



Sunday is Mother's Day. Take some time to thank her (and other awesome females in your life) for all she does for you throughout the whole year.



# Small town summer ideas

by **Peyton Hove**  
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With summer right around the corner and having less than 10 days of school left, now is a great time to create your summer bucket list. While most students get through the summer and complain about "having nothing to do," there are plenty of things to do in small town South Dakota.

"I love to swim and camp at Lake Benton," said junior Maren Bonte. "I love to fish and go golfing," said senior Rave Uhlich.

**Nearby Lakes:**

- Lake Madison
- Lake Pahoja
- Wall Lake
- Brant Lake

Take a trip to the local lake with some friends. Fish, sunbathe, swim, play beach games, kayak, and enjoy a cheap day on the lake.

"I enjoy going to drive-ins and bonfires," said senior Molly Hulscher.

**Drive-Ins:**

- Verne Drive-In Luverne, Minnesota
- Star lite Drive-In Theatre Mitchell, South Dakota
- Hilltop Drive-Inn Theatre Gregory, South Dakota

One of the best things about summer is the food, especially the ice cream.

**Ice Cream shops:**

- Parlour Ice Cream House Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Cold Stone Creamery Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- B & G Milkyway Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- The Spot Flandreau, South Dakota

Summer is a great time to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, and no better way then to visit one of the



three parks here in Garretson: Pali-sades State Park, Split Rock Park, and Devils Gulch. Hopefully this list gives a little encouragement this summer to go out and try something new!

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Eating watermelon can help reduce acne breakouts and keep skin healthy

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What is the best flower for a boy to give to his mom?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** What falls but never gets hurt?

*Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.*

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, May 7**

- Golf @ BEC Tourney in Beresford (9:00)

**Saturday, May 8**

- Track @ Parker Invite (9:30)

**Monday, May 10**

- K-1 Field Trip
- JH Golf @ BEC in Salem (12:30)
- Track @ Dell Rapids (2:30)
- JH Track @ BEC in Chester (3:00)

**Tuesday, May 11**

- FFA Annual Dessert Social (7:00)

**Wednesday, May 12**

- Golf @ MCM in Salem (9:00)
- JH Golf @ Dell Rapids (11:00)

**Thursday, May 13**

- Track @ BEC in Garretson (2:00)

**Friday, May 14**

- JV Golf @ Chester (10:00)
- 3 Act Play Performance "Pony Expresso" (2:15)

**Saturday, May 16**

- 3 Act Play Performance "Pony Expresso" (3:00)

## Worth Mentioning

**VARSITY GOLF** is currently in action at The Bridges in Beresford.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the honorees during the academic awards banquet on Monday.

**LAST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL** are here. Please make sure you are caught up in all your classes.

**COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 13 Days** Next break is summer vacation - May 19 is the last day of school (countdown includes weekends)

# To the moon and back

by **Trever Edmundson**  
staff writer

America's journey to the moon is one of the most famous events in all of American history that brought fame to astronauts like Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, but what about Michael Collins? He was on board during the Apollo 11 mission to the moon but unlike his much more famous crewmates never actually got to step foot on the moon.

Though he may not have stepped on the moon, he was arguably the most essential astronaut of the entire mission. While Buzz and Armstrong were essential to the mission, Collins was the only member of the crew who could fly the shuttle solo.

Not only could he fly the shuttle solo he was also the only one capable of preparing for an emergency landing to pick up the stranded crew in case the moon lander was unable to relaunch back toward the main shuttle.

While many look out into space at

night to see the stars Collins had the opportunity to view earth from a unique and far position. He once described the earth as "Tiny. Very shiny. Blue and white. Bright. Beautiful. Serene and fragile."

During the mission itself he was tasked with manning the shuttle while his colleagues stepped foot onto the surface of Mars. While orbiting around the moon he was completely cut off from communication with both his crew and main base back at earth.

It is then that was considered the most lonely man in existence at the time due to his extremely long distance from any other form of life. While most would find that depressing he thought of it as a joy instead of sadness or fear because he got mission control to shut up for a while.

It's a shame that when people are asked, 'Can you name the Apollo 11 crew?' Mike Collins is normally the name that doesn't come to mind. Because in many ways he was really



Michael Collins piloted the Apollo 11 command module around the moon during the mission while his crewmates Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon.

the keystone to the mission and was a remarkable pioneer.

America lost a proud and important hero from the past that needs to be remembered for his impressive accomplishments. So hopefully next time you talk about the Apollo 11 mission or Neil Armstrong you'll tell the story of Michael Collins.

## GHS (9-12) SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE (May 13-19)

Date:	8:25-9:05	9:15-10:35	10:40-11:20	11:25-12:45	12:47-1:17	1:20-2:00	2:05-3:26	ICU (3:06-3:26)
Thursday, May 13	Student Recognition Assembly (6-12) - 8:30am. Regular period the remainder of the AM.				L	REGULAR 7 <sup>th</sup> PERIOD - Big East Conference Track - HOME		
Friday, May 14 (JV Golf Chester)	Period 3 Review/ICU	Period 3 Test	Period 4 Review/ICU	Period 4 Test	U	Normal 7 <sup>th</sup> Period Time	Normal 8 <sup>th</sup> Period Time	ICU
Monday, May 17 (Golf in SV)	Period 1 Review/ICU	Period 1 Test	Period 2 Test	Period 2 Test and Checkout	N	Period 5 Review/ICU	Period 5 Test	-
Tuesday, May 18	Period 7 Review/ICU	Period 7 Test	Period 8 Review/ICU	Period 8 Test	C	ICU Power Hour		
Wednesday, May 19	ICU / Check IN	ICU / Check In	ICU / Check In	ICU / Check In	H	School	Dismissed	1:30pm

# Last ten days

The end of the year is quickly approaching. And with it schedules will look a little different.

Starting next week Thursday, normal class times are a thing of the past. There will be a student recognition assembly in the morning and Big East Conference track in the afternoon.

Then semester testing starts on Friday with periods 3 and 4. Monday periods 1, 2, and 5 test with 7 and 8 wrapping up on Tuesday.

**JOKE:** A "son" flower (sunflower)

**BRAINTEASER:** The rain

# Foods that shouldn't be ordered

By **Dustyn Winterton**  
staff writer

Fast foods can get pretty disgusting during slow hours, but here are some of the worst.

Employees from Panera Bread have said "The soups were frozen in bags then shipped where they were thawed in a "rethermalizer", a sink that was rarely cleaned, where the bags sometimes burst open, but if they survived they were opened with a scissors found from wherever then put in a pitcher that was hardly ever cleaned. Other employees said that they wouldn't drink the lemonade there unless they were the one to clean the pitcher because they have witnessed other employees run water through it and say its good with-



out using sanitizer and pulp still caked to the sides.

A common occurrence between restaurants is that their chili is just old or over cooked burgers chopped up and put into it. Also, gas station employees said that you shouldn't get slushies from gas stations because the machine grows mold and it isn't cleaned very often.

Also employees from subway said that you shouldn't count in the oven

roasted chicken actually being oven roasted its just boiled in a microwave and also that the tuna sandwiches are 80% mayo.

Starbucks employees have also said " Don't order something from the 'secret menu'. We have no idea what a Snickerdoodle frappuccino is, as it is not a menu item. If you just explained your recipe we would be more than happy to make it. Another restaurant that isn't very clean is Five Guys. One employee said that the one he worked at wasn't cleaned very often and that the dirtiness was the reason he left.

Finally just because your favorite restaurant is or isn't on this list doesn't mean that you shouldn't go there. Most of these are single restaurant occurrences.

# The Bachelorette promotes its new season with Katie Thurston

by **Rebekah Roth**  
staff writer—editorial

After the announcement for the next ladies for ABC's *The Bachelorette*, fans have been anticipating the arrival of Season 17 since the shocking last episode of *The Bachelor*. This finale featured the dramatic After the Final Rose discussion, but it also released the news that two new bachelorettes—Katie Thurston and Michelle Young—will have their own separate seasons!

I was already thrilled that these two beloved contestants were chosen,

and with Katie's season premiering on June 7, I am beyond enthusiastic! Michelle will be the bachelorette this autumn, adding an entirely new season after Katie's.

Additionally, *Bachelor in Paradise* will be back on screen after its two-year hiatus. It will be aired in between each season of the *Bachelorette*. For me personally, I'm going to be plenty occupied this year with these three new seasons, and I cannot wait for the drama to come!

Katie's first promotional video was released on April



Michelle Young (left) and Katie Thurston (right) announce their upcoming seasons as bachelorettes during *The Bachelor's* finale.

25, and it couldn't have been more fit for her strong-willed attitude and bold personality! The video can be found on YouTube and I highly recommend watching it.

"I don't think she's going to take anything from anyone; she's going to do all it takes to find love," said senior Peyton Hove, a fan of *The Bachelor* franchise.

Although, freshman Bryn Swatek stated, "I feel like Katie might not be in it for the guys, because I don't think she was in it for Matt the last season."

I believe that Katie is going to find someone perfect for her, without a doubt. I think that she's going to go after what she truly deserves!

With the new changes this year, old fans have gained interest and are being brought back to the show. "I feel like if I had a group of people to watch it with, I definitely would watch the show," said Garretson School's resource officer Nic McGlothlen. "I think that having two bachelorettes will be good for the diehard fans, since people really get into the show."

Overall, this news has gotten myself and many other fans eager to watch these new seasons! Fans, get prepared for three new back-to-back seasons this year!

# Other jobs teachers have or had

By **Morgan Swenson**  
staff writer

The school year is coming to an end! With it being the end of the school year there are a lot of summer jobs opening up. About 60% of the teachers here in Garretson currently have summer jobs. Some of their summer jobs are ranging from painting all the way to training with the air attack academy.

About 95% of the teachers had summer jobs growing up. They were mainly doing it for the money. They would also do it for something to do in their free time. Some other reasons to have a summer job is to build resumes, and to build experience.

Only about 40 % of the teachers had year round jobs and the other 60% only had summer jobs. The teachers that had only summer jobs usually changed their jobs to get different types of experiences.

### Favorite jobs \*teachers from their high school life answers\*

- Lifeguard - Mrs. McGee
- Working at Sioux Falls fireworks - Mrs. Pliska
- Sports department at KWGN-TV2 in Denver. - Mr. Hughes
- Painting - Mr. Bohl
- Medical center/Receptionist -Mrs. Sands

There are many jobs available over the summer and a lot of different kinds of opportunities for you out there. With summer jobs you can change every year to help find out what is something you like doing. Summer jobs can help spark ideas for people's future careers.



# Blue Dragon Social Media

Keep in touch with what is happening in the school and with our Blue Dragon athletics.

- SCHOOL:** @GHSBlueDragons
- BOOSTERS:** @BDragonBoosters
- FOOTBALL:** @BlueDragonFB
- VOLLEYBALL:** @BlueDragonVB
- SOCCER:** @GarretsonSoccer
- BOYS BASKETBALL:** @BlueDragonBBB
- GIRLS BASKETBALL:** @BlueDragonHoops
- GOLF:** @ghs\_golf2017

You can also follow the *Blue Ink* on snapchat at ghs\_blueink.



# Sixth graders graduate from D.A.R.E program

After completion of the D.A.R.E program, the group of sixth graders were able to celebrate with a graduation ceremony and a special surprise: The BearCat (armored vehicle).

During the D.A.R.E program, the sixth graders learned about harmful effects of drug use and found good ways to say no.

Picture submitted by Officer Nic McGlothlen, Garretson School Resource Officer.



# From my experiences...

by **Camas Johnston**  
staff writer—editorial

I am an enrolled member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and I am fourteen years old. Today I want to share some things about my people's beliefs and culture, hurtful stereotypes and idealism that I have experienced.



Katherine Sheppard (left) and Camas Johnston (right) attended Kauai Pow Wow in 2018. During the Pow Wow visitors shared and presented cultural influences including specific items and dances.

Ever since I was little my family went around the world doing presentations and craft classes and in more recent history I have been helping with these shows. Mom dad and I enjoy going to Pow Wow's and dancing and or running a booth. Some parallels of our culture and yours is my family owns a home, multiple cars and we run a nonprofit organization together.

Most everyone in my family has encountered people who believe some stereotypes and others not supporting our organization and what we do.

When my mom moved to Alaska some of her close friends asked her whether she was going to live in an igloo, and when she moved down to the Midwest, friends from Alaska were worried that natives would shoot her down with bows and arrows, when in fact none of these beliefs are true.

I have encountered people to have said "but you don't look native" when I tell them that I am native. One time when I was in Germany a newspaper arrival was made about me, the article discussed that despite my blond hair and blue eyes I was in fact native.

My brother faced a few things in high school when taking world geography and world history. His teacher told him that "the native Americans were all dead and no longer existed." The teacher in question also believed all the Mayans and Aztecs.

Some native people don't believe in sharing their culture and beliefs, believing that people will steal it and not give it back. Despite this my family and I use our culture and heritage to educate the public breaking down stereotypes and untrue beliefs.

## Blue Ink birthday shout outs

**May 11**—Maren Bonte (junior): **Favorite Gift:** "Tattoo"

**May 31**—Breydon Lee (sophomore): **Favorite Gift:** "A brand new fishing rod and a new reel"

**June 2**—Zoey Quincey (senior): **Favorite Gift:** "2 bouquets of roses because my boyfriend surprised me with them."

**June 5**—Tyler Erickson (eighth grader): **Favorite Gift:** "All of them"

**June 23**—Carter Freestone (sixth grade): **Favorite Gift:** "I don't have a favorite because I love them all"

**June 27**—Dustyn Winterton (sophomore): **Favorite Gift:** "Tablet"

**June 27**—Camas Johnston (freshman): **Favorite Gift:** "Money to donate to organizations"

**July 18**—Michael Hanisch (sixth grade): **Favorite Gift:** "A Nintendo Switch because I like it"

**Aug. 12**—Amber Hulscher (junior): **Favorite Gift:** "A book"

**Aug. 22**—Zach Uhl (Sophomore): **Favorite Gift:** "Cold hard cash"



If you want a birthday shout out—complete the Google form sent out to you at the beginning of September.

## Senior Spotlight

*Josef Zahn*

**Activities Involved In:**

- Football
- Basketball
- Baseball

**Best Part of Senior Year:**

Homecoming

**What Will You Miss Most:**

Snack time

**Plans for Next Year:**

Attend Minnesota West for Law Enforcement and play baseball and basketball



*Ian Doppenberg*



**Activities Involved In:**

- National Honors Society
- I program as a hobby

**Best Part of Senior Year:**

Being at the top of the "food chain" as Steckler says, and just the general flexibility of things like open lunch, etc

**What Will You Miss Most:**

I'll miss the routine of high school because so much is about to change.

**Plans for Next Year:**

I plan to enroll at Bemidji State University to major in Computer Science with a focus on software development



*Parker Schlenker*



**Activities Involved In:**

- Football
- Underwater basket weaving

**Best Part of Senior Year:**

Homecoming

**What Will You Miss Most:**

Sitting in the bathroom for 25 minutes

**Plans for Next Year:**

Attend SDSU for Economics

