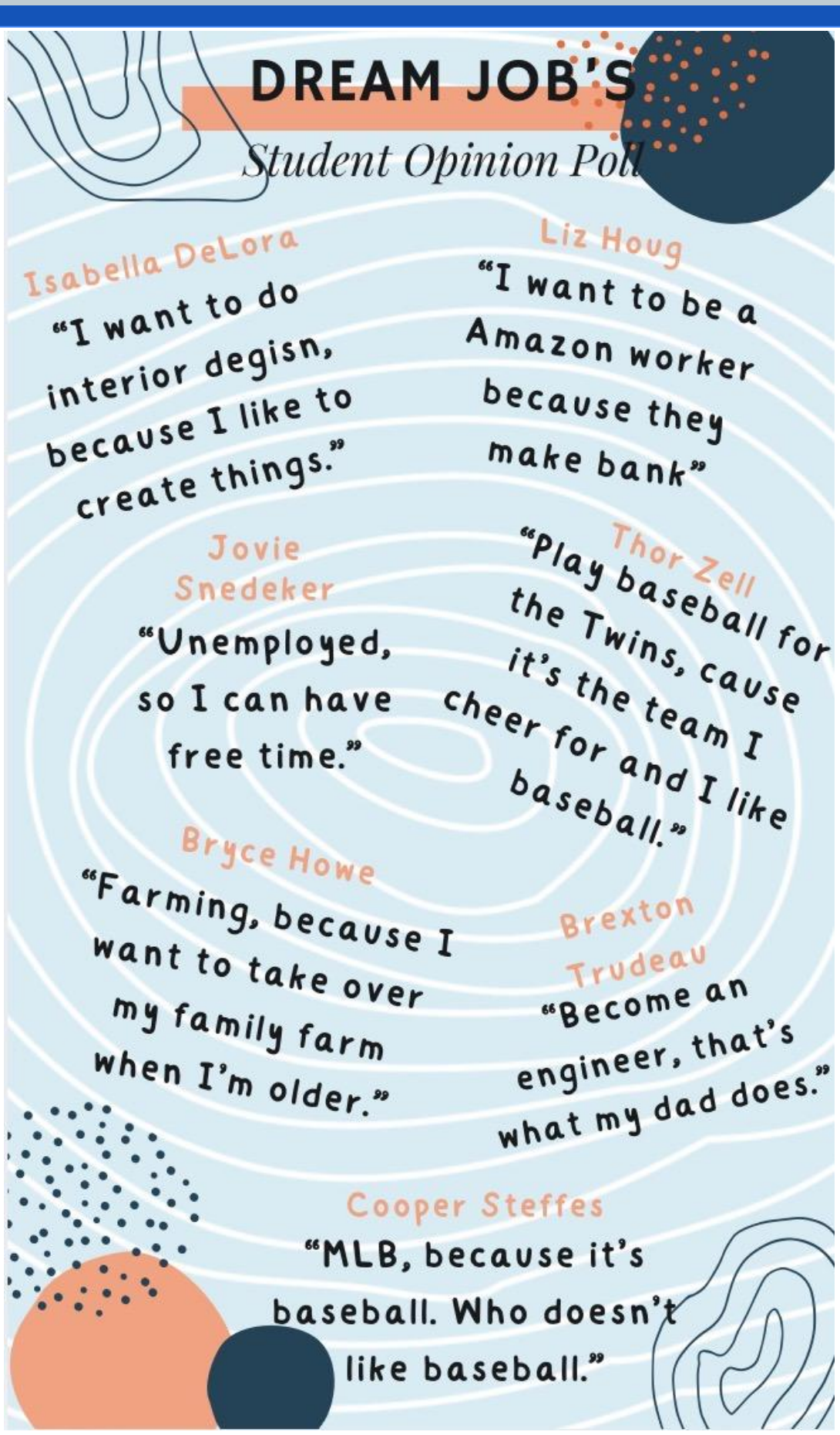
Senior Jack Adler mentioned that he waited to finish his application, while Aiden Johnson said he already had his finished. It is all based on preference and timing. Whether apps were already completed or not, many students take advantage of this free process.

Along with that, committing to a college for a sport is another way to go. Two Garretson students have taken the route of picking their next school. Senior Vivian Johnson verbally committed to Dakota State University, in Madison, South Dakota. Johnson plans to continue her volleyball career with them as a setter and defensive specialist (DS).

Johnson commented, “I am most excited to get to travel and to be able to play the sport I love for four more years. I’ve also found my roommates, and that has made things a lot more real.”

Jackson Arend is another senior who committed to Northwestern College to play football. Placed in Orange City, Iowa, Arend said he was drawn to this school because it was close to home and he had previously had a relationship with a handful of the coaches. Arend will be playing defensive back, while he said he was most excited to just experience it. Through all of the hard parts, he’s ready to learn, meet new people, and continue playing the sport he loves.

Regardless of where one is on their application process, keep these little bonuses in mind. Additionally juniors and younger can remember these tips when their time comes to apply. Test the waters, apply to the school you never thought you would, apply to more than one, step out of the comfort zone.



Pics of the Week

Food science class gets a chance to put lessons into practice







On Thursday this week, Ms. Kientopf’s food science class had the opportunity to put class work into action as they created their own dishes. This month’s entree must feature ramen noodles, but there will be a different highlight each month. **Above:** Harper Hanisch places the last bit of seaweed into their pork belly miso ramen before judging. **Above Right:** Zach Hermanson grills up the sausage for his group’s dish. **Right:** Leo Sievers dramatically unveils his groups creation for the judges.

Photos by: Jordyn Kunkel

Match the teacher
Mr. Bohl - Drama
Mr. Hughes - SAWFT
Mr. Heumiller - You’re a…
Mr. Ehrisman - Good decisions
Mr. Moehlenbrink - Alpha