



Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend. Push your clocks an hour back on Sunday and enjoy that extra hour of sleep!



State XC *Blue Dragon harriers run in Huron, succeed as team*

by Noel Johnson
staff writer

This past weekend the Blue Dragon cross country runners competed at the state meet in Huron. At regions the previous week the Blue Dragon runners qualified one individual runner from the boys, Preston Bohl and a girls team to state: Makayla Heesch, Tayler Benson, Kylie Christensen, Adair Hanisch, Payton Campbell, and Jordyn Williams.

The state meet showed none of the runners placed individually but as a squad the girls placed 5th overall in class A. The previous year the team placed 7th, but have lost and gained new runners over the off-season. The ladies ran the following times: Makayla Heesch placed 30th

(20:52) eight seconds off of top 25 honors, Payton Campbell 36th (21:02), Kylie Christensen 44th (21:15), Tayler Benson 49th (21:22), Jordyn Williams 62nd (21:43), and Adair Hanisch 108th (23:06). The boys individual runner Preston Bohl placed 50th (18:27), thirty seconds off of a top 25 finish. In his 8th grade season, last year, he placed 36th.

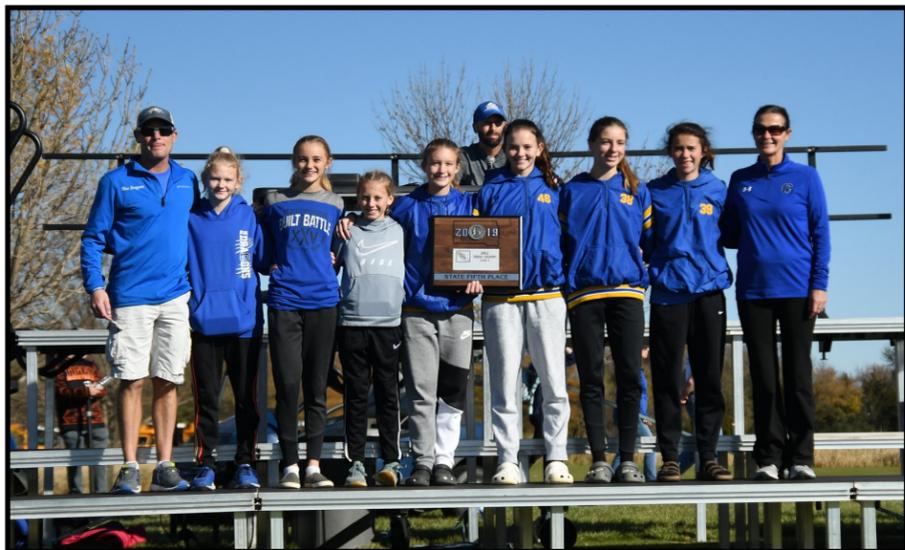
Even though state had not went the way Bohl wanted he did have a important accomplishment this season. "My win in Chamberlain was my biggest accomplishment with running my best time I've ever ran," said runner Preston Bohl. "I'm going to train even harder this off season and go for the medal next year."

Bohl's determination is contagious and can easily be seen in other young Blue Dragon harriers. Along with Bohl, Tayler Benson, one of the Dragons youngest runners, had quite the season.

According to Benson, "placing top 20 at regions" was a major accomplishment for her first cross country season.

As for the previous meets, many of the Blue Dragon runners have set their personal records for their careers as of now, though having such a young team and young runners there is time for more improvement.

Garretson hasn't had this young of a team the past several years but it seems to be working and on the rise. The Blue Dragon runners will now head into their off season to start working hard at being an even better team next year.



Despite not having any individual placers, the girls ran well as a team, securing fifth, a two-place improvement over last year. Pictured are Head Coach Jason Bohl, Mia Christensen, Jordyn Williams, Tayler Benson, Adair Hanisch, Kylie Christensen, Payton Campbell, Makayla Heesch, and Assistant Coach Bev Howe. This is the first time in Coach Bohl's memory that he has had a team place in state but not have an individual medalists.

Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting

ISIS leader dead after raid

by Mason Hofer
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On October 25, President Trump ordered an attack that resulted in the death of the leader of Isis, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. After lots of rumors and mixed stories of how the raid went down, the Pentagon released footage of the whole attack.

It was described a very successful mission, with no U.S. commandos even taking any injuries. The only harm done to the United States was a military working dog sustained serious injuries from an electric fence, but he is going to make it.

On the day of the attack, U.S.

troops left Syria for the one hour long flight to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's place of stay. It is located around four miles southeast of the border.

Footage showed the military eliminating enemies on the way to the fortress. They were killed by the fire from the helicopter and an airstrike followed just to be safe.

Drones were then flown into the base, they blew holes through the walls and found four women and one man. They were viewed as hostiles as they were wearing suicide vests. They were taken down and 11 children were then rescued.

After hearing all the madness, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi crawled into a

hole wearing his suicide vest, along with him were two children under the age of 12. President Trump stated that "He was whimpering and crying when he died.... he died like a coward." Baghdadi then blew himself up along with the children.

U.S. troops cleared the fortress, they then took two helicopters back to safety. They capped off the raid by calling in a precision air strike on the base. The leader of the raid described the base to look like a parking lot with lots of pot holes.

It is currently unknown who will be the successor of Baghdadi. It seems as if this could be the beginning of the end for Isis.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Most countries near the equator do not adjust their clocks for daylight saving time.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Storing batteries in the freezer can double their lifespan,

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Leaves = lisce (lees-cheh)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why couldn't you hear the pterodactyl use the restroom?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: By changing just one letter at each level—solve the word ladder.

FALL

LEAF

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 1

- National FFA Convention
- All-State Choir
- Elementary Honor Choir

Saturday, November 2

- National FFA Convention
- All-State Choir
- Elementary Honor Choir

Sunday, November 3

- Daylight Savings Time Ends

Monday, November 4

- Early Dismissal (1:30)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:30-8:30)

Tuesday, November 5

- VB Region Tourney v. TBD (TBA)

Thursday, November 7

- VB Region Semifinals (TBD)

Friday, November 8

- No School

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 7 Days
No School on November 8

Congratulations Oliviyah Thornton on her Excellent Plus rating at the Oral Interp Contest in Brookings earlier this week.

Week 8 power debate

by **Parker Schlenker**
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This year the NFL has shocked many people with unusual and unexpected power rankings. With too many injuries and trades, nobody knows what will happen next and who will be playing in Super Bowl 54. Many teams who have been known for a bad defense now have great defenses and other teams that have been known bad offenses and have improved greatly.

The New England Patriots are currently sitting comfortably in the number one spot with a perfect 8-0 record. They are currently scoring on average 31.1 points per game and only allowing 7.6 with almost all of their wins being blowouts.

Another team with a perfect record, sitting in the number two spot, is the San Francisco 49ers which took many by surprise. Jimmy Garoppolo and Tevin Coleman have been absolute studs this year taking

the team to their current 7-0 record.

And in the three spot with a 7-1 record, the New Orleans Saints. The Saints have had a little bit of adversity losing their star QB Drew Brees for a few games, but the second string Teddy Bridgewater has stepped up and filled the spot like that's where he's used to playing. But aside from the QBs, the Saints have a couple other secret weapons such as Michael Thomas and Latavius Murray, who is playing like an all pro while Alvin Kamara works his way out of an ankle injury.

The Green Bay Packers, also tied up with a 7-1 record, are at the four spot which is an improvement from last years performances. The Packers defense has really stepped up with a bunch of young players and a few veterans on the line. QB Aaron Rodgers, who has been a topic of discussion the past few years, didn't really show up the first few weeks but now he's finally getting back into his groove.



And last but not least the Minnesota Vikings showing up in the five spot with a 6-2 record. The Vikings have kind of struggled with the quarterback position early in the year but Kirk Cousins is working to find a rhythm. The Viking that can do it all, Dalvin Cook, is one of the leading reasons why Minnesota is succeeding the way they are. Nonetheless the Vikings defense has also played some good games holding opposing teams to low scores.

Airpod Pro

by **Hayden Olofson**
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This week Apple launched the new version of AirPods called the AirPod Pros and to some the AirPods 3.

There are a couple new, cool features to them. Apple has said what makes these much better than the older model is the noise cancellation option, excellent transparency pass-through mode. When transparency is turned on, rather than a sudden dump of sound, the user can have a conversation with someone even with music playing, but if transparency is on and the volume is over half way, it might be a little tricky.

Apple also went with a new design: the first thing noted was that the Airpod Pro is super light and once placed in the ear, the user can barely tell that they are there. The stems are much shorter than on the original AirPods, and instead of double tapping the AirPods to skip the song or activate Siri, you will squeeze the stem to change from transparency and noise canceling and to pause the music squeeze quickly, and when you double squeeze it skips music. Unlike the last model where you double tap the AirPod at the top.

It's one thing for the AirPods to fit well, but how do the new AirPods sound? Apple has said they have improved bass, "clear and detailed mid and high frequency" and an adaptive equalizer. So yes the AirPod Pros sound is much better.

I asked teacher Matt Shrank a couple questions about the AirPods. Do you think the price is reasonable? "I don't think the price is reasonable, but I am not surprised by the price either! Everyone I know that has them, loves their AirPods, so it's hard to argue against rave reviews." Will you plan on buying them? "Not immediately, but I am hoping to by next summer!"

So yes the AirPod Pros are all around better than the original AirPods, but I think the price plays a big effect at \$250 instead of \$140 for the original. I think it comes down to whether you want to spend the money to get the AirPod Pros.

Are you going to just SAT by and watch or will you ACT? *Tick tock...standardized testing came and went*

by **Nobel Nothstine**
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November is a tricky time, where many high school students are not only scrambling to prepare for final exams but are also faced with the final testing sessions of the year in Sioux Falls for the SAT and ACT.

The pressure is on when it comes to impressing colleges and universities with both stellar test scores and strong GPAs. So how can students ensure this pressure doesn't get the best of them? Excelling on the SAT or ACT requires a different approach than other exams, because there are subtle differences in the standardized test environment and format of the test.

For some background information, what do the ACT and SAT even stand for? ACT is an acronym for American College Testing, and SAT is for Scholastic Aptitude Test. Students can take the ACT at Augustana University, Lincoln High School, O'Gorman High School, Roosevelt High School, University of Sioux Falls, or Washington High School. However, the SAT can only be taken at Lincoln High School. The SAT is only offered at one testing center because the ACT is used more commonly in the midwest. See the attached picture for a more in-depth analysis of what state uses which test.

The ACT is three hours long (technically 2 hours and 55 minutes). Including breaks, the exam takes three and a half hours to complete. If you sign up for the optional essay (the ACT Plus Writing), the test clocks in at 3 hours and 40 minutes

or just over four hours with breaks. In comparison, the SAT is three hours in total, excluding the optional essay and breaks. With the optional essay, the total test time increases to three hours and 50 minutes. In the United States, the SAT is given seven times a year: March, May, June, August, October, November, and December. The ACT is administered seven times a year in September, October, December, February, April, June, and July.

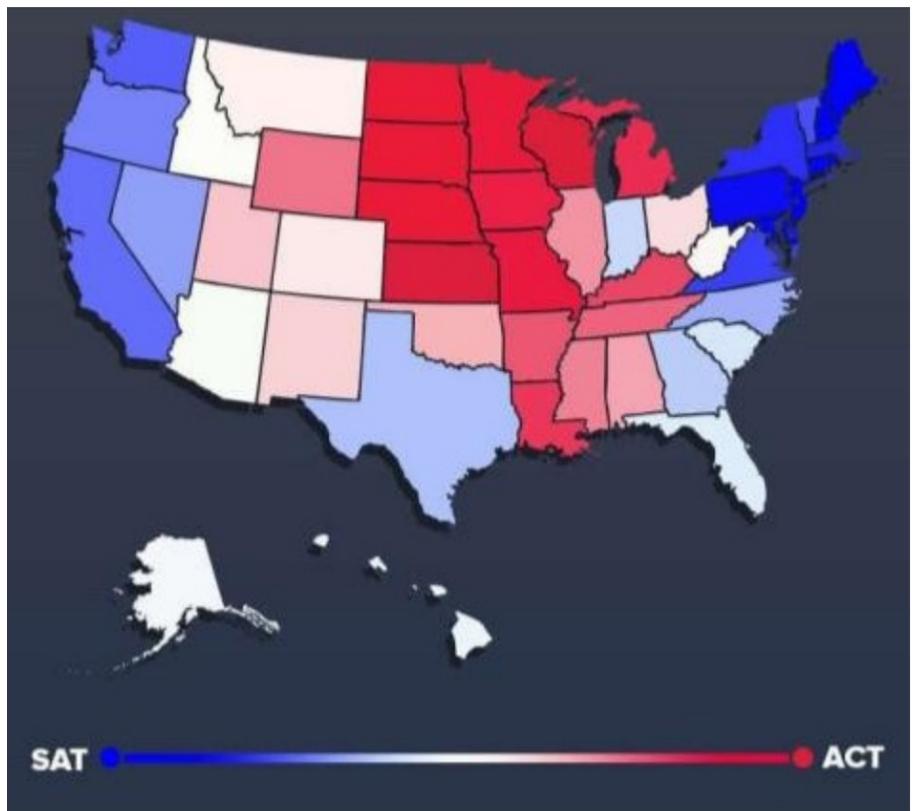
Now that you know the who, what, when, and where; how does the scoring work? Well, the ACT has four sections, or subject areas: English, Math, Reading, and Science. Each subject area is given a score between 1 and 36. Those area scores are then averaged into your composite score, which also ranges between 1 and 36. There is no point deduction for wrong answers on the ACT. On the flipside, the SAT is based on a 1600-point scale, with 2 sections—Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. Each of those sections is scored between 200-800. There is also an optional essay, which is evaluated separately. There is no penalty for wrong answers, so your raw score in each category is the sum of the number of questions you answer correctly.

To cover the last burning question, why do colleges use these tests in the first place? Admission tests apply a common standard to everyone. This helps colleges evaluate and compare the preparation of students who go to different high schools. All schools do not offer the same academic programs, learning environments or even expectations. So,

these tests can help you find out if a college would potentially be too challenging, or not enough of a challenge.

Both The College Board and ACT say the tests help predict how well students will perform in part or all of college, and even beyond. So, what's a good score? On the ACT, if your score falls on the 75th percentile (a composite score of 25 or above), that means you scored better than 75 percent of the other test-takers. For the SAT, a perfect score is 1600 and the minimum score is 400. The average for the class of 2018 was 1068.

However, I recommend to take these statements with a grain of salt. Your test scores do not define your value, who you are, or your future. YOU do.



Turn back time

by **Oliviyah Thornton**
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Don't forget this weekend to move your clocks ahead an hour. Daylight savings will be coming to an end on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 a.m. which will be giving you an extra hour of sleep. Though, it wasn't always this simple to get people to turn their clocks ahead. Would you be surprised to hear that daylight saving started from World War 1 by Germany? How daylight saving works for the USA and other countries around the world. Did you know not every state participates in daylight saving?

Inventor(s) of DST?

If you enjoy DST, you can thank New Zealand scientist George Vernon Hudson and British builder William Willet. In 1895, Hudson proposed a two-hour shift back in March to the Wellington Philosophical Society. They showed interest in his proposal but never followed through with the plans. Not giving up, independently from Hudson, William suggested in 1905 setting clocks ahead 20 minutes for the four Sundays in April and switching them back the same amount each of the four Sundays in September. This idea would result in eight switches per year. A lot harder than doing it the way we do now where it's only twice.

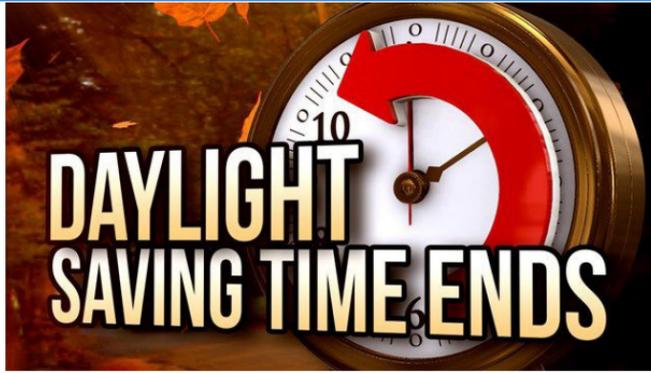
His efforts did not go in vain because in February 1908, Willet's DST plan caught the attention of the British Member of Parliament Robert Pearce who introduced the plan to the House of Commons. The bill in 1909 was drafted but it was opposed by many, especially farmers, so the bill was never made law. Sadly, Willet died in 1915, one year before his idea was used by the United Kingdom in 1916. It is unclear if he ever was aware of his idea of becoming a reality.

There was one more person who was given credit for inventing DST, Benjamin Franklin. But in reality, his ideas for the development of modern DST has nothing to do with involving clocks. In truth, Franklin just suggested that Parisians could economize candle usage by getting people out of bed earlier in the morning. Also, another major thing about how his ideas didn't support DST, he meant it as a joke.

History

DST was first introduced by Canada eight years before Germany and Austria made it popular. This was on July 1, 1916, by residents of Port Arthur, Ontario which is known today as Thunder Bay. They turned their clocks ahead, which started the world's first DST period. Other parts of Canada such as Regina in Saskatchewan implemented it on April 23, 1914, and cities like Winnipeg and Brandon in Manitoba followed suit on April 24, 1916.

Even if it was started in Canada, it didn't become popular until Germany and its ally, Austria, turned their



clocks ahead by one hour on April 30, 1916, during World War 1. Though, they only used it for two years. They did this to reduce the use of artificial lighting to save fuel for war efforts. Within weeks, this idea was adopted by the United Kingdom, France, and many other countries.

After World War 1, most reverted back to standard time, and DST didn't return again until the next World War where most of Europe used it once more.

In reality, modern DST has only been used for about 100 years.

DST in the US

In the USA, we experience, DST between spring and autumn where we get an extra hour of daylight in the evening. This year it started on Sunday, March 2 where we set our clocks forward and then back to standard time on Sunday, November 3, which is when DST ends.

Due to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, not all areas in the US use DST. This bill gives every state or territory the right to opt-out of using it. Only Arizona currently exercises that right. Navajo Nation is the only exception in northern Arizona. Navajo Nation follows DST to stay in sync with the parts of the territory extending into Utah and New Mexico.

Other states and territories that don't use/follow DST Hawaii & all of the country's external territories such as Puerto Rico, Guam, & the US Virgin Islands.

Effects around the world

Modern DST affects over one billion people every year and is used in over 70 countries worldwide. Each beginning and ending dates vary from country to country. The countries you can find not participating in DST are many along and below the equator. This is due to their location because daylight hours don't change much from season to season. So, to them, there is no need to turn their clocks forward or backward. However, there are other places who also don't follow DST as well such as South America, Western Australia, Queensland, Northern Territory, Asia, China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Chili, India, and sections of Brazil.

In the European Union, Iceland chooses not to change its clocks like the rest of Europe. The majority of Africa participates except for Egypt, Libya, and Namibia. Most Islamic countries don't because during Ramadan it can mean that the evening dinner is delayed until later in the day.

Bucks star connected to stolen goods



by **Grace Panning**
staff writer—editorial

Right now you're probably wondering how Robin Lopez is involved with a pair of Disney shoes, well, I'll tell you. On Monday afternoon, Robin Lopez was accused of stealing rare vintage Disney shoes. Apparently, these rare shoes were missing from a Disney park in Epcot, called Wonders of Life for about a year. How the shoes went missing was an ongoing criminal case at the time Robin Lopez purchased them.

The shoes were made to represent the beloved movie and book, *Alice in Wonderland*, and are part of a set made for a retired Disney character named Buzzy. The shoes alone are worth a little over \$7,000. Lopez purchased them on eBay for a team party with a Mad Hatter theme, so basically anything *Alice in Wonderland*.

Patrick Spikes, a former Disney employee, and his cousin Blanton Taunton are accused of stealing the items after sneaking into Disney World over a year ago. Both are pleading not guilty for stealing the entire Buzzy outfit and selling them to unknown buyers.

Lopez and his friend Brett Finley, paid \$29,451 over PayPal for just the shoes. The character Buzzy is still missing and is worth \$40,000.

Lopez is still trying to dig himself out of the hole he has inadvertently created. He lost 29,451 dollars and is expected to show up in court in December.

Moral of the story don't buy something from eBay without asking if it was previously a stolen Disney artifact.

All-State Choir participants set for public performance

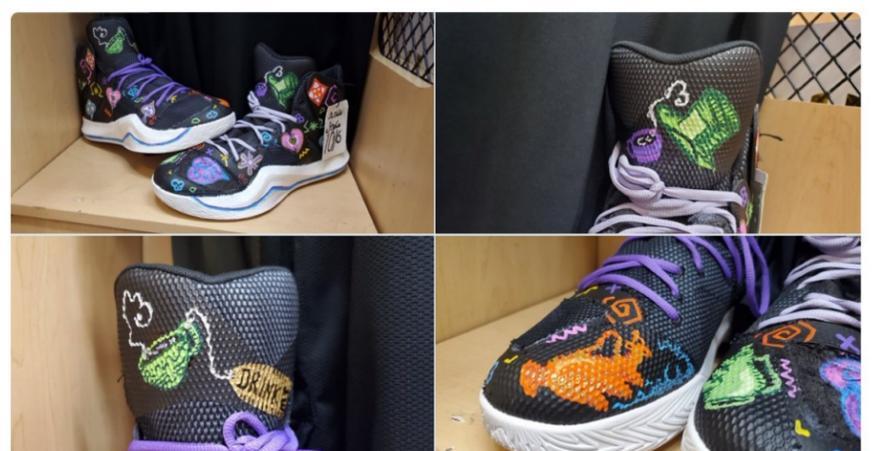
Ms. Brown took the the all-state choir participants and alternates to the SDSU prep day earlier this month (pictured), but now it is time to put that prep into practice.

All-State participants take today to rehearse the selections with other musicians from across the state before the performance tomorrow evening. You can watch it live on SDPB.

Vocalists representing Garretson are Aliah Lymon, Aftyn Heitkamp, Morgan Moritz, Mattea Fiegen, Gabe Johnson, Drew Pederson, Mason Tillma, and Luke Knebel Koster.



Pulling out the Rolo created, Wonderland inspired, "Mad 3 Parties" tonight! I think they look great if you like the doodlings of a schoolkid who's bored during class...need help picking the laces (amongst other things) #Mad3Parties #RoloCustoms



Blue Dragon netters take last two

by **Kylie Uhl**
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The Lady Blue Dragons controlled the court this week against the Sioux Valley Cossacks on Monday and the Colman-Egan Hawks on Tuesday.

On Monday the Garretson netters won their match in three sets against the Cossacks; however on Tuesday the Dragons needed four sets to pull out the victory. "I know one of my weaknesses going into the game on Tuesday was that I was tired because I'm not used to playing two games in a row, but I knew we could pull through and get the win," said sophomore Lily Ranschau.

The first set winning 26-19. During this game on Tuesday, Coach Northrup questioned the score claiming that the Blue Dragons needed one more point added to the score board. However confusion at the scorers table did not make that happen, but the questionable score didn't slow the Lady Blue Dragons down. Senior Aftyn

Heitkamp said, "I think it just gave us more motivation to get the next point because I think we all knew it was our point." The second set ended 25-21 in the Blue Dragons' favor.

With two wins going into the third set, the Blue Dragons were confident in getting the W in the third set. "I think going into the third set, we thought it was going to be an easy win and I think we just go into our heads a little and didn't give it our all like we should have," said Heitkamp regarding losing by two, 25-27, in the third set.

The loss had no impact on the electrifying crowd as they kept supporting and cheering on the Blue Dragons. That loss also didn't have an impact on the players, with the Blue Dragons capturing the win, defeating the Hawks at their nest in the fourth set 25-19.

With these wins, the Blue Dragons regular season record is 16-9 compared to last season with 6 wins and 19 losses, losing the first round of regions against Tri-Valley. Gaining these wins this week, the ladies earned a first round bye and will play this coming Thursday at Sioux Falls Christian against either Baltic or Dell Rapids.

Volleyball earns bye

Region 3A Volleyball

- Garretson earned a 1st Round Bye
Next Game: Thursday, November 7, 2019

Location: Sioux Falls Christian
Time: 20 minutes after the conclusion of the 6:00 match between Sioux Falls Christian and Tri-Valley/West Central Winner

Opponent: Winner of Baltic/Dell Rapids (decided on Tuesday, November 5)

Results: Winner of Thursday matches advance to the Class A Volleyball SoDak 16 on November 12, site TBA.

Prices:

- Adults \$6.00
- Students \$4.00 (Grades 1-12)
- No Local Passes Accepted

The California nightmare

by **Nika Sapunar**
staff writer

Fires hit multiple places in California. The newest fire, Getty Fire, broke out near Los Angeles on Monday morning, in the area known for its high-dollar houses and famous residents.

Many stars were evacuated, like NBA star LeBron James (evidenced by the tweet above), but luckily the Getty Museum, the hub of one of the largest art organizations in the world, wasn't hit.

At least eight homes were destroyed and six damaged in the LA-area blaze, fire officials said. Firefighters in California are battling more than a dozen battles across the state, which have displaced hun-

dreds of thousands of people and thrown entire communities into darkness and chaos.

By Monday evening, about 500 customers were without power in parts of Bel Air, Westwood and Brentwood, down from 2,600 earlier in the day, the LA Department of Water and Power said.

Two first responders have been hospitalized because of burns during the Kincade Fire, officials said.

Late summer and fall are great times for wild fires, high temperatures and high winds can combine to form serious fire risks. However, it seems that every year, the fires become deadlier.

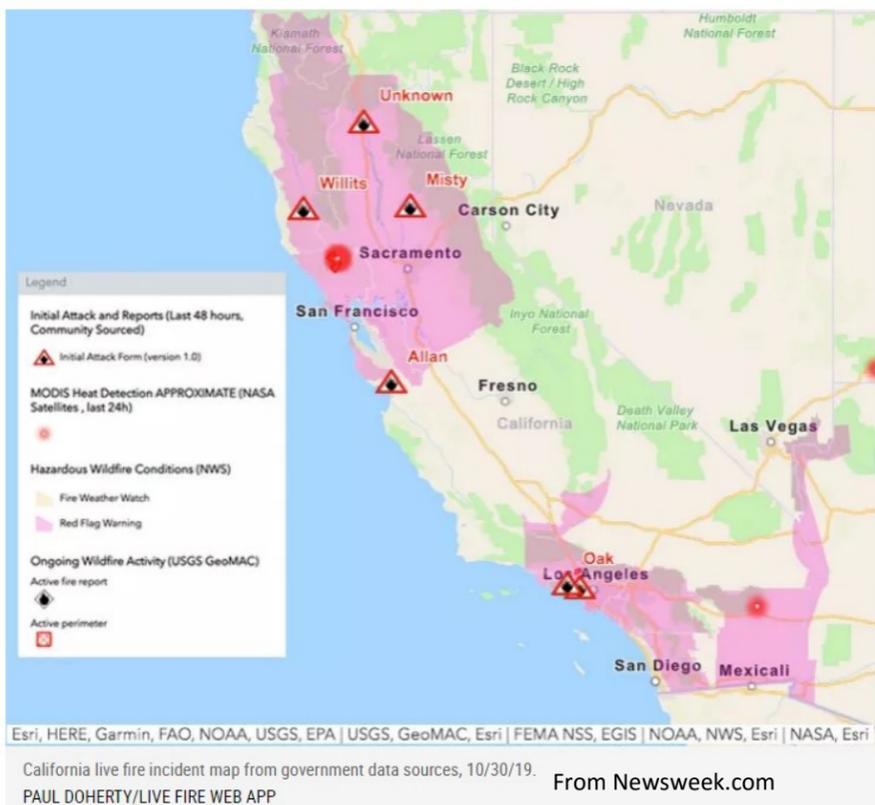
More than 10,000 students across



the Santa Monica and Malibu areas were forced to stay home on Monday after being alerted in the morning that all schools in their district would be closed because of the fire. Students at Mount Saint Mary's Catholic school near UCLA, were among those evacuated.

Some firefighters weren't from the fire department — they were from a nearby correctional facility. Prison inmates are fighting California's fires too, but often after they're released, they don't become firefighters. "I don't think we would still have our homes if it wasn't for those 26 individuals" said Dan Condron. "I could be sitting behind the [prison] wall right now, dealing with all the drama that that entails, or I could be out here helping save this part of California because of this disaster," said former inmate firefighter, last year.

Air quality warnings have joined evacuations causing people to not just seek safe shelter from the fire but for easier breathing as well.



First quarter in the books

Beginning of November provides opportunity to improve, change

by **Preston Bohl**
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43 days down, roughly 117 days to go, and 25% of the school year in the dust. The first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year came to an end on Wednesday, October 23.

With the first quarter ending, parent teacher conferences will be held at the school on November 4. Held with conferences will be the Scholastic Book Fair and flu shots.

A new quarter means there are also new rules. Shorts are now restricted from wearing until the beginning of the fourth quarter to make sure students stay warm throughout the winter.

High schoolers should be aware of what they should have done and be doing as well. Seniors should be applying for scholarships by now, along with starting their college applications and their senior project should also be finished.

Juniors and sophomores should be looking into colleges and figuring out what they want to do in life.

Freshmen, remember your grades count this year, so stay ahead of everything and do not fall behind. Your grades will weigh in on your class rank and GPA, both factors that a college is interested in.

When asked about what was on high schooler's minds coming into the second quarter, there was a very common reply. "I'm just ready for Christmas break," said Morgan Pierret; and Alex Stephenson stated, "I'm ready for all the breaks we get in the second quarter."

For what seemed dreadfully long for some, and as quick as the snap of a finger for others, the first quarter is officially over.