

Hannah Frewaldt takes her third straight spelling bee. More on back page.

# Blue Ink



## Lady Blue Dragons notch their first win of the season on Tuesday

*With a 61-55 win over the Canton C-Hawks, Garretson looks to keep that momentum going into this weekend*

by **Isaiah Mader**  
senior writer

The Lady Blue Dragons are now four games into their 20 game season, after starting out winless through the first three, they bounced back and took a victory in Canton on Tuesday after a devastating loss on Saturday to Chester Area. The girls basketball team is looking for a strong showing out of the squad this year after returning three seniors. The last game proved they were up to the task at hand.

After falling short in their earlier

contests, seniors Macey Bohl and Kindra Clark stepped up and scored 17 and 13, respectively. The points offered by them along with junior Erynn Fink's 19 rebounds propelled the Dragons to their first victory still early in the season. The final score was 61-55 in Garretson's favor.

Sophomore Kyley Greenhoff said, "I think this year's coaches have brought a lot of good ideas to the team. If we build on them and add more excitement and energy, it'll be a fun season."

With a new coaching staff and a new roster, the girl's season looks

quite different from last year. The ladies have adjusted well and that is being shown early.

Fink added, "It's good seeing wins this early in the year, it just shows how good we could actually be."

Garretson is scheduled to head to Colman-Egan tomorrow for the Entringer Classic, going head to head against Oldham-Ramona-Rutland. The Blue Dragons are looking for their second win on the year, and coming off a hard fought win would be a great momentum booster for the remainder of the season.

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** St. Nicholas, the real person on whom Santa Claus is based, lived in the 4th century AD in the province of Lycia on the southwest coast of Asia Minor.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Where do snowmen keep their money?

**GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:** The Snow = der Schnee

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** The following are the first letters of the first few words of popular Christmas songs. Can you decipher it?

1. FTSWAJHS
2. AIWFCIMTFT

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Saturday, December 17

- Wrestling @ Elk Point-Jefferson (10:00)
- GBB @ Entringer Classic v. ORR (2:45)
- BBB @ Parker (6:15/7:00)

#### Monday, December 19

- JH/JV Wrestling @ MCM (5:00)

#### Tuesday, December 20

- Music Pie & Ice Cream Concert

#### Thursday, December 22

- MS to Pizza Ranch

#### Friday, December 23

- No School—Winter Break

## A new student experiences a new school in a new country

*Victoria Lippert, foreign exchange student from Germany, becomes the newest Blue Dragon*

by **Victoria Lippert**  
staff writer

Victoria sits down to give the *Blue Ink* readers a brief look into her life and motivation to study abroad.

### Q: Where are you from?

A: I am from Frankfurt (Oder), Germany.

### Q: Who does your family consist of?

A: In Germany I lived together with my mum Grit, my brother Daniel and our rabbit Blitzie, but my dad is also part of my family, even though my parents are separated.

### Q: When did you start learning English?

A: I kind of started learning English in first grade, but we just sang songs, played games and so on without really understanding anything. The lessons started to get more serious when I was in fifth grade. So I learned English for six years before I came here.

### Q: Why did you become a foreign exchange student?

A: I wanted the chance to go to another country, and get to know the culture and the way of life.

### Q: When did you come to the US and how long will you stay here?

A: I came to the US in August and I will stay till June.

### Q: Why did you come to South Dakota?

A: Because the family, who decided to host me lives in South Dakota.

### Q: What is the hardest thing to adapt to?

A: I think it's living with another family and speaking English all the time.

Look for more insights in upcoming issues including a German word of the week from Lippert.

## Holiday Fun

*Fill out this holiday themed mad-lib with your friends at the lunch table.*

The best thing about \_\_\_\_\_ (noun ending in ing) is my \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) friends are all going bowling! We are all meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ (persons name) house first so we can hang out. \_\_\_\_\_ (his or her) dad is making cheeseburgers for all of us. His cheeseburgers are \_\_\_\_\_

(adjective). After we were done eating we all \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) to the car. We blared \_\_\_\_\_ (artist) music all the way there. We bowled for three hours. \_\_\_\_\_ (friends name) ending up winning every single one. It's almost like he is \_\_\_\_\_ (verb ending in ing) the ball out of his hands! It's not even fair.

It is a good thing we decided not to put money on this because a lot of us would be \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective)! On the way back there was a lot of loud music and \_\_\_\_\_ (verb ending in ing) it got pretty \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective). Overall it was a pretty fun experience and I hope that we can sometime do it again.

## DIY Gift: Holiday Bath Bombs

*One of our own Blue Ink staffers shares one of her "do-it-yourself" gift ideas for friends*

by **Peyton Sage**  
staff writer

It's the most wonderful time of the year, but it's also the season where money is tight. Here is one amazing do-it-yourself craft that can be made with items that you may already have in your home. With a little love and creativity, this will also make the perfect Christmas present.

There's nothing like a warm, relaxing bath in the winter time. With a few ingredients, you can create the greatest gift for anyone that loves a little scented tranquility.

What you'll need: 1 cup baking soda, 1/4 cup cream of tartar, 1/2

cup cornstarch, 1/2 cup Epsom salt (or any non-iodized salt), and 1 teaspoon water. Optional: 2 teaspoons essential oil for scent (i.e. peppermint, lavender), 1

tablespoon oil for moisturizing (i.e. olive oil, coconut oil), non-toxic glitter, and 4-5 drops of food coloring of your choice. Also, you'll need some sort of mold for the bath bombs such as a cupcake pan, a cut in half tennis ball, or even an old play-doh mold.

1. In one bowl, mix together baking soda, cream of tartar, cornstarch, and the salt.



2. In a second bowl, mix together essential oil, moisturizing oil, and water.

3. Pour the wet ingredients in with the dry ingredients and stir until evenly mixed.

4. Add in the food coloring and mix until you reach your desired color.

5. Put the mix into a mold of your choice and let dry for 1-2 hours, or overnight if you don't plan on using it right away.

6. After removing the mold, wrap it in tissue paper as a gift, or toss the bath bomb in the bath and watch it dissolve for yourself.

## Worth Mentioning

**Early out** today means that after school activities and practices are also cancelled.

**Music Pie & Ice Cream Concert** has been moved to Tuesday, December 20

**Saturday activities** are cancelled due to the weather. This includes wrestling, boys basketball, and girls basketball. Make up dates will be announced later.

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



## GHS boys basketball kicks off the season with their first two games

Tri-Valley and Canton prove to be just a bit too much for the Blue Dragons as the season gets underway

by **Jaden Braaten**  
staff writer

Boys basketball season is finally here and many GHS fans and students are ready for the winter sport!

The team played Friday Tri-Valley this was the team's first game. Although the team had a few people sitting out, they were very eager to get on the court! Shay Gibson, senior, explained how he thought the game went, "There were a lot of nerves, so I think that was a lot of the issues we had as a team since it was our first game, but I think it went better than expected."

Marc Rattenborg, a junior, gave his opinion about how well the team played on Friday, "We were really in it in the

beginning, but then we got kind of cold and lost it in the end."

Although the team lost they knew they had their next game to focus on, which was Canton earlier this week. As the team had about a handful of teammates who were ineligible to play at the moment, the boys knew they had to step up their game.

"I think it did effect the team since we had 2 of our 5 starters sitting out." Gibson added.

Gibson was also the highest scorer at the game that night, with a total of 30 points. Also Trevor Fiegen came in with 19 points, Drew Blossmo with seven, Noah Reiber with three, and John Christian also with three.

"We played well in Canton and we stayed with them pretty well but we were never able to get ahead of them enough for a win." Marc Rattenborg said about Tuesday's game.

The Blue Dragons fell to 0-2 with Tuesday's loss to Canton, 62-72

As those games are in the team's past they are now working hard in practice everyday as they prepare for their next game. The Blue Dragons were scheduled to play Parker tomorrow but due to impending weather that game has been postponed.

The Entringer Classic on December 31 in Brookings is the next game on their schedule. Garretson is slated to play Arlington.



Shay Gibson (#14) takes it into Tri-Valley traffic during the home opener. Despite him making the bucket, Gibson and the Blue Dragons were unable to pull out the victory versus the Mustangs.

Photo by Sylvia Larson

## Christmas Song Riddles

Answers can be found at the bottom of the page

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. 

## Snowmen Oreo Balls

Sylvia Larson shares a holiday dessert favorite

Mix one package of crushed Oreos with one box of cream cheese.

Using a tablespoon for measurement, form the mixture into balls and freeze.

Once frozen (to help keep shape), dip in white candy coating (this can be chips, wafers, or almond bark; whatever you have handy is fine).

While the candy coating is still soft,

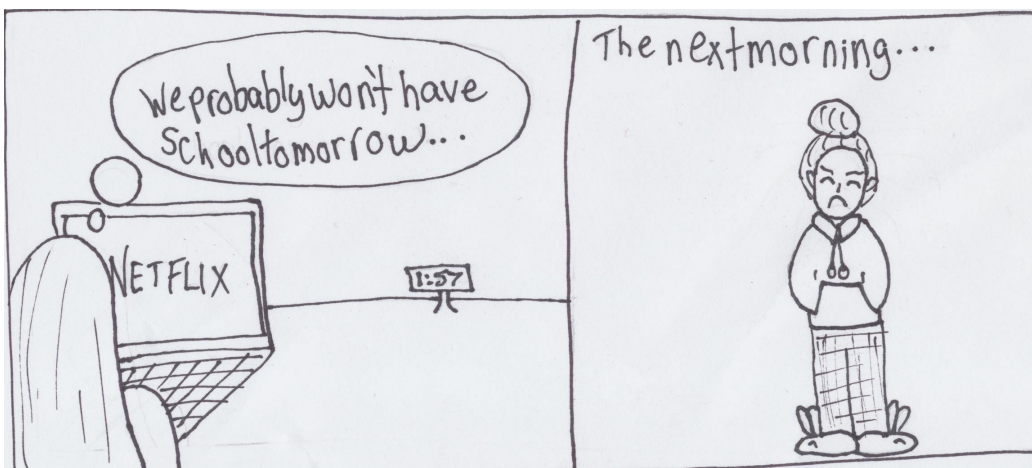
place a mini Oreo on the top as the snowman's hat.

Once the candy coating has hardened, take decorative frostings and sprinkles to create the face. Enjoy



## Student Scribbles

Created by Sylvia Larson



## Spelling Bee repeats champ for third year

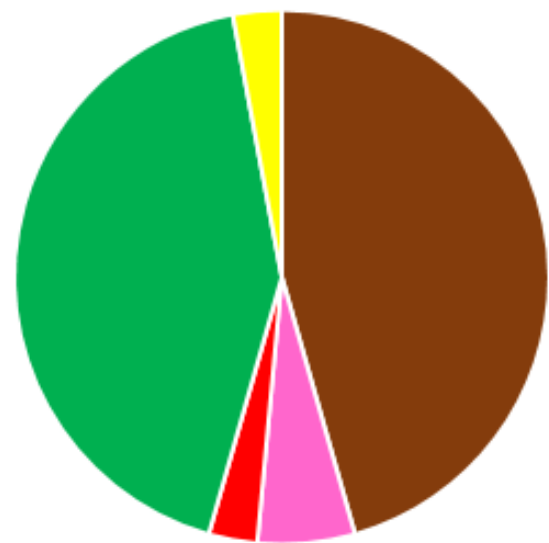
Hannah Frewaldt wins 3rd-5th grade spelling bee on Suet



Fifth grade participants were (front) Sydney Olson, Bryn Swatek, winner Hannah Frewaldt, Emily Panning, (Back) Junior Olson, Blaine Trower, Sage Solheim, and Abri Doppenberg. Frewaldt correctly spelled "suet" for the win, making this her third win in a row.

## Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked what their favorite holiday dessert is.



Happy Holidays!