FIND ME IN THE PAPER

- 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

- Dress Up Themes for activities have been decided. Look on social media for each game's theme. VOLLEYBALL TONIGHT is **ADAM SANDLER** and TOMORROW'S FOOTBALL GAME is **PINK OUT**.
- **Would You Rather:**
  - Have CAKE or PIE

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Making beautiful music

Garretson choir students attend all-state prep day at USD







by **Cece Fiegen**
staff writer and photographer

This Thursday, a select few from Garretson's choir participated in the Annual USD All-State Chorus Workshop in preparation for All-State Choir. The students in attendance were Tanner Baatz as Bass, Caiden Maack as Tenor, Anna Ebbing as Soprano, Aiden Johnson as Bass Alternate, Cameron Roberts as Bass Alternate, and Cecelia Fiegen as Soprano Alternate.

The group spent the day fine tuning their songs under the direction of Tim Campbell and David Holdhusen. They also were given the chance to improve their individual singing skills during sectional rehearsals, where they split off to learn from masters in their section.

"The USD All-State Workshop was a great opportunity to practice our music as a group to prepare for All-State Choir," Ebbing said, with plenty of experience from the three previous years of attending All-State. She also appreciated being able to sing the songs in advance to the concert, so she can know what to expect in Rapid City.

The group's hard work will pay off when they take said songs to the concert on October 31, at The Monument in Rapid City. The concert will be able to be watched live on SDPB1 at 7:00 PM MT for their supporters stuck at home.

Which pet are you most like?

A fun, non-scientific personality quiz

Answers on Page 2



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by **Autumn Genzler**
staff writer

1. What do you like to do in your free time?
A. Relax somewhere cozy by yourself
B. Hang out with friends
C. Chill and enjoy some peace and quiet
D. Explore and try something new
E. Play video or board games

2. What would your perfect day look like?
A. Sleeping in and relaxing
B. Going on an adventure with friends
C. Having a calm, peaceful day
D. Exploring somewhere you've never been
E. Hanging out and having fun with friends

3. What sounds like the best place to hang out?
A. A comfy bed or couch
B. A park with your friends
C. Somewhere quiet and peaceful
D. Somewhere with lots of things to explore
E. A room filled with games

4. What do you do when you're bored?
A. Take a nap
B. Find someone to hang out with
C. Reorganize or Clean
D. Explore or learn something new
E. Play games

5. Which personality trait sounds most like you?
A. Independent
B. Loyal
C. Relaxed
D. Adventurous
E. Playful

6. If you could have one superpower, what would you choose?
A. Invisibility
B. Super strength
C. Teleportation
D. Flying
E. Super speed

7. How do you feel about meeting new people?
A. I like to take my time getting comfortable
B. I love meeting new people!
C. I'm okay with it, but I prefer a small group
D. I'm excited to meet new people
E. Pfff there's no such thing as new people to me, I know everyone

8. Where would you go on vacation?
A. Your bed
B. Anywhere social or adventurous
C. Somewhere with water
D. The mountains to hike
E. Anywhere I'm up for anything

9. What would you want your pet to be like?
A. Independent and chill
B. Friendly and loving
C. Calm and peaceful
D. Curious and adventurous
E. Playful and energetic

Results!



Mostly A — 🐱 CAT
You are independent, relaxed, and confident. You enjoy having your own space, but you still care about the people close to you.



Mostly B — 🐶 DOG
You are friendly, loyal, and social. You love spending time with people and are always ready for an adventure.



Mostly E — 🐹 HAMSTER
You are playful, energetic, and fun-loving. You love games, excitement, and making people laugh.



Mostly C — 🐟 FISH
You are calm, peaceful, and easygoing. You enjoy relaxing and don't need constant excitement to have a good time.



Mostly D — 🐦 BIRD
You are curious, adventurous, and love exploring. You enjoy discovering new things and aren't afraid to try something different.

Ways to have potatoes



Senior Spotlight
Tanner Baatz



Activities Involved In:
Football
Wrestling
Track & Field
FFA
Choir

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
My teachers, Cooper, Casen, and Elise

Favorite School Lunch:
Lasagna Enchilada

Favorite Class You've Taken:
Chemistry or Anatomy

Plans for Next Year:
Go to college



THINGS WE DON'T FINISH



NAME A TIME YOU ACTUALLY FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.



NO ERASER, NOT WORTH IT
RAN OUT OF IN, NOT LIKELY

IF YOU'RE FINISHING THE LAST PIECE OF DESSERT...YOU'RE CRAZY. SAVE IT FOR SOMEONE ELSE



IF YOU DON'T LOSE YOUR CHAPSTICK BEFORE YOU EVEN HAVE THE CHANCE TO FINISH IT, IT'S NOT HAPPENING.



Infographic created by Brielle Weir

This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

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)

Monday, October 12
- NO SCHOOL - Indigenous People's Day
- Oral Interp @ Sioux Valley
- JH VB v. Lennox (4:00)
- VB v. Lennox (4:30/6:00/7:15)

Tuesday, October 13
- JH VB @ MCM in Montrose (4:00)
- VB @ MCM in Montrose (5:00/6:00/7:15)

Wednesday, October 14
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-6:00)

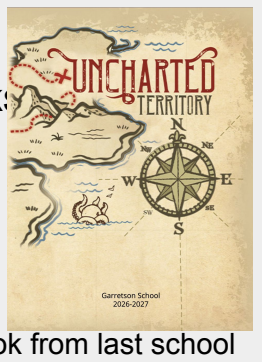
Thursday, October 15
- XC @ Regions in Madison (2:00)
- JH VB v. HBC (4:00)
- VB v. HBC (4:30/6:00/7:15)

Friday, October 16
- FB @ SF Lutheran (3:30)

Worth Mentioning

END OF THE 1ST QUARTER is on Tuesday, October 20. Double check your grades .

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES are in line for Wednesday, October 14 (4:00-6:00).



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Beyond ready

National 4-H week celebrates involvement, skills, future

by **Colton Buchholz**
staff writer

Millions of young students and alumni across the country are coming together this week to celebrate National 4-H Week. Running from October 4 to October 10, the annual event highlights the widespread impact of the nation's largest youth organization and showcases how local members are preparing to be "Beyond Ready" for the future according to the National 4-H Council.

4-H has grown from its agricultural roots into a diverse program serving nearly six million youth nationwide. Today's 4-H'ers engage in community pride projects, participating in county and state fairs, as well as making memories with well made friends.

In our school, we have over 20 former or current alumni of Minnesota and South Dakota 4-H! We have three clubs in or around Garretson: Springdell, Splitrock Hustlers, and Jesse James 4-H.

"I like doing some of the projects and getting paid for it after the fair. Also, munchie night in our club is fun because we get a big potluck," said Coyer Buchholz, a Springdell 4-H member, relayed his favorite things about being involved in 4-H.

Joining 4-H is one of the best ways for kids to make friends, learn useful life skills, and have fun. Instead of just listening to a teacher,you learn by actually doing. You get to choose your own projects based on what you already like, such as cooking, photography, raising animals, and so much more. It is not just for farm kids; it is for anyone who wants to help their community, and learn skills that help them succeed.

"Being involved in 4-H helped me develop many of the skills that I continue to use every day. Through 4-H, I developed stronger public speaking and communication skills, learned how to stay organized, improved my time management, and became more comfortable working with people from a variety of backgrounds and age groups. I learned how to build relationships with younger children, adults, older generations, and my peers, which helped me become a more confident and well-rounded individual," stated Garretson ag teacher Ms. Kientopf.

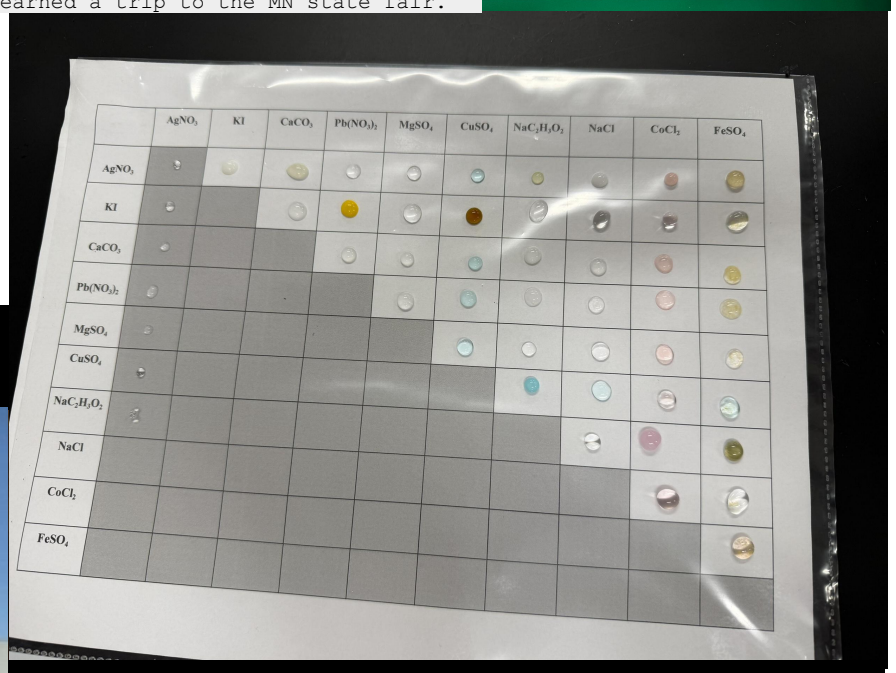
"One of my favorite parts of 4-H was the opportunity to become involved beyond the local level." she continued. "While I enjoyed being part of my local 4-H program, participating at the county level allowed me to meet a much wider range of people, build relationships, and develop friendships that have lasted long after my time as a 4-H member."

As National 4-H Week wraps up, club are still welcoming new members. If anyone is interested in joining 4-H, ask someone in the building that is or was involved with 4-H!



There are multiple 4-H clubs located around the Garretson area, participating in Minnehaha (SD), Moody (SD), Rock (MN). **Top Left:** Springdell 4-H created a trivia board that was on display during the Rock County Fair. **Top Right:** Caylix Buchholz and Hayden Devine decorate the 4-H tree for the Festival of Trees. **Above:** Caylix Buchholz and Eliot Brim showcase their science fair project to the club. **Above Right:** Colton Buchholz's photo that was on display at the Minnesota State Fair. **Right:** Caylix Buchholz created a Jeopardy inspired poster about cats that earned a trip to the MN state fair.

Pics of the Week





Earlier this week the Garretson Fire Department came to talk to elementary students about fire safety, showing the equipment, and reiterating the importance of being careful as well as what to do in case of an emergency.
Thank you to Mrs. Danforth for the photo and sharing on the Garretson Live Feed

Which and What?

Which classes are these pictures from and what is happening?



Above: In chemistry, juniors combined metals to see what color the mixed solutions turned into. Right: In anatomy students looked as slides of