

The vivid colors aren't just found in the leaves during this time of year. Fall sunsets & sunrises (like this one) offer beautiful scenery on your drive to school.



# Back in my day...

Fondness for cartoons from your youth brings back memories

by **Maverick Houg**  
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Do you ever walk into the living room and see a little sibling watching a show you used to watch on television? Or sometimes it's a new show you've never seen.

Whether it was about that theme song you can't get out of your head or just about how funny that show was, even the smallest references can make you think about the shows you loved growing up.

Most of you probably stopped watching kids television shows around ages 10-12, but you will always remember your favorite episodes of *Spongebob* or *Scooby Doo* or even *Dog with a Blog*.

If your favorite shows are still airing today, they are most likely very different from what you remember. Sometimes it's "too childish" or "not funny anymore," at least for me.

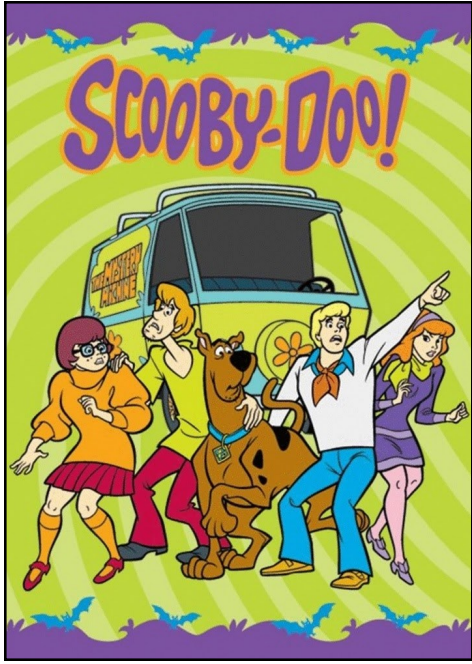
You always tell your younger sib-

lings, "This show is nothing compared to my old favorite" or "It's so different from what I used to watch."

The old channels on television, like Disney Channel, Nickelodeon, and Cartoon Network, are still the most popular channels for kids to watch their favorite shows today.

Junior Jenna Wastell said, "Growing up I watched *Dora the Explorer*, *Peppa Pig*, *Sofia the First*, and *Pokémon*. I still sometimes like to watch those shows these days." Wastell continued, "I watched a lot of Disney Channel but now I like to watch anime."

When I see Cartoon Network nowadays I still see many of the shows I used to watch, even if they went downhill. Junior Dylan Jessen still gets a lot of screen time when he has to babysit his younger siblings and he said, "*Spongebob* and *Ben 10* have definitely gone way downhill but there are some shows like *Liv*



Classics like *Scooby Doo* hold a special place in many people's hearts and maybe cause a little annoyance as the theme song is maybe just a little too catchy.

and *Maddie* that have special place in my heart and are still good today."

Most people agree that the graphics and animations are getting better to this day but the dialogue just can't compare to what we used to have.

Whether shows are good or bad, at the end of the day they distract our younger siblings for us.

# The Halloween way

by **Danika Juhl**  
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Today being the first day of October, there is a lot happening this month such as Halloween. When we think about Halloween, we think about trick-or-treating, costumes, and, of course, candy.

When you are trick-or-treating, you want to have the best costume on the block. The most popular costumes are Witch, Vampire, Cat, Batman, and Ghost. Mr. Hughes took

that popular route when he was younger as he said some of his favorite costumes were superheroes.

However there are other creative options as well; some people from Garretson have different ideas. Freshman Deborah Stowe said one of her favorite costumes was when she dressed up as a Ketchup Bottle, and science teacher Mr. Huemiller went as one



of his favorite football players, Randy Moss.

And of course having a good costume, you would want to have the best candies. For a quick Top 5 candy Google search Reese's, Snickers, Kit Kat, Skittles, and Candy Corn topped the list. Reese's also topped Garretson's student opinion poll results this week too.

Mr. Huemiller took that same route to the top five with Reese's sticks being his favorite. Stowe snuck in second with the Snickers. While Mr. Hughes stuck with the popular costume, he stuck out with his favorite candy, Whatchamacallits.

Everybody has their secret strategies and first spots to hit when trick-or-treating. Some are better than others but there always has to be the best. Freshman Tori

Gehrke said, "My trick-or-treating strategy is to be cute, because I am cute."

While Freshman Riley Lafferty-Maack said, "My strategy is to go to the rich people's houses and get full size candy bars."

While their strategies were different, their go-to spots, on the other hand, were similar. Gehrke said, "The first spot I hit is the rich people's houses because they give big candy bars." Lafferty-Maack said "I always go to the rich people first cause I get big bars."

A great place to show off costumes is at Split Rock Park from 4:00-6:00 for the trunk-or-treat. Local businesses and organizations like 4-H clubs and the FFA set up at the campsites for a safe place for families to start their trick-or-treating adventure on Sunday, October 31.

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Ketchup used to be sold as a medicine touted to cure indigestion

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Trouble staying awake in class? Try moving your body, drinking water, and/or chewing gum. All have shown to help you naturally wake up a bit.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why did the student eat his homework?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** Solve this rebus puzzle.



Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, October 1

- Marching Band @ Chester (10:00)
- MS Dance (6:00-9:00)

### Monday, October 4

- VB v. Elkton-Lake Benton (6:00/7:30)

### Tuesday, October 5

- JH VB @ Dell Rapids St. Mary's (4:00/5:00)
- VB @ Dell Rapids St. Mary's (5:00/6:00/7:00)

### Thursday, October 7

- XC @ BEC in Parker (1:00)
- JH VB v. Canton (4:00/5:00)
- VB v. Canton (5:00/6:00/7:00)

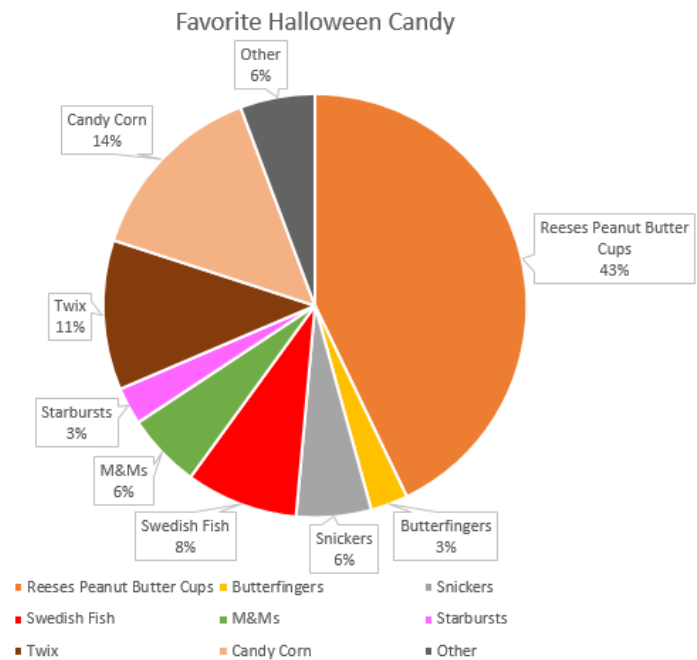
### Friday, October 8

- FB v. Howard (7:00)

## Worth Mentioning

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jaelyn Benson on reaching 1,000 career assists. Benson hit that milestone last night during the second round of the BEC tournament against McCook Central/Montrose

**COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 7 Days** Our next break is October 8 (staff inservice) through October 11 to observe Native American Day.



**JOKE:** Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake

**BRAINTEASER:** Pretty please with sugar on top



# Time traveling

by Zachary Uhl  
staff writer

Throughout human history, we have constructed various ways to transport ourselves from point a to point b. From choo choo trains to space shuttles, and from smart cars to rocket planes, humans have seemed to make it all. Here are the most creative ways to get around that may or may not be as popular as they used to be.

## Ice Skating

Ice skating has been around for more than three millennia, and is known to have been invented in Scandinavia: the countries of Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Iceland. Ice skating, even though it's really old, still has interest in sports such as hockey, figure skating, and speed skating which, fun fact, the top speed on ice skates is 56 mph.

info Credit <https://www.britannica.com/sports/ice-skating>



Some of the earliest ice skates were just straps securing the "skate" to the shoe, or in this case, bone to the bottom of a shoe.

Photo credit to <https://www.livescience.com/2202-5-000-year-origin-ice-skating.html>

## Roller Skating/ Rollerblading

Roller skating and rollerblading are practically the same thing in that they both use the same technique. Roller skates were invented way back in 1735 by John Joseph Merlin while rollerblades came out in 1980 and built by Scott and Brennan Olson.

Despite their age, they still survived today! During the COVID pandemic there has been a resurgence of roller skating and even featured in Tik Tok. Rollerblading meanwhile hasn't seen a lot of action because of all the wheels being inlined.

Info Credit <https://skatelakeland.com/skating-through-history/>

## Skate and LongBoarding

Longboarding hasn't been around for nearly as long as ice or roller skating. This was actually first started in the 1950s by children thanks to Marty McFly. These first long/skateboards were made out of simple and easy to find wood and hardware screwed together.

These never really kicked off though, because



Roller blades, and prior to that, roller skates, were primary sources of entertainment at special venues as well as around the community.

Photo credit to <https://www.toyhalloffame.org/toys/roller-skates>

## Some of these past favorite modes of transportation have now gone to the wayside

many surfers used them when surfing conditions weren't adequate. However when snowboarding was invented, many snowboarders found that by using skateboards as a way of keeping in shape in the warmer months would help them restart in the winter months. Because of this, Longboarding has risen in popularity in recent decades.

Info Credit <https://www.sportsrec.com/351382-the-history-of-longboarding.html>

## Heely's

Heely's are the youngest mode of transportation on this list. They were invented just 23 years ago by Roger Adams. These just go over 10 mph, and the shoes involve the user to stand on their heels and skate across the floor. Matthew Gilbert said, "I felt like a god, like flying through the air."

Gilbert, Class of 2023 President, regional pop tart sales manger, anti Pop-Tart famine force leader, and professional Heely enthusiast also stated, "I was pretty amazing with them and they made me instantly cool, but I never wiped out on them."

Info Credit <https://spy.com/articles/hacks/travel-hacks/what-happened-to-heelys-272125/>

From one of the oldest but noblest to the young and fashionable, these four creative modes of transportation offer humans the ease of getting to point a to point b.

## Sports update

### CROSS COUNTRY

MaKayla Heesch and Erin Steen represented the girls varsity cross country team at Sioux Valley on Tuesday while Sam Schleuter was the lone boys' varsity runner. Heesch and Schleuter also competed at the varsity level on Thursday at Lennox. Cross country runs at their Big East meet next Thursday in Parker.

### FOOTBALL

Football continues their up and down season, getting a win against Irene-Wakonda last week.

The Blue Dragons are sitting at 4-2 and slated to play an undefeated Howard Tigers next week.

### VOLLEYBALL

The Blue Dragons volleyball team continues on their strong pace yet this season, snagging two more wins this week over the Alcester-Hudson Cubs and Parker Pheasants.

Next week Garretson (14-1) keeps their busy schedule, playing Elkton-Lake Benton (Monday), Dell Rapids St. Mary's (Tuesday), and Canton (Thursday).

## Senior Spotlight

Sean Gottschalk

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:  
FFA

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:  
Friends

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:  
Attend Lake Area for diesel mechanics



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## Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menus

The food to fill your bellies for the upcoming weeks:

Menus subject to change

Current Count



14

### BREAKFAST

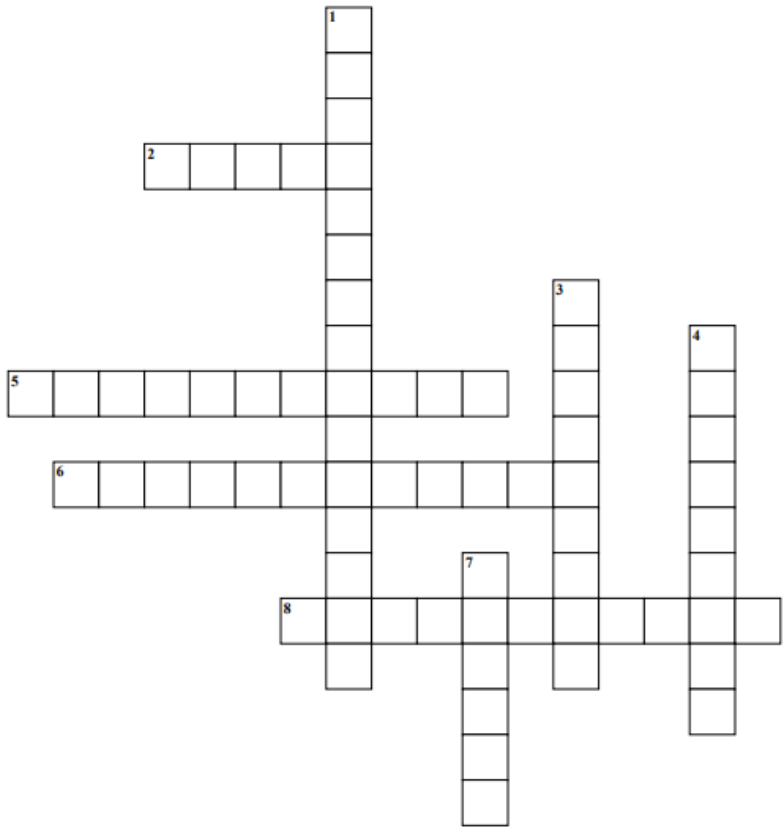
**Monday, Oct 4:** Pancake Sausage Stick or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagel  
**Tuesday, Oct 5:** Fresh Baked Sausage Biscuit Sandwich or Cini Minis or Iced Long John  
**Wednesday, Oct 6:** Egg & Cheese Taco Roll or Warm Apple Frudel  
**Thursday, Oct 7:** French Toast Sticks or Cini Minis or Iced Long John  
**Friday, Oct 8:** Cinnamon Roll or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels

### LUNCH

**Monday, Oct 4:** Chili Cheese Fritos or Crispy Chicken Sandwich  
**Tuesday, Oct 5:** Hot Pepperoni Sub or Cheeseburger  
**Wednesday, Oct 6:** Chicken Ranch Pasta or Corn Dog  
**Thursday, Oct 7:** Home-style Tater Hotdish or Chicken Nuggets  
**Friday, Oct 8:** No School—whatever your feel like making yourself should be delicious!

## Crossword

By the Blue Ink journalism staff



### Across

- [2] What is the 5th most popular costume?
- [5] Where were ice skates first introduced?
- [6] What sport was the main drive for the resurgence of longboarding?
- [8] Name one popular kids' channel?

### Down

- [1] What was Mr. Hughes' favorite candy?
- [3] Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?
- [4] Where is Garretson hosting the Trunk-Or-Treat?
- [7] Who invented roller skates?