



All-State choir participants and alternates participated at the BEC honor choir earlier this week.

# Blue Ink



## Garretson showed positive results in first round of playoffs

The Dragons handed the Chargers their first loss of the season, ending their perfect record

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The Garretson Blue Dragons (6-2) played the Canistota Freeman Pride last Friday in Canistota, finishing their regular season with a win of 48-8 and solidifying the Blue Dragons' post-season hopes. On Thursday night, the Garretson football team headed to Hayti to play the Hamlin Chargers (8-0), the #2 ranked team in 9AA for the first round of playoffs.

While being the #2 ranked team in the state according to the South Dakota Prep Media Football poll, the Chargers shutout five of their eight regular season opponents. Furthermore, Hamlin held their three opponents, who managed to score, to just 21 total points.

Garretson, on the other hand, hasn't been ranked in the poll since the pre-season ranking. However, the Blue Dragons scored over 21 points in seven of their eight regular season games and averaged over 42 points scored per game over the entire regular season.

As a new tradition, Garretson athletic director Kevin Steckler, organized a fan bus to travel to the game. With every seat filled and several other people carpooling separately, the Garretson football team was set to have a large crowd supporting them during this important game that was almost two hours away.

"It was so exciting, the whole crowd was really into the game. Adults were cheering and really getting into the groove. I can say it

was definitely worth the trip to go watch our team get the win," senior fan Hunter Carver said.

The Blue Dragons shocked the Chargers, winning 34-6. Diontae Lymon scored the first touchdown, Keisean Deehr-Thornton scored the next two, Brennan Mudder scored the fourth, and Deehr-Thornton ran in the last one. Freshman Rave Uhlich connected on some PATs to round out the scoring.

During the entirety of the game, the crowd was electric, and so were the football players, making it an energetic game to watch.

Senior cheerleader Jaden Braaten said, "It was a lot to take in. There was a lot of anticipation. We were trying to keep the crowd going and most of the cheerleaders lost their voices due to constant screaming."

"Being a senior, I am so excited that we made it past the first round. We can't wait for the next playoff game to cheer at!" Braaten added.

The Garretson football team is scheduled to play their second round of playoffs this upcoming Thursday, October 26 against the Irene-Wakonda Eagles, where a win will send them off to the semifinals.

### Region 1

7:00 PM CT @ Frederick	
#1 North Border	14
#4 Wolsey-Wessington*	52

7:00 PM CT @ Miller	
#2 Miller/Highmore-Harold	44
#3 Webster Area	20

### Region 2

7:00 PM CT @ Hayti	
#1 Hamlin	6
#4 Garretson*	34

7:00 PM CT @ Arlington	
#2 Arlington/Lake Preston	18
#3 Baltic	0

### Region 3

7:00 PM CT @ Tyndall	
#1 Bon Homme	50
#4 Deuel*	0

7:00 PM CT @ Irene	
#2 Irene-Wakonda	35
#3 Parkston	12

### Region 4

6:00 PM CT @ Gregory	
#1 Gregory	60
#4 Elkton-Lake Benton*	22

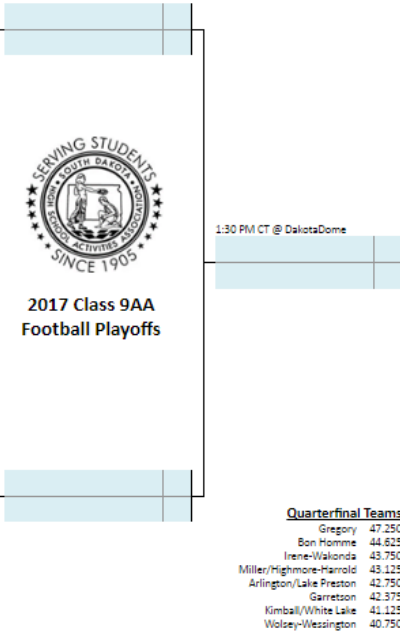
6:00 PM CT @ White Lake	
#2 Kimball/White Lake	54
#3 RC Christian	0

#1 Gregory	
#3 Wolsey-Wessington	

#4 Miller/Highmore-Harold	
#5 Arlington/Lake Preston	

#2 Bon Homme	
#7 Kimball/White Lake	

#3 Irene-Wakonda	
#6 Garretson	



## Which type of Halloween candy are you?

A fun, non-scientific personality quiz created by the journalism class

- What is your favorite fall accessory?  
A. A Nike Outfit  
B. No Preference  
C. Cardigans  
D. Uggs  
E. Scarves/Ties



- What was your favorite costume as a kid?  
A. Anything that is part of a group  
B. Nothing, didn't dress up  
C. Animal  
D. Superhero/Princess  
E. Made your own



- When you decorate a pumpkin, how does it look?  
A. Painted  
B. Didn't do one  
C. Like a movie character  
D. Typical triangle pumpkin  
E. A Masterpiece



- During Halloween you can be found doing what?  
A. Going to a party  
B. Staying home, watching TV  
C. Passing out candy  
D. Posting on Social Media  
E. Throwing a party

- What is your favorite fall treat?  
A. Pumpkin Pie  
B. Pumpkin Seeds  
C. Apple Crisp  
D. Pumpkin Spice Anything  
E. Variety Candy Bag
- What is your go-to fall movie?  
A. Hocus Pocus  
B. Nightmare before Christmas  
C. It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown  
D. Casper  
E. Hotel Transylvania



JOKE: Spelling

BRAINTEASER: MASK, MASS, MATS, BATS

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Spiders recycle webs by eating them.

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Put your phone in a glass bowl to serve as an amplifier when you don't have any speakers.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What is the most important subject a witch practices in school?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** Change just one letter to go from mask to bats.

MASK

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BATS

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, October 20**

- VB @ Howard (5:00/6:15/7:00)

**Saturday, October 21**

- State Cross Country @ Rapid City

**Monday, October 23**

- Picture Retakes

- VB @ Sioux Valley (5:00/6:15/7:00)

**Tuesday, October 24**

- JH VB @ Colman-Egan (4:00/5:00)

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- National FFA Convention

**Wednesday, October 25**

- National FFA Convention

- End of 1st Quarter

**Thursday, October 26**

- National FFA Convention

- Football Playoffs @ Irene-Wakonda

**Friday, October 27**

- All-State Choir @ Sioux Falls

## Worth Mentioning

**The end of the first quarter** is on Wednesday. Students: Make sure your grade is where you want it to be before that day. Teachers: Make sure you have all your grades in order before the 25th.

**Cross Country runners** Carmen Bohl, Rachel Kindt, and Preston Bohl head to Rapid City today for the State Cross Country meet tomorrow. Weather is predicted to be cool and breezy. Good luck Blue Dragon harriers!





## Terror attacks kills hundreds in Mogadishu

From Somalia to North Korea concerns arise about government intentions and practices

by **Isaiah Miles Mader**  
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In Mogadishu, Somalia on October 14th, two car bombs were detonated in the heart of the nation’s capital. The bombing killed at least 400 civilians with hundreds more injured in the terrorist attack.

The killings are now the deadliest attack in Somalia’s history and has sparked protests from the nation’s

citizens. Thousands of people took to the streets to demonstrate against the terrorists and against the action they committed.

The Somalian people were trying to go to the site of the bombings to pay tribute to those killed in the accident. The police however, were hesitant to allow them to enter the scene and used guns to hold the people back, injuring at least two. With the streets being flooded with thousands of peo-

ple who moved together to overpower the police squad, law enforcement eventually gave in allowed people to visit the site.

Senior Ryan Fick said, “Its great to see the spirit of the Somali people to come out and protest such horrible actions, hopefully the people can bring change and prevent things like this from happened in the future.”

The attack has come during an awful time for Somalia as they are in the

midst of massive drought. Over 3.1 million people are struggling for food and last week’s incident worsened the already difficult situation.

Somalia has been hit with two very tough circumstances, with the deadliest bombing in the countries history and a widespread drought. But the people have shown strong perseverance and willingness to stand up for their beliefs which should translate into positive things.

## Hollywood stars speak out

Victims of sexual harassment no longer stay silent

by **Mason Hofer**  
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If you somehow managed to avoid hearing about the accusations of sexual harassment on Hollywood film producer Harvey Weinstein, you’re lucky.

Award winning producer, Weinstein, has been accused of sexually harassing women over decades.

Victims vary from Hollywood stars and starlets to his office staffers. But thanks to one brave soul who first shared her story, others have found

the confidence to speak up as well.

Weinstein is best known for his associations with movies such as *Pulp Fiction*, *Shakespeare in Love* (with which he won an Oscar), *Gangs of New York*, *The English Patient*, *Kill Bill* Trilogy, as well as his work with popular TV series *Project Runway*.

According to the USA Today, Weinstein has been fired from the production company he co-founded. He also has been kicked out of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

In light of these accusations, not

only isn’t it giving a voice to women, letting them know that the instances are not their fault nor should they just accept this behavior but it is a call for men to voice their concerns and change “the way things have always been.”

Hollywood director Quentin Tarantino, who has collaborated with Weinstein on multiple works has come out to say, “I knew enough to do more than I did.”

According to the USA Today, Tarantino says that he didn’t do enough

to address the issue sooner, he owns that as his mistake but asks others to not be silent.

“I’m calling on the other guys who knew more to not be scared...acknowledge there was something rotten...vow to do better by our sisters,” Quentin said.

This is still an ongoing investigation as new information is released almost hourly, but the good news is that there finally seems to be a united front on changing this toxic culture.

## Halloween on the mind of kids of all ages

From candy to costumes, Halloween has turned into a multi-billion dollar industry

by **Heather Huether**  
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The total amount of money estimated to be spent this year on Halloween is \$9.1 billion. That’s a big jump since last year, which was \$8.4 billion. The average consumer will spend about \$728.40 on Halloween this year. All that money goes to candy, costumes, decorations, etc.

Out of that \$9.1 billion spent this year, \$3.4 billion are on costumes, \$2.7 billion on candy, and \$2.7 billion on decorations including, jack-o-lanterns, skeletons, and lights. And \$390 million on greeting cards. Online sales also went up by 12% from last year, making it a total of \$129 billion.

This year, more than 69% of Americans plan on celebrating Halloween. 80% of those people complete their Halloween shopping by mid October.

The average American spends about \$16.45 on candy each year. Out of every state in the US, Oregon spends the most amount of money on candy. In Oregon the average person spends about \$40.29. Iowa spend the least amount of money on candy, only about \$11.22 per person.

The cheapest day to buy candy in the US is October 27th. On this day, candy only costs about \$1.94 per unit as many stores are trying to drastically reduce their supply. The most expensive day to buy candy is October 30th. Then it cost about \$2.75 per unit of candy. In just three days there is almost a whole dollar difference.

Santa Ana, California is the #1 city for trick-or-treating. New York is second, and Jersey City is the third. Phoenix, Arizona is the best place to be if you want cheap tickets for parties and haunted houses. And Honolulu Hawaii

has the most candy and chocolate shops per capita.

About 48% of adults plan to dress up this year. The most popular choices include witches, superhero characters, animals, pirates, vampires, zombies, Star Wars characters, and slasher movie villains.

More than 3.7 million kids plan to dress up as superheroes or as an action hero this year. 2.9 million plan to be princesses, and 2.2 million as some sort of animal. Other popular costume choices for kids mirror that of adults: Star Wars character, witch, pirate, and Disney character.

Many people get their costume ideas from social media. 17% of people get their costume idea from Pinterest, 17% from Facebook, 19% got their costume idea from either family and friends, 16% through popular culture, and 14% from print media including

newspapers, books, magazines, etc.

For the older Halloween fans where trick-or-treating doesn’t do enough, Jaycee’s Haunted house is going on at the Fairgrounds or “The Fear Asylum” is just a short drive to Brookings. But if houses aren’t your thing, there are also many corn mazes (haunted and non) that are open in the area. You could go to the Heartland Country Corn Maze in Harrisburg, or if you’re okay traveling out to Brookings, they have The Yogi Bear Jellystone Haunted Corn Maze. Sioux Falls also does a Freak Show Carnival at Screaming Woods Haunted Trails.

Halloween is coming up and there’s so much you can do to go out and make it the best Halloween. So what are your plans for Halloween this year?

## Personality quiz results: What type of Halloween candy are you?

A fun, non-scientific quiz created by the journalism class

**Mostly A:** You are Snickers. You are a crowd favorite everywhere you go. You’re unique combination of layers



is appealing to most everyone. Your “nutty” layer encourages

smiling and harmony within the group. Your sweet outer layer makes you immediately appealing.

**Mostly B:** You are Whoppers. You have moments of sweetness and attraction but overall fairly dry. You



may roll with the punches but aren’t typically the one to surprise someone or add the spice to your group.

**Mostly C:** You are Laffy Taffy. You are sweet and funny. You are the one to make everyone feel good whether through a genuine compliment or a pick-me-up through a joke.

Your endearing personality is something that sticks to everyone you encounter.



**Mostly D:** You are Candy Corn. You embrace the stereotypes of the season or the situation. You like the typical options that come with any situation. You are satisfied with the typical and don’t like to rock the boat too much.



**Mostly E:** You are Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups.

You are extra. You go above and beyond. You go the extra mile to make everything an experience. One little glimmer isn’t enough; you want everything to

