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- This picture will be hidden in the Blue Ink somewhere.
- Look for it throughout the issue as you read the articles and browse the pictures.
- Thank you Mrs. Granberg for creating the Blue Ink dragon

WORTH MENTIONING

- Next week is a 4-day week with Easter Break coming up April 3-6
- Baseball (2-1) won on Monday; however, due to weather their game this weekend has been postponed. Next game is set for Monday, April 6 at home.

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Summer workout program returns

English teacher, football coach provides opportunity for all students to build healthy habits, gain strength

by **Harper Hanisch**
staff writer and infographic creator

Summer is approaching and so is Mr. Hughes' Summer Workout Program. This will be the second year of Hughes' program. Similar to last year, the workouts will begin on May 26 and end July 31, just in time for fall sports to begin. It is open to everyone grades 7-12 relating to the 2026-2027 school year.

Different times have been set to divide genders and grades. 6:00 am will be set for high school boys, 7:00 am for high school girls, and 8:00 for junior high students. The workouts will take place Monday through Thursday every week.

Hughes plans to focus on strength, agility, speed, and plyometrics. The workouts will be strategically planned to help all athletes in any sport. He is going to achieve this by planning a different phase to work on each day. For example, strength on Monday and agility on Tuesday. Hughs stated, "We want to focus on building the total athlete so that every sport can benefit."

Last year the program had 71 students participate in total. This year, Hughes is hoping for that or more, "I was really pleased with last year, this year I'm hoping to kick it up a notch. If you are ready to work, be sure to sign up." Forms are available in Hughes' room and are due May 8. Along with the signup form, you must complete a health questionnaire and submit a payment by the date. For one student, the program will cost $155.00. Discounts are available for families. For more information, contact Timothy Hughes.



Take me to the moon

First manned moon mission in 50 years brings hope for a space-filled future

by **Shea Smidt**
staff writer

Artemis is a NASA mission aimed at returning humans to the Moon for the first time in decades. The mission plans not only to land astronauts on the Moon but also to have them stay there and find ways to support life on the lunar surface.

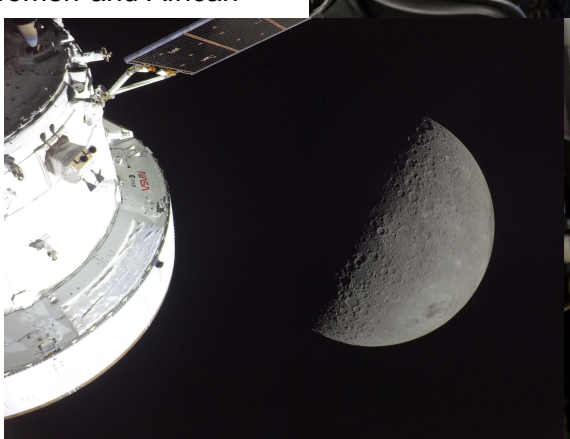
It will also include the first women and African American on the moon.

Future missions to Mars are expected to benefit learned during the Artemis Mission.

The current mission is scheduled to return home tonight, landing in the Pacific Ocean around 7:00 pm CT.









The Artemis II mission launched 10 days ago and is scheduled to return back to Earth this evening. The crew of four went deeper into space than any other mission, discovering new lunar areas and stretching what was thought to be possible. This is the first of multiple missions planned to gain more knowledge about the moon and is the first step in manning a mission to Mars in the future.

Photos from Official NASA Photo Gallery

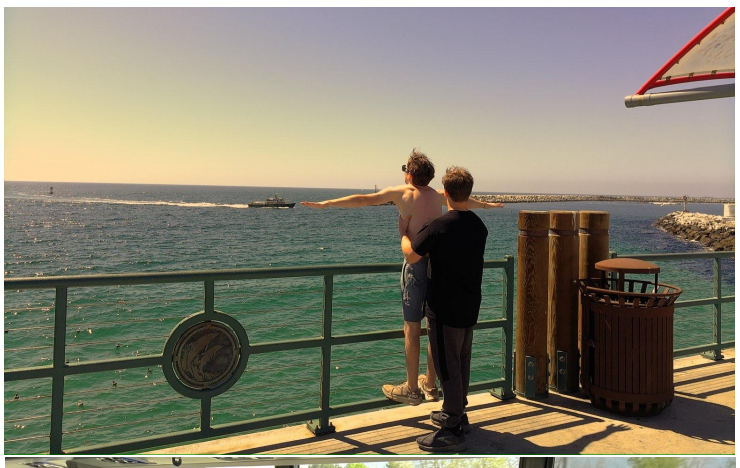
Snaps from the Band & Choir trip to California

Photos and captions by Cecelia Fiegen

Right: Jake Jones and Wyatt Potter recreate a classic scene from the *Titanic* movie. Rylee Farrell encountered the two to pose in front of the Pacific Ocean as she tested out her new digital camera.

Below Right: The group keeps spirits high on hour 12 of their journey by talking, sleeping, and doing other various activities. They were also able to take in the beautiful sights of Colorado as they drove through.

Below: Aiden Johnson mirrors the serious nature of a Star War's imperial officer. The officer's parting words of wisdom to Johnson were, "Don't skip leg day."











The band and choir travelers spent two hours of their time at Disneyland participating in the Music and Storytelling workshop. They traversed the park with a guide, learning how music impacted storytelling.

Below: Elizabeth Roth is ecstatic to meet one of her favorite Star Wars characters, Chewbacca. The senior was able to go on all three Star Wars rides at the park, which showed her love of the franchise.

Senior Spotlight
Sebastian Deyoung



Activities Involved In:
Wandering around Garretson
Watching trains
Riding my bike and electric scooter

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
All of my teachers and seeing all the smiles and seeing all of my friends

Favorite School Lunch:
Pizza Ranch Pizza

Favorite Class You've Taken:
Consumer Math

Plans for Next Year:
Work on getting a part-time job

Class Of 26

This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 10
- Track @ Jesse James Invitational (1:00/2:00/3:00)
- Band/Choir @ LA Trip

Saturday, April 11
- Softball v. Elkton-Lake Benton (11:00/12:30)
- Band/Choir @ LA Trip

Sunday, April 12
- Band/Choir @ LA Trip

Monday, April 13
- JH Track @ Baltic (3:00)
- School Board Meeting @ Library (6:00)
- PTO Meeting @ Commons (6:45)
- Band/Choir @ LA Trip

Tuesday, April 14
- Golf @ Early Bird in Garretson (10:00)
- JH Golf @ Sioux Valley (11:00)
- Track @ Chester (2:00)
- JH Track @ West Central (3:30)

Wednesday, April 15
- JH Golf @ Chester (9:00)

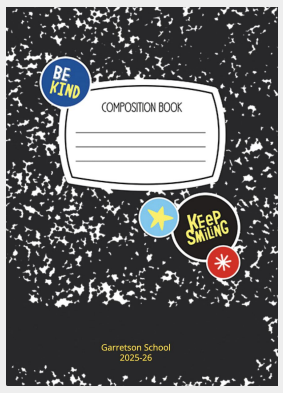
Thursday, April 16
- MS/HS Assembly (9:30)

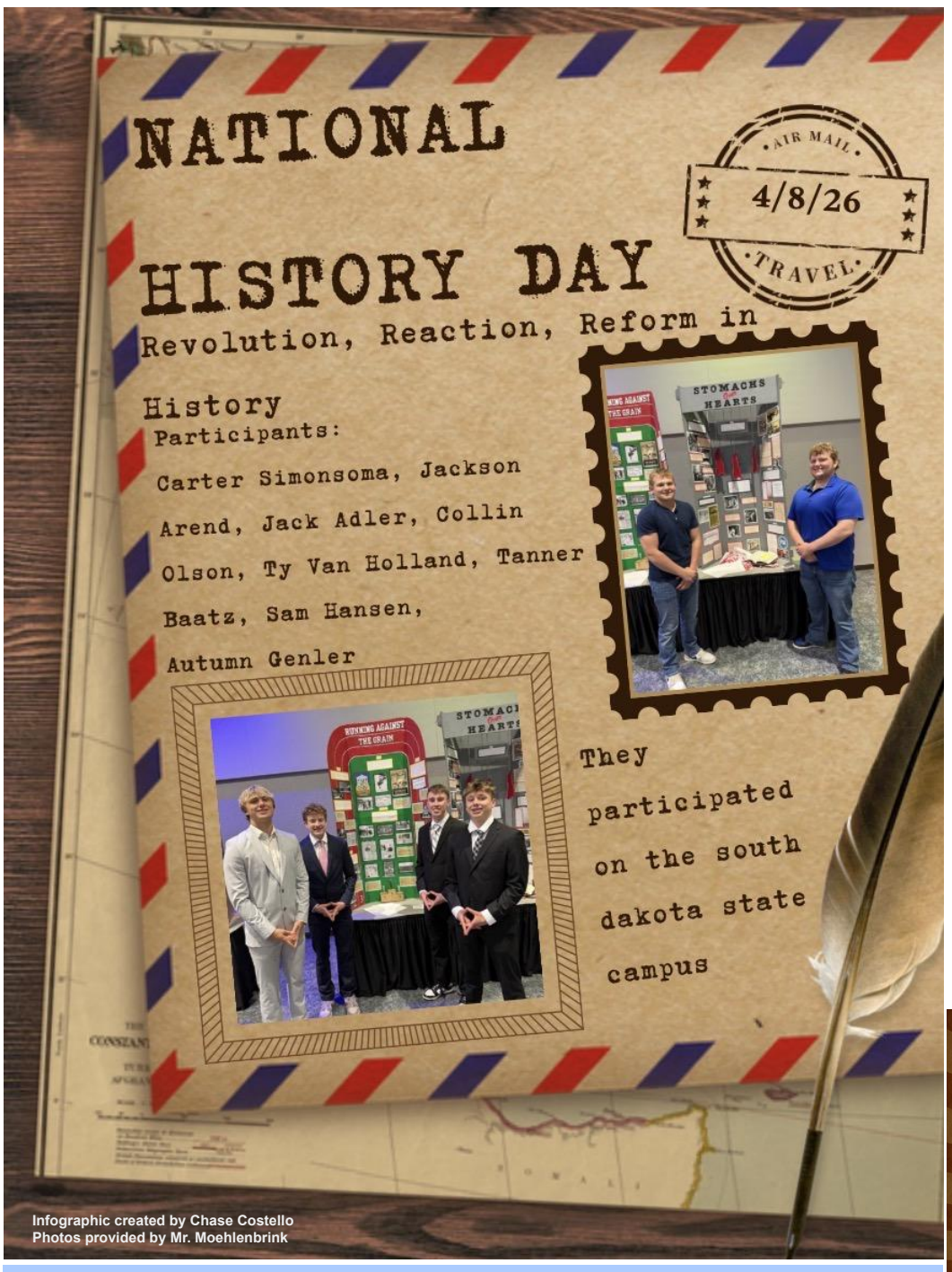
Friday, April 17
- Softball v. Elk Point-Jefferson (5:00/6:30)

Worth Mentioning

BAND & CHOIR will be back in school on Tuesday. If you were gone on the grip, please make sure you double check the ICU list and get your work made up quickly. We all hope you had a great time.

ORDER YOUR '25-'26 YEARBOOKS today. They are $30 each, a steal for the millions of memories made this year. You can order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com. Please come find Dr. Buchholz if you have any questions.





Infographic created by Chase Costello
Photos provided by Mr. Moehlenbrink

Remember that one...

by **Cade Risty**
staff writer & infographic creator

If you take a look back at your childhood memories, what were your favorite cartoons to watch in the morning or after school? What games did you play? What were your favorite foods? When it comes to nostalgia, a lot of students had similar childhood memories that they want to reflect on. So here is a fun look back on your favorite memories from the early 2000's.

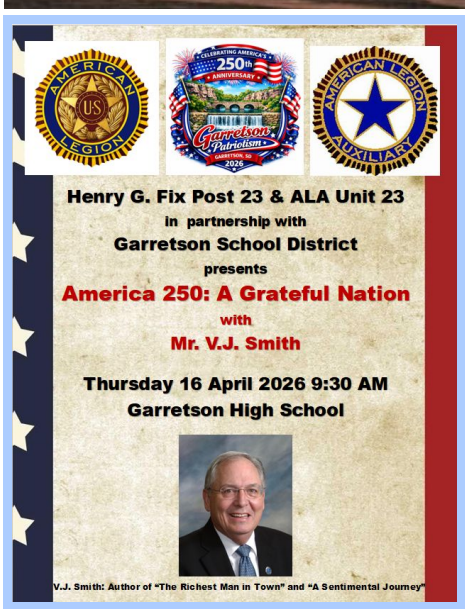
The first thing a lot of us remember is our favorite TV shows. In the morning before school or after. The most popular kid's shows at the time were SpongeBob, Liv and Maddie, iCarly, Phineas and Ferb, Scooby Doo, Ben 10, Teen Titans, Team Umizoomi, Fairly Odd Parents, and Drake and Josh. That's just naming some of them.

Another core memory of childhood is going out to your friends house to play. Sophomore Shea Smidt said "I really miss going over to Smith's house and playing backyard football." A lot of other people brought up being with their friends and having the time of their lives playing outside.

In addition, the foods we all ate as kids. For example, the kid's cuisine meals, Dino nuggets, and the dunkaroos. The foods we ate are what shaped us into who we are today and are fun to look back at.

In conclusion, nostalgia is what connects people, and all the students like to share relatable experiences from their childhood. The feeling of nostalgia is one like no other, it's a mix of sadness and happiness of what life used to be like and that is why it is so unique.

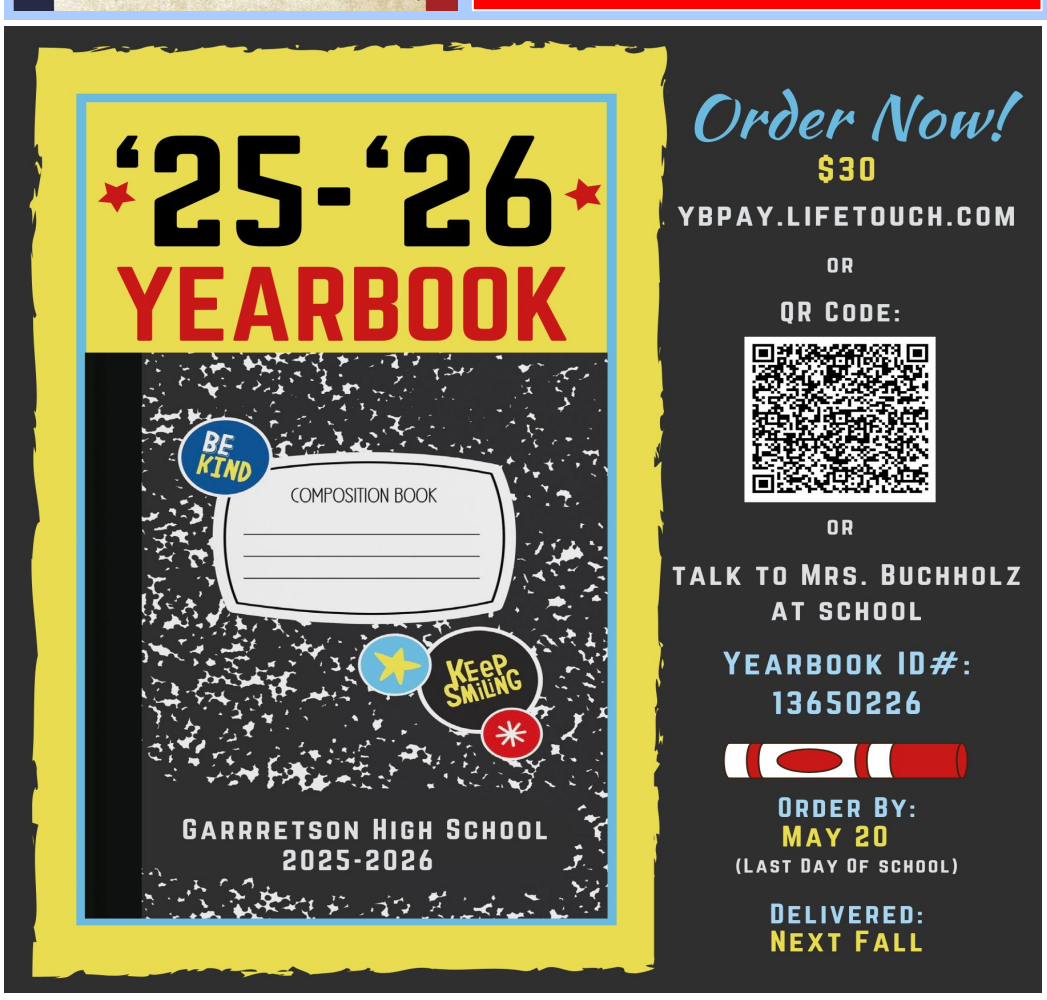




Author comes to speak to students

Celebration of America's 250th at the forefront of address

Mr. V.J. Smith will speak to middle and high school students this coming Thursday.



Construction Season

Midwest only has 2 seasons

Winter	Construction
	

Highway 11

What's being done	How long till completion	estimated Cost
The project will redo roughly 1.5 miles of highway, including replacing two bridges over West Pipestone Creek and Split Rock Creek. The road will be raised 10 to 12 feet to reduce flooding.	This project will last about 2 years from April of 2026 to the summer 2027.	$14.9 million This high cost is many due the the 2 bridges being redone.

Infographic created by Zach Hermanson