



Oral Interp has started and while the season is young, it has already seen success. Oliviyah Thornton placed 5th at the BEC meet on Monday in storytelling.



Spooky Trail

Haunted hike hosted in Garretson leading up to the Halloween holiday

by **Hayden Olofson**
staff writer



While some people enjoy Halloween for the candy and corn mazes, others

take advantage of the scare factors around. This includes a popular hike put on by the Jesse James Players in Garretson's own backyard. Julie Gnadts provided some insight as to what people could expect at the Hike of Horrors this month.

Q: How long have the Spooky Trails been going on?

A: This will be the fifth year the Gnadts have done it.

Q: Who has participated in the Spooky Trails?

A: Jesse James Players have helped and anyone that would like to volunteer would take part.

Q: Is the Spooky trails a Fundraiser?

A: Yes, the Jesse James Players give

out scholarships to students pursuing fine arts degrees in college.

Q: Over the years where has it been located?

A: For the first couple years the Spooky Trails were in Markell and Julie Gnadts's backyard, the next year they gave it a try at Split Rock Park, Lacey Sanitation in Corson for the fourth year, and for this year's location it is back to Markell and Julie Gnadts's backyard.

Q: Will the weather affect?

A: Looking at the news, there is a chance of getting heavy rain and snow soon, Gnadts's have said if there is snow on the ground, it's still on but if a bad storm hits they said that they would cancel the Spooky Trails.

Q: If you aren't allowed to touch anyone, how do you make it scary?

A: There will be lots of fake blood and guts everywhere, scary mask, tight spaces, jump scares, clowns, darkness. That's all I was told because Isaiah Gnadts didn't want give too much information away to the public.

Q: How do you draw attention to the Spooky Trails when there are big competitors in Sioux Falls?

A: Ours is more spread out and has bigger variety of attractions including a bridge, cornfield, tents, ponds, and other outdoor buildings, plus it costs less than most of the big haunted houses in Sioux Falls.

Q: How long does it take to go through the whole trail?

A: Approximately 20 minutes or more.

Q: What date/time are the Spooky Trails?

A: The Spooky Trails has multiple dates such as, October 18th-19th, 25th-26th, and the last date is on Halloween night. The time of the event for each day is all the same, it goes from 7:30-11:00pm.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Jack-o-lanterns were originally carved from turnips.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Keep a laundry basket in the back of your car to help carry groceries or shopping bags more easily.

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Pumpkin = bundeva (boon-day-va)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do monsters tell their future?

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

MASK

BATS

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 18

- All State Prep @ SDSU (9:00)
- JH VB v. Canton (4:00/5:00)
- C/JV VB v. Canton (5:00/6:15)
- VB v. Canton (7:15)

Monday, October 21

- BEC Honor Choir @ Beresford

Tuesday, October 22

- C/JV VB v. West Central (5:00/6:15)
- VB v. West Central (7:15)

Wednesday, October 23

- Early Out (1:30) - Teacher In-Service

Thursday, October 24

- FB @ 1st Rd Playoffs (TBD)

Saturday, October 26

- XC @ State Meet in Huron (TBD)

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 20 Days

Congratulations to the cross country teams on successful seasons. The girls team took second in the region meet yesterday and qualified for state competition. Also qualifying for the state meet in Huron was Preston Bohl with a seventh place finish.

Scoreboard reads redemption for Blue Dragon volleyball

After losing momentum due to technical errors and dropping a game to MCM, Garretson comes back to power through against Tea

by **Kylie Uhl**
senior writer

After a successful sweep of their competitors last week, the Garretson netters faced McCook Central-Montrose on Tuesday at the Dragon's Lair. While struggling to put up a fight throughout the whole game, the Blue Dragons took the L. Many fans were expecting a more intense match; however, the game wasn't as nail biting as anticipated. "For our game on Thursday, I know that we need to just play as a team and know our positions and give it our all," said junior Peyton Hove.

The Blue Dragons (12-8) were looking forward to the match up against MCM (18-3). The #4 ranked Cougars won the first set 17-25 then the Dragons took the W in the second set, 18-25. Garretson continued playing strong to keep the momentum in the third set but losing 22-25. During this set the scoreboard went out as Garretson held the slight lead

over the Cougars late in the game. Some spectators believe that the distraction threw the girls off momentum-wise, losing the fourth set 15-25.

Yesterday the Blue Dragons played Tea at Thunder Alley. The matchup was a fair match up as both teams are sitting near the .500 mark. Many players were anticipating this game and hoping to redeem themselves from the Tuesday game.

The Blue Dragons came out strong with a 25-14 first set win struggled to find the gaps in the Titans' coverage in the second set, evening the game at one a piece. After a back and forth third set, Garretson was able to put the nail in the coffin on the heels of a big block by Lizzie Olson and well placed kills by Kennedy Buckneberg, taking the third set 28-26. Garretson struggled to keep that momentum in the fourth set. With the Blue Dragons winning 2 sets and the Titans winning the other 2, the battle was on. Bringing the fight into the decisive fifth

set, the positivity was at an all time high for the young ladies. "As a senior I believe, I bring a lot of positive motivation to everyone and always try to keep a smile on everyone of my teammates," said senior Aftyn Heitkamp.

With a very enthusiastic crowd, Dustin Haas shouting "Let's go!" during the game point serve for Garretson. The ball is tossed up by senior Kenzie Northrup and served into Tea territory. The Blue Dragons prepared for the ball to be hit to their side but are happily let down as the ball never made it over the net due to mistakes on the Tea side, giving the Blue Dragons the win the 15-7 win. Garretson defeated Tea 3-2.

The Blue Dragons improved their record to 13-9 with three games left in their regular season including their final home game on Tuesday against West Central which will be senior night. Garretson caps off their season with games at Sioux Valley and at Colman-Egan the following week.

Under the stars

by **Oliviyah Thornton**
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Fall formal isn't just a fun time to be able to get together with your friends and dance all night until you drop, but a way for all high school students to be able to go to a dance. Prom is only for seniors and juniors and maybe younger classmen if they are invited.

This year fall formal will be called Under the Stars and will start at 8:00 p.m. and go until 11:00 p.m. The date for the dance got moved up to Saturday, November 16 a little sooner than expected but a dance is a still a dance. It will be held the same place as last year, the American Legion.

Now if being able to dance the night away with your friends doesn't persuade you to want to come then maybe food will, cause we know how teenagers love food. Student council will be providing some type of meat, cheese, fruit, and some candy. Now every great snack needs a drink. There will be water and pop provided in that department. Also the person who will be delivering the songs so you are able to dance the night away will be DJ3JackCity.

Every dance has its rules and expectations though and this one is no exception. Ms. Gloe, leader of the student council, expanded more on the rules.



"We want the students to be on their best behavior. Rules will be the same as last year. There will be a time that all students need to be at the

dance by otherwise they will not be allowed in. Once they leave they will not be allowed to come back in."

Students enjoyed last year's formal quite a lot and shared their opinions about it.

"I think they should bring back the simpleness of it and the set up/décor! Some décor but not a lot," commented Malia Johnson, a senior.

Caeden Bunde, a junior, also shared his thoughts. "What I like most from last year's fall formal were the decorations and layout. The dance floor wasn't too big unlike previous years nor was it too small that everyone was tripping over each other. The lighting gave enough for one to see."

Either way it seems Fall Formal has gotten better since the first time student council held it and it looks like it will continue to be fun, and the student council will still continue to try and find new ideas on how to keep the dance fun and enjoyable.

Fight for freedom, stand with Hong Kong

Comment from NBA representative causes political, financial backlash

by **Mason Hofer**
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Recently a fire between the NBA and the Chinese Government has been ignited. The NBA played many preseason games in Shanghai for the first time this year. But, when a now deleted tweet from Rockets GM, Daryl Morey was discovered, the Chinese Government no longer allowed the streaming of the games.

Daryl Morey tweeted an image that stated, "Fight For Freedom, Stand with Hong Kong." After protestors were removed from NBA games for making signs saying the same thing. The Chinese Government also called for the firing of Morey, but NBA commissioner Adam Silver gave it no thought, "There is no chance that's happening. There is no chance we will even discipline him," stated Silver.

For many years Hong Kong has been under control of the Republic of China's dictatorship. Hong Kong has never been a democratic country, but that hasn't stopped protestors from making their voice heard. Every year since 2003 there have been organized protests on the 1st of July, this year was different than past years though. 2019's protest was by far the most violent and had

the largest turnout in Hong Kong's history. One of the things protestors are pushing for is the China Extradition Bill; this does not allow Hong Kong to transfer fugitives to mainland China or Taiwan. After the protest this year the bill was suspended indefinitely.

These protests are none like we've ever seen here in the United States. Protestors have to bring goggles, surgical masks, and umbrellas to protect them from tear gas. They also bring other objects to protect them, like helmets, and in some cases weapons.

These protests are so inundated with people that there are about five people standing for every square meter for multiple blocks.

A question that has aroused is, will Hong Kong ever be free? The answer to that is yes, Hong Kong will be separate from China after the combination expires in 2047 as of now. But protestors will continue to fight for the removal of that bill from the constitution. Until that happens. Fight for Freedom, Stand with Hong Kong.



Simone Biles the superstar

by **Grace Panning & Nika Sapunar**
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Simone Biles is only 22 and has already achieved five Olympic medals. She is a world renowned Olympic gymnast. She is a Olympic individual all-around, vault and floor gold medalist. Biles recently made gymnastic history at the world championships when she achieved a 2.1 margin of victory in the floor exercise.

Ron and Nellie Biles adopted Simone and her younger sister after the siblings were in the foster care system. After her biological mother struggled with drug and alcohol abuse issues, Ron and Nellie (Simone's grandparents) adopted her to become her legal parents. 'Just one big family' said Ron Biles.

After her leg slipped on a beam at the 2016 Olympics in Rio, she took a break. '2016 kinda shot me down. I have this love-hate relationship with the beam. I've always told myself, 'If you hate beam, the beam will hate you.' She said. Her two coaches helped her get her confidence back after she took 14 months off from training.

Biles chases one more record to close world gymnastics championships. Last week at Stuttgart, Germany. Breaking the record for the most world medals earned by a gymnast, male or female, in winning the 25th of her career — a gold on the balance beam.

Turns out the biggest Simone fan is her boyfriend, Stacey Ervin Jr. "It truly is an amazing routine. I had no choice but to stand," said Stacey while she was at qualifiers-for Olympics, in Germany for Tokyo. He is genuinely happy for her. They have been dating since 2017; he is also a gymnast and is on the national men's team. "Congratulations, babe! The whole world is proud of you!" he added.

Simone Biles is not only an Olympic gymnast but also an American citizen which means she has made all these Olympic achievements for her country.

Eyes are set on the young star to shine during upcoming Olympics as she continues to dominate the gymnastics circuit.



Simone Biles has become the face of gymnastics for the United States, securing five all-around championships on the world stage. Biles will be looked to lead the United States gymnastics team during the 2020 Olympics in a few months.

Fortnite is back

by **Preston Bohl**
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Fortnite, a game that took the community by storm in 2017, has been one of the most played video games in the past two years. The Battle Royale game is an online multiplayer game that launches 100 players from a battle bus to brawl against each other in a virtual world. This game is unlike any other, allowing players to use multiple skills such as building, editing, and shooting.

Recently, Fortnite claimed their next season would come out the 13th of October, but the game developers did not come through, as it had to be delayed to the 15th. A record breaking 6 million people tuned in to streaming services on Sunday to watch the live event in preparation for the new season. When the in-game event happened, the whole island was sucked into a black hole.

Players were left staring at that black hole on their screen throughout the next two days with the thought of the game ending completely. Many were left shook and had many questions along with some players even crying over the game.

Fortnite stayed quiet during the two days of the event, as well as shutting down their social media platforms. The game seemed to have vanished after players were unable to log in to any playlist. There was no way to play or access player accounts.

This event caused a social media outbreak and caused

After vanishing into a black hole, Fortnite servers are up and going again



This so called "black hole" pictured above is what screen Fortnite players were brought to when trying to load the game, giving many the reason to believe

players to worry all around the world.

Finally, after a gruesome two days, the next season was released. Fortnite Chapter 2: A New Beginning came out on Tuesday and brought many players back to the game.

With a new era of Fortnite, a completely new map was introduced also. The old map was thrown into the books and new concepts were brought into the game such as swimming, fishing, driving boats, and a new way of how the battle pass and levels are set up.

Fortnite developers have proved that Fortnite: Chapter 2 is going to be one of the best gaming experiences ever witnessed.

Last road game before playoffs

by **Noel Johnson**
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Blue Dragon Football heads into their last game tonight before playoffs next week. Garretson will head on the road to Volga today to take on the Cossacks for the close of the regular season. The Cossacks have 4-3 record as of now ranking them ninth. The Blue Dragons are four spots behind the Cossacks in rankings, if the Blue Dragons could pull out a win it would upset the standings heading for the playoffs, improving Garretson possible matchup.

The Blue Dragons first round of playoffs are predicted to face Moberg-Pollock or St. Thomas Moore, but a win against Sioux Valley could change the whole seeding for 11B.

With the previous game against Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan, Garretson did not execute in the three sides of football: offense, defense, and special teams. The Seahawks put up 44 points while shutting out the Blue Dragons. It just was not the night for Garretson, but they also faced a hard #2 ranked team.

"Some things we want to improve on is our defense, plugging the holes and on offense with a lot of new plays, so it's important that we know the plays well. Also we can't let the opinions get in our heads with trash talking, we got to nod our heads and move on to the next play," said senior Austin Top.

Overall Blue Dragon Football just needs to play the way the team knows how and a win will be in their favor.

New entertainment hitting your screens

by **Nobel Nothstine**
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This year may be coming to an end, but many television and movie companies are set on snagging watchers attention and ending this year with a bang. Because of all of the entertainment action lately, the Blue Ink decided an update was overdue. Here's a short list on some of the hottest shows and movies that recently came out, or are soon to do so.



The Masked Singer – Season 2

Nick Cannon hosts the new season of this previously popular TV show, which premiered on September 25th. Along with this new season comes new judges - Ken Jeong, Jenny McCarthy, Nicole Scherzinger, and Robin Thicke. This years undercover singers have achieved 140 films, 69 Emmy Award nominations, 42 Grammy Award nominations, 31 Billboard #1 singles, 22 Broadway shows, 20 platinum records, 19 Emmys wins, seven Super Bowl appearances, six multi-platinum records, five Hall of Fame honors, and three New York Times Best Sellers. View on FOX.

The Joker — Movie

Based on the "Batman" comics, in this film, failed comedian Arthur Fleck seeks emotional reprieve as he walks down the streets of Gotham City. Disregarded and mistreated by society, Fleck begins to go mad and transforms into the criminal mastermind known as the Joker. This movie premiered October 4th, and has been a meme and viral upturn ever since. View in theaters.

The Walking Dead – Season 10

The Walking Dead is onto its tenth season, which publicly premiered on October 6th. This American post-

Colder weather serves as impetus to create binge-worthy shows and must-see movies

apocalyptic horror is based on the comic books by Robert Kirkman, Tony Moore, and Charlie Adlard. With many cast members being lost, and more being gained, the expected quality of this season is still up for debate. View on AMC.

Insatiable – Season 2

Netflix's got major backlash for this show, as it's about a girl who lost a lot of weight and searched for revenge on her classmates for their cruel bullying. Despite the controversy, this show is back for a second season, which premiered on October 11th. View on Netflix.

Looking for Alaska – Season 1

What began as a popular YA novel by John Greene, is now a hit series adaptation. Premiering on October 18th, the storyline follows a new student (Charlie Plummer) who arrives at a boarding school, and his infatuation and love-struck relationship with an outcast girl named Alaska (Kristine Froseth). This isn't the first John Greene novel to be given on-screen attention, with his popular films being "The Fault in Our Stars", "Paper Towns", and "Let it Snow". View on Hulu.

High School Musical: The Musical: The Series

As can be inferred from the title, the popular Disney Channel original movie is being turned into a musical series. This one stings, as many teenagers grew up with these movies and none of the original cast will be in the series. However, sights are still get high, and it airs November 12th. View on Disney+.

Lots in happening in the entertainment industry as the year slowly grinds to a halt. With as much content being stuffed into the next three months as possible, there will definitely be no lack of amusement. It's difficult with the media being strewn across so many different platforms, but the content is there nonetheless.

Former Garretson resident apprehended after month long hunt

by **Parker Schlenker**
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Former Garretson man, Tobias Kippes, fled after a hit and run traffic stop Monday morning in downtown Sioux Falls. Police stated that after searching the first car he was in, they found his pregnant 27-year-old girlfriend Brooke Crumpler, marijuana, meth, paraphernalia, and several firearms which his former criminal history prohibit him from possessing.

After being taken to the hospital later that day, Crumpler stated that she had recently been using meth and she will be charged with possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and abuse or cruelty to a minor.

Kippes was arrested with multiple charges including assault, possession, and intent to distribute.

King of kart games goes mobile



by Nobel Nothstine
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"Mario Kart" is the king of kart games; no debate. Within the past few weeks, in a move used to boost its relatively-new mobile strategy, Nintendo decided to bring this classic racer to phones around the globe. "Mario Kart Tour" may not quite be the experience that hardcore fans were hoping for, but for the casual gamer, this game is a smashing hit!

For starters, this game looks incredible. There's no competition that matches its graphics on the mobile market right now. The numerous amount of tracks brought to the game is incredible, including tons of classics and oldies – including SNES Mario Circuit 1, GBA Bowser Castle 1, and SNES Rainbow Road. The character selection is substantial as well; there's over 35 characters to choose from (with more to come down the road). After many mobile publishers luring people with cash advancements, the biggest perk in this game is that there's no restriction on how long you can play at a time before it forces you to either pay to continue, or stop for the day. Plus, there are some cool adjustments to the "Mario Kart" gameplay that add some freshness for players as well.

Each character, kart, and glider you unlock have different characteristics on different tracks. All of the items are scored separately on each track – some allow you to pick up three items at a time, give you a points multiplier, or raise the percentage chance of a certain advantage in gameplay. The three main unlockable categories are progressed by spending in-game currency, rubies, that are earned as a daily log-in bonus, for completing races, or for reaching a certain tier in weekly rankings.

However, every game comes with its flaws, and this one is no exception. "Steering Assist" is like having an invisible ghost pull at your controller to try and make you mess up. "Manual Drift Mode" is also a flop. In manual drift mode, the game sets you on a straight path, and every time you tap the screen you drift. So you're either drifting, or have no directional control at all. A plus to these adaptable modes is "Gyro Steering", where you use your phone as the controller, and turn it like a wheel, instead of using your finger. This works well for some people, but each person is different and will find what works best for them.

Overall, this game is well developed, but still has some kinks to work out (which is to be expected). For the casual "Mario Kart" fan, this game is everything you've ever wanted. For the hardcore players, maybe stick to the other forms of karting until your mobile standards are dropped a level or two. This game does have something for everyone, but it's obvious it wasn't developed with dedicated karters in mind. In honor of saving the best fact for last, the game is 100% free for download on Google Play and the Apple App Store, so you don't have to take my word for it, find out for yourself with the newly released Toyko Cup.

Hoco recap

by Parker Schlenker
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One of the most anticipated times of the year has already come and gone

Homecoming 2019 week was a success for some a fail for others but overall the week was a fun week with all the exciting events. To start of the week Monday we had Ruff n Tuff, Powder Puff, and most importantly Coronation with the assigning of homecoming king and queen. Throughout the week there was a couple athletic events and finally the big football game Friday after the Blue Dragon Olympics and parade.

For the Ruff n Tuff volleyball tournament the sophomores started off strong along with the seniors who both eventually ended up battling it out for the first place spot with the sophomores coming out on top, seniors in second, freshman in third, and the junior boys coming in 4th. Although the junior boys struggled the junior girls had a very successful night at powder-puff coming out with the 1st place spot, seniors again in second, sophomores in third, and finally the freshman girls in last.

The appointing of the king and queen could have gone a little better with many of the boys and girls on the stage talked about how they already knew who was winning and how it took away from the suspense. As we all know we did the passing down of the crown and tiara different with the balloons under the boxes which all of the seniors said you could see the end of the string coming out of the bottom of the box before they were even lifted up. After the debate going around in the rest of the high school on if Hayden Olofson or Lucas Fitzgerald would win we found out that Hayden Olofson was crowned king by Dakota Johnson and Jayden Clark was pronounced queen by Kelsey Keegan.

Finally Friday the 2019 Dragon Olympics seemed like it was going to be a blow out with the seniors on top but throughout the day the junior class was able to battle their way back and make it close with the seniors but the seniors dominated the dress up days all week along with the sophomores who did good during the dress up days and their MVP of the dress up week being Cadyn Okenga who had a couple good outfits one being the amazing Post Malone outfit on the Country vs. Rap day.

Moving on to the parade which many were upset about. All of the classes had good floats, well did have good floats. As most of us know the senior class was going to use the only convertible Buick Century in the parade which was spray painted to represent the senior class and had all of the seniors names spray painted onto it. The car had lots of hard worked hours put into the making of it and all of it went to nothing when the seniors were informed of the devastating information that the car couldn't be used in the parade. Overall Garretson Homecoming 2019 was a blast even though it included a couple twists and turns throughout the week.



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STUDENTS 4 CHRIST




OCT
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5.30-7.30PM

DETAILS:

- *Who: Anyone in grades 6-12
- *What: Come connect with friends, have fun, and grow in your faith!
- *Where: GHS Old Gym and Commons
- *Walking tacos at 5:30, games to follow

