



Tonight is a full moon and it is also Friday the 13th. The next time there will be a full moon that lands on a Friday the 13th is in 2049.

Blue Ink



Mr. Heu the science guy

Jake Heumiller joins the Blue Dragons as their newest science teacher.

by Nika Sapunar
staff writer

Our new Biology teacher is excited to teach the students on his own way and trying to get them to love biology. He loves teaching, movies and his cat.

Q: Why did you come to teach at Garretson?

A: Because I love small towns and it's close to home and Sioux Falls; that is why it is a perfect fit for me.

Q: What are some good and bad sides about Garretson?

A: Good sides are that people are welcoming, neighbors are so nice, and I haven't meet bad person at Garretson. Bad side? Maybe the trains, it makes me late to places.

Q: What education backgrounds do you have ?

A: I started at Briar Cliff University where I played golf, than I trans-

ferred to USD where I received my undergraduate in biology and got my masters in secondary education.

Q: What are 3 things people need to now about you?

A: I love sports: golf, basketball, football, baseball... I love biology, it's a lot of fun for me to do research in college. It was fun because I had a lot of opportunities. And I just love listening to music.

Q: Why did you decide you want to be a teacher?

A: I decided to become a teacher because I love biology and the biggest difference that I can make is to teach young people.

Q: What's your favorite thing about teaching biology?

A: When we actually do the materials, there are lots of opportunities to go outside and look at the nature. I just love doing things outside, not just sit in the classroom and take



notes everyday. So when we actually come to the materials, it's lots of fun.

Q: What do you do when you are not at school?

A: Most of the time, I grade papers, but I love hanging out at my house with my cat, Ivy, or chill and watch movies.

Q: What would you be doing if you weren't a teacher?

A: I would be probably doing something the government, like intervention research. I was looking at it before I got my masters, but at the end I went for biology.

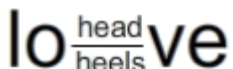
This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Wednesday was the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Taking notes with colored pens not only helps organize your information but also helps with memorization and recall.

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Storm = Oluja (Oh-loo-ya)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What is fast, loud, and crunchy?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Solve this rebus puzzle. 

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 14
- VB BEC (all rounds) @ Garretson (9:00, 11:00, TBD)
- FB v. MCM (7:30)

Sunday, September 15
- Softball @ Garretson (12:30/2:00)

Monday, September 16
- JV FB @ MCM (4:00)
Tuesday, September 17
- FFA @ Parker (10:00)
- JH FB @ MCM (4:30)
- Soccer @ Vermillion (5:00)
- JV Soccer @ Vermillion (6:30)
- 7/8 VB v. Flandreau (4:00/5:00)
- C/JV VB v. Flandreau (5:00/6:15)
- VB v. Flandreau (7:15)

Wednesday, September 18
- FFA Blood Drive
- Early Out (1:30) - Inservice

Thursday, September 19
- XC @ Chamberlain (2:30)
- JH VB @ West Central (4:00)
- C/JV VB @ Adrian (4:45/6:00)
- VB @ Adrian (7:15)

Friday, September 20
- FB @ Flandreau (7:00)

Worth Mentioning

Choose Kind
- September Precept: "When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind." - Dr. Wayne Dyer"

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 19 Days

Blue Dragons defeat Minnesota rivals

Garretson takes down Patriots, redeeming last year's loss

by Preston Bohl
staff writer

The Blue Dragons (5-3) faced off against Hills/Beaver Creek (5-4) this Tuesday and Garretson asserted their dominance with an all around sweep. C Team won 2 sets to 1, JV went undefeated at 2-0, and Varsity came out with a 3-1 set win.

After a nail biter last year losing in 5 sets, the Blue Dragons proved they were the better team this year. The team lost the first set 21-25, but bounced back the next three sets winning 25-17, 25-23, and 25-13, respectively.

Freshman Logan Bly paced the defense with 20 digs and sophomore Jaelyn Benson ended the night with 12 digs along with 11 assists. Junior



Junior Kennedy Buckneberg tosses the ball up serving game point in set 5 against the Baltic Bulldogs. Photo courtesy of Preston Bohl

Kennedy Buckneberg finished with 9 digs and led the team with 15 kills. Sophomore Lily Ranschau had 11

digs and 12 kills on the night and junior Peyton Hove had 16 assists and 9 digs. "I felt good. I performed well at home and the student section has helped out a lot with all of the cheering for our home games," said Bly. The team had a great night overall and there is much improvement from last year as the Dragons have five wins already in eight games when it took 21 games last year to reach that threshold.

Volleyball will resume action Saturday for the Big East Conference (BEC) tournament, which is held in

our own lair. The Blue Dragons were supposed to play Thursday, but many schools were closed due to flooding so games were postponed until Saturday.

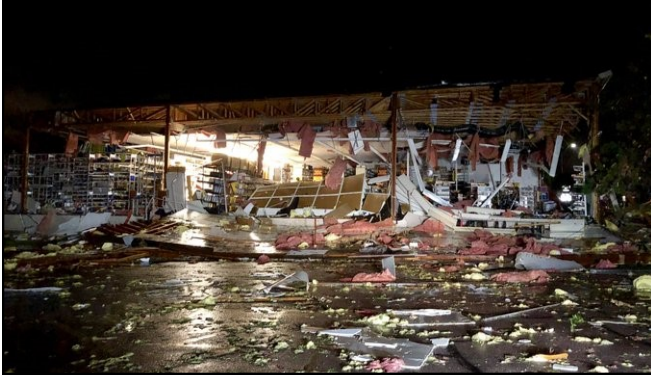
The BEC is now running on a modified schedule. The Blue Dragons will start action at 9:00 against McCook Central-Montrose in the Dragons Lair. And then will play either Beresford or Sioux Valley at 11:00.

Due to the adjustment all games will be a best of three, race to 25 each time. The one exception is the championship match which will be the traditional best of five format.



Set 1: HBC 25, Garretson 21
Set 2: HBC 17, Garretson 25
Set 3: HBC 23, Garretson 25
Set 4: HBC 13, Garretson 25

Tornado triplets tear up Sioux Falls



Damage in Sioux Falls—Photo via WCOO - Minnesota CBS

Midweek tumultuous weather leaves its mark on southeastern South Dakota

by **Mason Hofer**
senior writer

Residents of southeastern South Dakota were alerted of severe thunderstorms around 6:30 pm this Tuesday, but nobody truly knew what was coming. Sioux Falls received a trio of Tornadoes, primarily on the southern end of town. All three were rated EF-2 on the Enhanced Fujita scale.

With winds coming in at around 130 mph, the entire mess in Sioux Falls took place in less than six minutes. Sioux Falls' 41st Street received most of the damage, with the most significant on Best Buy and AutoZone Car Parts. Significant damage was reported on 37 buildings in the Sioux Falls area.

Along with these wind storms, the area has received an excessive amounts of rain causing schools in the

vicinity to close or have late starts. The worst of the worst was in Mitchell, SD. After the storms, the entire town was left under water.

A common question asked in this time of distress, is why are we getting so much wind and thunderstorms?

NASA Stated the annual rise in global temperatures could play a small role in the increase of storms due to the difference of temperature from pole to pole. The amount of water vapor evaporated into the atmosphere can also play a part in the severity of the storms.

With all of the flooding still slowly flowing away National Weather Service reminds the people of South Dakota to not swim in flooded waters and avoid driving through them. Make sure to always trust the authorities requests when it comes to where and where not to drive.

Trends that may be coming to an end

by **Noel Johnson**
staff writer

Would Instagram and Facebook disabling their likes keep you using the apps? This is some big talk lately all over YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, news websites, along with other social media platforms.



"Yeah I'd use them, honestly on Instagram I'd be more mad if they took away the saved post instead of likes feature," said Rachel Kindt. But many who enjoy the likes feature on both apps might be out of luck.

"Instagram announced it was testing hiding the number of likes posts get this April and Facebook is following suit," said Quartz Publications. There may be some positive and negative affects from this, but users will have to wait and see for themselves if the social media sites really follow through.

Pros and cons of disabling the likes play a huge role in many influential people's lives. People like Kylie Jenner, Selena Gomez, Cristiano Ronaldo and other larger influences make hundreds of thousands of dollars on just one post, which is insane.

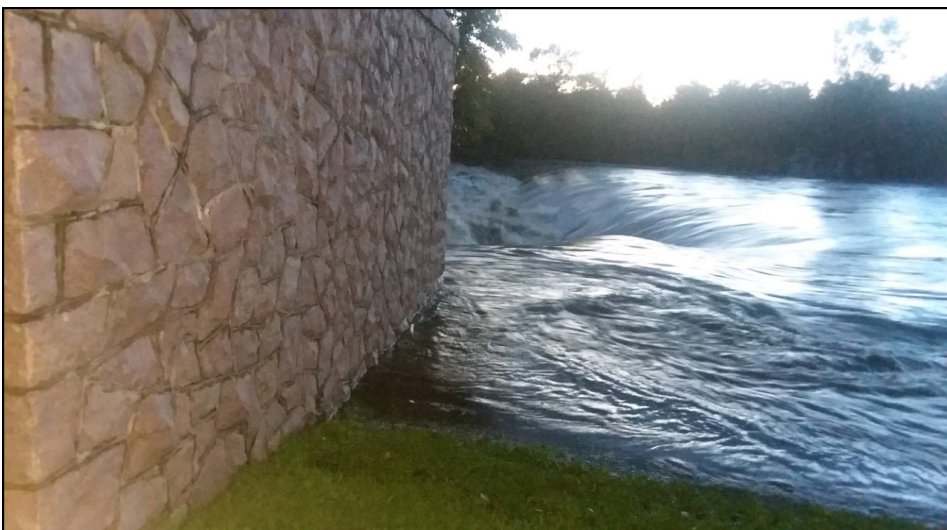
Would taking away the likes benefit people not as large as them? Most would say yes mainly because their would no longer be a competition to see who could have more likes, or be that self-absorbed to worry about how many people like your post and how many do not. Along with pros, in today's society, mental health is a major deal focused on by everyone and it is very important to not compare yourself with others or be envious in someone who may have the more amount of likes.

Likes might not be the only thing dying, after six confirmed deaths related to vaping illnesses have occurred. An outbreak has begun dealing with the e-cigarettes. This past week has marked the sixth death of a e-cigarette user, not only deaths but a total number of 450 cases of lung injuries have appeared in hospitals all over the US.

Trump even took part in the ordeal after holding a policy discussion Wednesday mentioning how he may put a ban on non-tobacco flavored juices and other e-cigarette products. Will this really help people who just can't live without the buzz?

Is someone else's death enough to stop a current user? Many who are addicted to the nicotine provided by the e-cigarettes would say no until a scare appears in their own life.

"I really just don't think you should do it," said Cody Steinhoff. Toxic metals inside the e-cigarettes is what have actually been the cause of the deaths. These metals are harming the lungs and increasing the percent of a person to have a heart attack, so just think what this could be doing to the bodies of not fully developed teens. Overall researchers are still trying to find a better explanation for the deaths and what is contributing to the lung injuries besides the toxic metals, but will this make users really stop?



Above: Photo of the bathhouse at Splitrock Park in Garretson. Onlookers can also see the surge in water levels as the dam drop off is barely visible.

Right: The bridge to get to the north camp ground has been completely washed out and covered by the raging river at Splitrock Park

Far right: The water levels are so high the dam is almost unnoticeable to the casual observer. Water levels are expected to crest late today or tomorrow.

Photo courtesy of Kendra Kleven



Car crashes & school danger

by **Nobel Nothstine**
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No one likes Mondays, but have you ever been terrified of one? Officials from the Baltic school have said that authorities are investigating further after a student threatened to open fire at the school on Monday.

Parents were contacted Sunday night by Baltic's Superintendent, Bob Sittig, who stated that the school was aware of the threat. The email that was sent out assured parents that district officials had immediately notified police, who were investigating the validity of the claim. By that time, the rumor had already been widely perpetuated on social media.

The student who made the initial statement was identified by the district, and school continued on as normal on Monday, with the addition of a law enforcement presence.

Though this situation was a nearly-dodged tragedy, the town of Baltic had not had as good of luck earlier that week.

A car accident took place Thursday evening on 250th Street, roughly three miles east of Baltic. According to the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office, one of the drivers was dead prior to the deputies' arrival. The other driver had non-life-threatening injuries and was airlifted via helicopter to a hospital in Sioux Falls to be treated.

No one else was involved in the wreck, and authorities are still investigating the cause of the crash.

Locally, that's not the only car accident in recent occurrence. Unfortunately, there have been two tragic crashes in the Sioux Falls area within the last two weeks.

Last Friday, the police identified and released information about the victim of a fatal one-vehicle crash in eastern Sioux Falls.

Nicolas Santos, aged at just 22, was the ill-fated passenger in a one-vehicle rollover near 41st Street and Highway 11. Santos was pronounced dead at the scene, and the 28-year-old driver in the vehicle was brought to

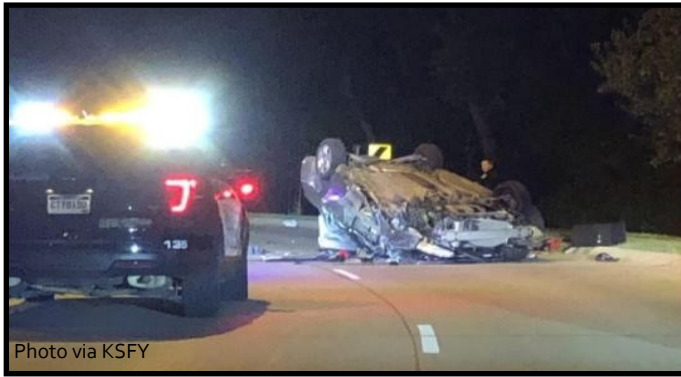


Photo via KSFY

a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

The intersection was closed for about three and a half hours as police responded to the crash. It is unknown if seatbelts were used at the time of the collision.

As for the last tragedy of the fateful week, reckless actions were responsible for one man's death.

A man from Texas was indicted for reckless driving and second-degree manslaughter after his tractor crashed and killed one person on Friday on Interstate 90.

Jason Ingram, age 31, was driving a tractor and pulling a trailer used for handling waste westbound on I-90 on Friday when he was rear ended by a vehicle.

Ingram was found responsible, as his trailer did not have any flashing lights or slow-moving signs, according to a Highway Patrol trooper.

Johnnie Hines, aged 52, from Sioux Falls, was driving the Dodge that rear ended the tractor. Hines was pronounced dead at the scene and was not wearing a seatbelt.

The *Blue Ink* extends its condolences to the families of the victims. If any good can come from this, I hope readers can take away that safety is of the utmost importance when it come to vehicular circumstances. Don't let your reckless driving be the part of the reason for someone dying.

NFL season has begun

by **Preston Bohl**
staff writer

The first week of the NFL season has officially kicked off ladies and gentlemen. This season has come with a lot of drama early on, but the first week was not a disappointment.

The Packers started the season off on Thursday, September 5 playing the Bears and came out on top with a low scoring game of 10-3. The Packers new defense proved to be too much for the Bears offense and Mitchell Trubisky.

Sunday was jam-packed with many exciting games, but also many blowouts. The Ravens stomped the Dolphins in a 59-10 blowout, and the Patriots clobbered the Steelers in a 33-3 win even without their newly acquired wide receiver, Antonio Brown.

The Bills came back in the fourth quarter scoring 17 unanswered points against the Jets to come out with a win 17-16. Also, the Seahawks defeated the Bengals by a slim one point margin, 21-20. Todd Gurley's Rams came out with a big win after edging out the Carolina Panthers 30-27.

On Monday night, a game was battled hard until the end with the Texans and Saints, which is already being talked about the game of the year. After the Saints missed pass interference call last year that cost them a Super Bowl appearance, they were determined to come out swinging this year. The Saints were up by six with 55 seconds to go in the fourth, but the Texans didn't give up and scored a touchdown and the PAT to put them up by one. Saints were left with 37 seconds, and Drew Brees did just enough to set up a 58 yard field goal for Will Lutz that was good to win the game and round off the first week of the season.

Tough stretch for soccer

by **Parker Schlenker**
senior writer

After traveling to Hartford to play the West Central Trojans the Lady Blue Dragons were unable to get into a rhythm and play their best soccer. Despite scoring one goal early, they couldn't find the net the rest of the game. The Trojans scored five big goals. The Blue Dragons soccer team are now sitting fourth in Class A with a 3-3-2 record. There are four games left to play in regular season this year.

We wish the Garretson Soccer club much luck as they head to Vermillion Tuesday to play the Vermillion Tanagers in what should be a very good game. The Tanagers are currently sitting fifth in the playoff standings.

Garretson football trucking through competition



Rave Uhlich (#33) uses the block given by teammate Cole Skadsen (#17) to swing around the outside for a pick up of a few yards and a first down last Friday night against Beresford.

by **Mason Hofer**
senior writer

Blue Dragon Football are on a roll right now after winning their last two games. Last Friday, the team faced off against a (1-2) Beresford. With a Final Score of 21-13, the Blue Dragons advanced to a record of (2-1). "We are feeling pretty good right now, but there is always room for improvements" stated Senior football Player Lucas Fitzgerald.

Last weeks game was not one to miss. Beresford marched down the field to score first on a 25 yard passing touchdown 0-7. Garretson was not going to lay down. The Blue Dragons marched down the field and Dominic Abraham punched it across the goal line with under a minute remaining in the second quarter. The score at halftime was 7-7.

In the 3rd quarter the Dragons stomped their way down the field once again, scoring a 3 yard touchdown

run by Abraham. Almost right away though Beresford did not stop moving the chains. Touchdown Beresford with just over a two minute drive, but they missed the PAT. 13-14 going into the fourth quarter.

Most of the fourth quarter was pretty uneventful, still a close game. But then Dylan Kindt hands the ball of to Dustin Haas to hauls down the field for a 21 yard touchdown. 13-21. The Garretson defense then held their own and kept Beresford out of the end zone. Final Score 13-21.

After their battle with Beresford, they will face off against McCook Central/Montrose (3-0) tonight at home. "This will be an important game for use since McCook is seeded so high" added Fitzgerald. McCook Central/Montrose are tied for third in the 11B standings.

"Honestly we are all really amped up out the season, I've really got confidence in all these guys," stated Fitzgerald.



After picking up a first down, Hayden Olofson (#11) finally gets taken down by a Beresford defensive player. But it was a little too late as the Blue Dragons momentum was too much for the Watchdogs to overcome.

Travesties & tragedies

by Grace Panning
staff writer

Many are still concerned about this almost deadly overturn. A cargo ship caught fire and overturned by the St. Simons Sound off the coast of Brunswick, Georgia, around 2 a.m. Sunday. The cargo ship aka *The Golden Ray* was owned by cargo logistics company Hyundai Glovis and was carrying 4,000 vehicles.

The 656-foot ship was leaving the Port of Brunswick in St. Simons Sound, when it listed to one side and tipped over. Immediately after the distress call, the Coast Guard was able to rescue 20 of the 24 people on board. However a fire broke out on board, combined the instability of the *Golden Ray's* cargo, made conditions too risky for additional rescue missions until Monday.

To keep the four trapped crew members alive the rescue team cut holes outside the boat and gave them food and fresh water. On Monday afternoon, the Coast Guard rescued three more men, but the final crew member was stuck behind glass in an engineering control room. Rescue crews were able to extract the final crew member safely later Monday. It is an ongoing investigation on how the boat tipped over and caught fire.

One white lie made an entire family die. In Elkmont, Alabama a 14-year-old boy shot and killed his entire family. His family consisted of his dad, his step-mother, his 6-year-old half-brother, his 5-year-old half-sister, and his 6-month-old half-brother. The incident occurred just after he learned that his mother wasn't his actual biological parent. About a year before this, he was supposedly acting out, and was burning animals alive and vandalizing his school. This was all said by the teen's first cousin, Daisy McCarty.

"I think he's been having problems. I don't know why nobody saw it," McCarty said. "That's what bothers me because they'd seen it, but they didn't do anything about it."

The teen is facing five counts of juvenile murder, and could face adult charges of multiple counts of murder and/or capital murder. The boy called 911 Monday evening, and told cops that he'd been in the basement when he heard gunshots upstairs. He said he ran out the front door after the gunshots stopped. Authorities say his story just had too many inconsistencies to be true.

When confronted about this, he finally confessed. Three of the victims were confirmed dead at the home in Elkmont, Alabama, and two were airlifted in critical condition and later died. The gun was in the home illegally and how it got there is still being investigated. The teen is currently being held at a juvenile detention facility.

XC powers through home meet

by Parker Schlenker
senior writer

The Blue Dragons hosted their annual Jesse James invitational Cross Country meet Tuesday. The girls varsity squad placed seventh out of eight teams who attended the meet.



The girls varsity runners Kylie Christensen, Tayler Benson, MaKayla Heesch, and Jordyn Williams take off at River Ridge Golf Course for their home meet, the Jesse James Invitational.

The top runners for the girls varsity team were Kylie Christensen placing 20th (22:30), MaKayla Heesch at the 30th spot (22:58), and Jordyn Williams placed 32nd



Josef Zahn powers through the final meters, passing multiple competitors on his way to the finish line.

Photo by Tessa Pederson

(23:11). But on the other half of the competition the boys ran with an unfilled team of only three boys. Preston Bohl placed fifth after running 1 second slower than his last year's time (18:00), Devon Leedy placed 36th (20:00), and finally Evan DeBates placed 55th (21:11). The Blue Dragon harriers travel to Chamberlain next Thursday.

Blue Ink: First Take

by Kylie Uhl
senior writer

Three movies, three takes, three genres

Horror

This nail-biting movie series *It* just came out with their chapter two movie. This movie first came out in 1990 and was 3 hours long. The remake



came out in 2017 and *It Chapter 2* came out September 6, 2019, which also is around that three hour long mark. All three movies were inspired by Steven King's *It* books.

Senior Ashlyn Andersen, who has read both books and has now seen both movies, said, "I definitely liked the book better because the ending was different in the second movie and I also just love books. I think they altered the ending to a movie because a lot of the people who read the book didn't like the ending. However, if I have the chance to see it I again I would."

Defeated by members of the Losers' Club, the evil clown Pennywise returns 27 years later to terrorize the town of Derry, Maine, once again. Now adults, the childhood friends have long since gone their separate ways. But when people start disappearing, Mike Hanlon calls the others home for one final stand. Damaged by scars from the past, the united Losers must conquer their deepest fears to destroy the shape-shifting Pennywise - now more powerful than ever.

Star Wars 9

Releasing December 9, *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* will be the ninth movie in the original Star Wars series. The first *Star Wars*, *A New Hope*,

came out May 25, 1983 the first one in its trilogy. Then came the first of the second trilogy: *The Phantom Menace* in May of 1999. Next is the third and as a *Star Wars* enthusiast hopefully the last trilogy, with the first one: *The Force Awakens*, on December 18, 2015.

"I think that for this new trilogy you have two groups: the ones who absolutely love it and the ones who hate it. I definitely feel like since this is the last in the trilogy that it'll be the make or break point for both sides. I'm on the side where I totally love the originals and think the new ones could be a lot better," said senior *Star Wars* enthusiast Angel Larson.

YouTube news

From crazy horror movies to sci-fi and now to YouTube. Melanie Martinez, a 24 year old singer/songwriter and now actor has just released an anti-bullying movie go along with her album *k-12*.

"My biggest intention with creating the film was to displace school as a contention of life. I think are very parallel. I think my main goal was to create music and art that can help people heal in some way shape or form." said Martinez in an interview with *People* magazine.

The movie was released on the YouTube platform, just a week ago along with the 13 song album. Even though it's been out for a short period of time the movie has already received over 19 million views, 1.6 million of those giving the film a "thumbs-up".

Garretson Guessing Game

created by Kylie Uhl

See how good you are at identifying these Garretson staples.

Where is this?



Who is this?

What is this?



Not just delicious food but a kind

heart too *Chef Omar leaves positive, indelible impact on all he meets, serves*

by Oliviyah Thornton
staff writer

On Tuesday, August 20, someone from our very own town of Garretson was spotlighted by Keloland for his delicious food and willingness to help out his community. Chef Omar Thornton, the owner of O' So Good, has been giving out a helping hand to locals, whether it be by giving out free meals to suffering families or by doing dump runs, which involves picking up large amounts of trash and taking it to the landfill for people.

Q: Why did Keloland decide to interview you?

A: Turns out there is a big following of what I do, they have been calling into the news and reporting my actions.

Q: Why did you decide to begin doing this?

A: I decided to start doing this to get connected with God because helping others is what's in my heart.

Q: How long have you been helping out the community by delivering food?

A: In some ways, all my life. It's always been a part of me; from coaching to outreach programs, stopping on the street to help others, giving free rides to people in need, to hooking up my trailer and doing free dump runs for folks.

Q: What are some regular places you visit to give food?

A: We deliver directly to people's homes and/or where they need me to go. There have been some homes that were scary to approach, but yet the need is still there.



Chef Omar doesn't just wish to help people but also to give them a fun place to hang out and fill their stomachs with food that reminds them of home.

When he first moved to Garretson it was a rocky start, but with his family's help and opening his own restaurant (which has been around since July 8, 2017) he has turned his life around.

For two years he has offered food ranging from Comfort food to giving his food a Southern Flare. He wishes for his food to not only taste good but to also remind people of home.

Q: What do you wish to get out of opening a restaurant?

A: To be able to support my family and home and maybe pass the business to a younger family member later in life.

Q: How does it feel to own your own restaurant?

A: It's a blessing that makes me feel happy, but owning a restaurant can also be a lot of stress.

Q: Was this always your dream to own your own restaurant?

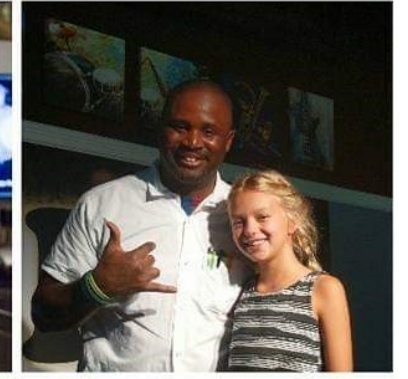
A: No, I never really had a dream of what I wanted to do, it was more what could I learn to do...only since the year 2005 with the help of my wife did I decided to become a chef for a living.

Q: What kind of reviews have you been getting?

A: We had two articles in the paper as a very good restaurant, over five online blogs stating how good the food was, and how put together the layout was, we've been in two nationwide online news related stories and on Facebook and Google we have a near 5-star rating (out of 5 being the best). But all that can't beat the word of mouth that we get from new folks every week.

Ms. Michelle Pliska can also support this claim; she said, "I love the restaurant. It's got a really cool vibe and I love the events, between the live music and comedy shows, its a nice meeting spot too. I've held some meetings there. On top of all that, there's also good food, and especially food that people don't normally get at a lot of other restaurants in this area. Chef Omar just puts a different spin on things. I appreciate the usage of fresh foods and local ingredients and how he incorporates them into his foods with a unique flair."

Chef Omar isn't just the owner of O' So Good but a man who wishes to help out everyone he can. He doesn't just deserve to be talked about for just his food but his kind heart and his willingness to help others.



Photos courtesy of Chef Omar's O' So Good facebook page



