

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.



The Combine combination

by **Zachary Uhl**
staff writer

A new restaurant known simply as The Combine, has moved into Garretson. This new business is brought to downtown Garretson by Leroy Austin who already owns one other eating house named Vinnie’s Dang Fine Dine in Luverne, Minnesota. Ever since the closure of O So Good, the old building remained empty, but in recent weeks, Austin has been busy renovating to turn the building into Garretson’s latest eatery named The Combine. In an interview with *The Garretson Gazette*, “Austin said, ‘The front portion of

the building here will be a dining area, away from the bar area in the back.’” This will give a clear definition for a family eating space as well as a sports bar hangout. The Combine, this name just catches anyone, so why this name? Well *The Garretson Gazette* followed up with Austin and said, “First, this is an agriculture-based community. And partially the Combine is in reference to the NFL Combine.” Austin has already set up shop here in Garretson, but what were the reasons for him to move here? In an interview with the *Blue Ink* Austin said, “I originally graduated here in 1989, and my son got married to

New restaurant brings excitement to town



somebody from Garretson.” The Combine plans to have similar entrees as Vinnies, “Like our signature burgers and our hand battered onion rings,” said Austin from *The Gazette*. Austin also quoted to *The Gazette*, “We have 10-12 different sauces and about 3-4 rubs.” The restaurant also offers 15 TVs to look at your favorite game while eating and has four dart boards. Also, located all around, inside of the eatery, are old jerseys from Garretson in days gone past. The Combine is definitely a welcomed addition to Garretson, and also gives an updated appearance to the old building. With its unique name, and proud owner, it surely will be a popular place to eat.



Spooky season

by **Maverick Houg**
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Everyone loves watching movies and there is one time of the year that has its own genre of movie that takes people’s interests by storm and that is the *spooky season*. There are so many great movies out there, whether it's to make you laugh or quiver with fear. When thinking about movies in the month of October, people often think of horror movies or something that puts you into the Halloween spirit. There are tons of great Halloween movies out there and even more coming this month like *Halloween Kills*. Senior Amber Hulscher said, “I’m not a big fan of scary movies, but I am excited for the new *Hocus Pocus* movie.” So if traditional scary movies aren’t your thing, there are much nicer mov-

ies coming out like *Hocus Pocus 2* and *Venom: Let there be Carnage*. *Venom*, at first, seems scary but if it's anything like the first *Venom* movie it will be a light-hearted and funny. Cade Uhlich said, “My favorite movies for Halloween are the Charlie Brown one and all the Scooby Doos, including the series, because I like to stick with the classics.” He went on, “I normally watch things pretty late like around 11:00 P.M.” Most people will agree that after 10:00 P.M. is the best time to watch movies because most people are asleep and the night is just beginning and very quiet. People also don’t have to worry about trick-or-treaters that late at night. Probably one of the most controversial movies this holiday is *The Nightmare before Christmas*, some say it's a Christmas movie and others say it's a Halloween movie.

Movie entertainment for any version of Halloween you like

Uhlich said, “I think its a Christmas movie because the main character moves on and away from Halloween and tries to take over Christmas.” But Hulscher countered by saying, “He starts and ends with Halloween so it has to be a Halloween movie.” Each second you spend on this article is a second closer to Christmas so stop reading and go celebrate Halloween.



JOKE: “Prank”enstein (Frankenstein)

BRAINTEASER: Beat Around the Bush

This Week’s Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: A bolt of lightning is 5x hotter than the sun.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Need to wake up in the morning? Drinking a cold glass of water is more effective than a cup of coffee.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Which monster likes to play tricks on Halloween?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Solve this rebus puzzle.



Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- 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)
- Monday, October 11**
 - VB @ Lennox (5:00/6:00/7:00)
- Tuesday, October 12**
 - JH VB v. MCM (4:00/5:00)
 - VB v. MCM (5:00/6:00/7:00)
- Thursday, October 14**
 - XC @ Regions in Madison (3:00)
 - JH VB @ Tea (4:00/5:00)
 - VB @ Tea (5:00/6:00/7:00)
- Friday, October 15**
 - FB v. Chester(7:00)

Worth Mentioning

GOOD LUCK to the Cross Country team as they compete in their Big East Conference meet today in Parker. The Blue Dragons only have this meet before the region competition next Thursday.

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 0 Days Our next break is tomorrow, October 8 (staff in-service) through October 11 to observe Native American Day.



Teacher Feature

Mr. Steckler’s energy makes him a favorite among students

by Danika Juhl
staff writer

Garretson High School teacher Mr. Steckler is a highlight in many students’ days teaching geography and government and of course his “yelling.” The *Blue Ink* got a little insight on why he became a teacher and what he likes most about it.



Kevin Steckler embodies what it means to be a Blue Dragon throwing passion, excitement, and fire into everything he does. Currently Steckler teaches high school government and geography but has many other experiences under his belt in his 30+ years of teaching.

Q: What would you be doing if you weren’t a teacher?
A: “I have absolutely no idea. I’ve been asked this question numerous times over the years, and to this day I still don’t have the answer...I just don’t know.”

Q: What is your favorite part about teaching in Garretson?
A: “My family and I have made wonderful lifelong friends in Garretson. Everyday I can walk one block from home to do something I absolutely love... TEACH!!!”

Q: What kind of student were you?
A: “I was an average student at best because of the fact I didn’t apply myself! My view of school was athletics came first, and academics came second.”

Q: What do you do in your free time?
A: “There are numerous things I love to do in my free time: I’m an avid passionate reader...when I read, I generally don’t put the book down until I’m finished. I attend the athletic/activities my grandsons participate in and watching/attending sports events in general.

Q: Why do you yell so much?
A: “I have a very loud voice (take after my mother) which sometimes is interpreted as yelling, but mainly my decibel level increases when I start to talk about a subject or point, I’m really excited about! Those students who don’t know me think

I’m yelling, but I’m fact I’m just excited about what I’m doing!”

Q: Why do freshman get treated differently then seniors?
A: “Because I believe each level of students have earned more rights/privileges than those below them... there is a reason they call it seniority. Seniors have paid their dues freshman for example haven’t.”

Q: Why did you chose to be a teachers
A: “To this day I still don’t know! Like the first question I’ve been asked this numerous times over the years, but I don’t know. It never crossed my mind in high school, and I can’t pinpoint why, or the day/time in college when I made that decision.”

Q: Why do you think teaching is fun?
A: “There is an endless list, but I’ll start off with these two: Interacting with students and staff. I love the fact that no two personalities are the same and that no two days will ever be the same. I love the subject areas that I get to visit with my students about.”

Would you rather...?

- ...run away from Carson or a polar bear?

...eat Taco Johns or Taco Bell?

...eat at Hu-Hot , Chick-Fil-A, or Chinese buffet?

...be Davy Jones or Captain Barbossa?

...be a little late or way too early?

...lose your keys or your cell phone?

...live forever and never die or die in 10 years?

...go to school for more hours per day but less days or go to school for less hours per day but more days?

...be the most popular person at school or be the smartest?

...be stuck on an island alone or with someone who won’t stop talking?
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Who? What? Where?

By the Blue Ink journalism staff

Senior Spotlight

Jaelyn Benson

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Volleyball
Basketball
Student Council
FCA

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Mrs. Howe because no one will ever compare to her. Also, being around my family and friends 24/7

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Attend SDSU for Nursing

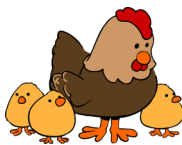
CLASS OF 2022



Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menus

The food to fill your bellies for the upcoming weeks:
Menus subject to change

Current Count



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BREAKFAST
Monday, Oct 11: No School—whatever you feel like making yourself will be delicious
Tuesday, Oct 12: Muffin Top & Yogurt or Cini Minis or Iced Long John
Wednesday, Oct 13: Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza or Warm Apple Frudel
Thursday, Oct 14: Pancake and Sausage Links or Cini Minis or Iced Long John
Friday, Oct 15: Cinnamon Roll or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels

LUNCH
Monday, Oct 11: No School—whatever you feel like making yourself will be delicious
Tuesday, Oct 12: Loaded Hash Browns or Popcorn Chicken Bites
Wednesday, Oct 13: Super Nachos or BBQ Rib Sandwich
Thursday, Oct 14: Honey Garlic Glazed Chicken over Rice or Pork Fritter
Friday, Oct 15: Cheeseburger Macaroni Skillet or Mozzarella Bosco Sticks