



GHS classes were able to get an inside look at different job possibilities and opportunities available in these fields.

# Blue Ink



## GHS students go to honor hand

*Flandreau hosts Garretson and other Big East Conference schools*

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Eight students from GHS were chosen to be at this year's honor band on March 20th. These students were Amyah Ockenga (saxophone), Carmen Bohl (flute), Logan Nussbaum (percussion), Diantae Lymon (trombone), Kristen Codier (clarinet), Keara Beck (clarinet), Angel Larson (clarinet), and Jacob Leister (percussion).

The band teacher, Mr. Sittig chose

these students based on top chair placement.

Junior Amyah Ockenga commented on her experience at honor band, "I liked having two different solos in two different songs and our director was funny and told lots of jokes, the home cooked meals were good as well."

Ockenga also said, "I liked the songs as there was a large music selection."

The band played a total of five songs for their performance. These

students worked all day long with students from other schools as well. They practiced from the morning into the afternoon and then their performance was that same night.

Junior Carmen Bohl also commented, "I thought honor and was fun, I got to meet people from other towns and it was nice to play in a bigger band."

Flandreau hosted this year's Big East honor band, other schools that attended were Parker, Chester, McCook, Baltic, Sioux Valley.

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** In ancient times, strangers shook hands to show they were unarmed

**GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:**  
rain = der Regen  
(dehr reh-gin)

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What do you get when you throw a lot of books into the ocean?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** See if you can figure out this puzzle.

**MILONELION**

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Saturday, March 25**
  - State Youth Wrestling
- Sunday, March 26**
  - State Youth Wrestling
- Monday, March 27**
  - Golf practice begins
  - FFA Contest (9:00)
  - Quiz Bowl @ BEC (4:00)
  - ACT Prep—Reading
- Tuesday, March 28**
  - ACT Prep—Math
- Wednesday, March 29**
  - MS Band & Choir Large Group Contests (11:00)

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



## Worth Mentioning

**Field Trips** took over the week for a few classes: Multimedia, Journalism, and Mass Communications. Students in these classes visited a variety of businesses and industry professionals to get a hands-on look at day-to-day operations.

**Garretson Pride Pool** for March Madness is in full swing. Right now Mr. Hughes and Cole Skadsen lead the way but things could change when the Sweet Sixteen wraps up tonight.



Honor band participants are Keara Beck, Kristen Cordier, Angel Larson, Logan Nussbaum, Amyah Ockenga, Carmen Bohl, Diantae Lymon, and Jacob Liester. Director Nick Sittig (back) chose these students to represent GHS during the Big East Conference honor band festival because of their talent and strong performances throughout the year.

Photo by Angela Nussbaum

## Field trips bring extra excitement to a few elective classes

*Visits to KSFY, Results Radio, Sioux Falls Skyforce, Dakota Video and Post, and Denny Sanford Premier Center*



**Left:** Diantae Lymon, Victoria Lippert, Alyssa Bunde, Sylvia Larson, Samantha Gonzalez, Jaden Braaten, Kamie Roesler (KSFY Morning News Anchor), and Mason Hofer sit behind the desk while visiting the studios.



**Below:** Samantha Gonzalez speaks into the radio mic to learn about voice editing and modulation while visiting Results Radio earlier this week.

**Below:** Matt Dykstra (PR/Media Director) explains to the students the non-glamorous side of the sports world.



**Right:** Issak Etrheim, John Christian, Matthew Gustafson, Erik Hanson, Alex Veldkamp, Alyssa Bunde, Aiden Scholl, and Diantae Lymon had a chance to see the front to back process of commercial creation at Dakota Video and Post.



**Right:** Diantae Lymon, tests his skills on a green screen as a weather man while at KSFY.



**JOKE:** A title (tidal)

wave



## Seniors present their Senior Experience projects

Class of 2017 got one step closer to graduation with the completion of their projects

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The seniors presented the results of their Senior Experience Projects on Wednesday, March 22. Their projects had a wide variety, as they ranged from woodworking over cake decorating to community service.

Moriah Flanagan was a Minnesota

4-H (a youth development organization) state ambassador. She went to the Minnesota State Fair for 16 days and to a retreat in the fall, where she planned camps, which were held in each region of Minnesota.

"I know other people, who have been in this program before and they learned a lot from it. I grew in confidence and leadership skills. My presentation went pretty well, [even though] I talked a little faster than I expected," stated Flanagan.

Her suggestion for others in the future is "Pick a project that you are going to enjoy and don't procrastinate."

Completing a senior project is a graduation requirement at Garretson High School since 2009. Students are supposed to put at least 40 hours of work in their

project and find a mentor, who is an expert in the field. They are also expected to become really knowledgeable about it. In the end they have to present their project in front of a jury consisting of members of the Garretson community and representatives of the South Dakota Department of Education.

Brendan Harris made a bench out of wood and the tailgate of a pickup. He found the idea on Pinterest.

"I liked the feeling when it was done and I think my presentation went really well," commented Harris. His advice for younger students is



Jared Fitzgerald sits on his senior project, repurposing a back end of a 1957 Chevy. Fitzgerald's plans are to donate his couch to Nordstrom's Automotive, the same place where Fitzgerald salvaged the car.

Photo by Victoria Lippert



Brendan Harris gave a tailgate of a Ford pickup truck new life by creating this new bench.

Photo by Brendan Harris

## Track has ran into a predicament

The last sports season of the year finds itself with low numbers

by **Sam Gonzalez**  
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The anticipation in your bones, the goosebumps on your skin from the frosty air and BOOM, the gunshot rings in your ear and the race begins. On Tuesday, March 21st track had officially started, but there has been a problem arriving. Not many students are joining this year.

"I feel like now people are focused on other sports and don't want to go out. For instance, I was going to, but I just really want to focus on soccer and basketball. For me track would just help me keep in shape rather than enjoying it."

Kyley Greenhoff, former runner, had said.

Besides having other sports, injuries has played a part in not joining. From torn ACL's to stress fractures.

"It's going to be a struggle because it'll be hard. We don't have the number to be able to score a lot of points at the meets. We'll just take the athletes we have and do the best with what we have." Jason Bohl, one of the track coaches had informed.

It's still not too late to join, so if you want, contact any of the coaches and let them know before the upcoming meet. The first track meet of the season will be hosted at Hartford on April 4th at 4:00 p.m.



## Senior Spotlight

Brandy Greenhoff

### Senior Project:

Learning how to cook French cuisine

### Activities:

Soccer  
Softball  
Basketball  
Track  
TATU  
Mentoring

### Who/What Will You Miss the Most:

My friends, sports, teachers, and all the memories I have made in high school.

### Next Year's Plans:

Attend a four year university for either radiology or biology



## US announces travel ban on large devices

Extra security for flights to America go into effect

by **Mason Hofer**  
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On Tuesday the United Kingdom released a cabin baggage ban on laptops and large tablets on direct flights from some mostly Muslim countries. The reason for this is because the FBI has a growing suspicion that Al-Qaeda is putting hard-to-detect bombs in them. These countries include, Jordan, Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and Lebanon.

Very Shortly after this the United States came out with a very similar ban. US officials stated that all sorts of bombs can be hidden in these large devices in place of a battery. No

US officials have given a starting date for this travel ban, but they are in the process.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling stated that, "We understand the frustration that these measures may cause and we are working with the aviation industry to minimize any impact."

Passengers are still allowed to bring their devices on the plane, but they must be packed away in the checked luggage under the plane. Does this really help all that much? Senior official of the international travel organization doesn't think so.

"Why should I feel safer if the laptop is stowed away in the belly of the plane and the perpetrator can use his iPhone to set it off? I just don't get it."

## Scholarship Corner

Opportunities to gain a little more money before heading to college

### Home Builder's Association:

- \$1000 (multiple available)  
- Deadline April 3  
<http://hbasiouxempire.com/care-foundation/scholarships/>

### South Dakota Retailer Association:

- \$500 - \$2,250  
- Deadline April 11  
<https://www.sdra.org/educationevents/scholarshipprogram/>

### First Bank and Trust:

- Up to two \$500 scholarships  
- Deadline May 31;  
<https://www.bankeasy.com/assets/uploads/general/Garretson-Scholarship-Application-2017.pdf>

### John Solem Scholarship

- \$1,000 Scholarship  
- Deadline April 1  
- See Ms. Danielsen for scholarship

### Jesse James Fine Arts Scholarship

- \$1,000 Scholarship  
- Deadline April 25  
- See Ms. Danielsen for scholarship

This list is NOT comprehensive, but just a few scholarships that have been passed on. Please refer to your email for more scholarships sent on from Ms. Danielsen.

