



Boys basketball plays Tea Area Titans. Girls played the Titans last night.

# Blue Ink



## Garretson continues annual Cabin Fever Week

*Celebrating the end of the first semester and being halfway through winter, Cabin Fever Week enters the halls*

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As many students refer to this week as "I Hate Winter Week" GHS changed it up within the last two years and decided to now name it "Cabin Fever Week." This week is when all students in GHS and GMS can dress up and be silly since everyone is really having "cabin fever" with the weather we have been getting. The dress up days this year were Tank Tuesday, Wednesday-Hawaiian Day, Thursday- USA day, and Friday - Florescent day.

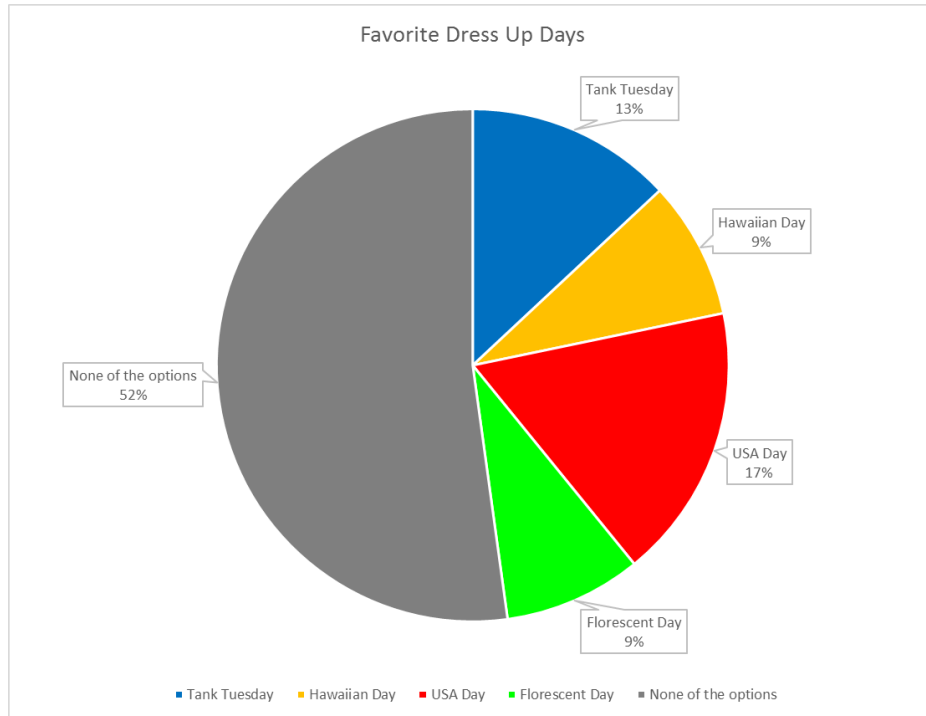
**Tank Tuesday:** Even though the weather was cold, GHS students still got out their summer attire. Many of the guys brought out their bro-tanks and the girls brought out their favorite bright colored tanks.

**Wednesday- Hawaiian Day:** Many students and even teachers dressed up for this day, between the khaki shorts and the Hawaiian shirts to the leis that many people wore, Hawaiian day was one of the many favorites of Cabin Fever Week.

**Thursday- USA Day:** Doesn't matter if you wore red, white, blue, or all three colors to show appreciation to the U.S.; this day made students show off their crazy USA socks and multiple necklaces and their Old Navy American Flag shirt.

**Friday- Fluorescent Day:** If you like bright colors so people can find you a mile away, this is your day! Students wore a lot of bright cloth-

days in a row." The students that are involved in student council were the ones to help decide the dress up days this



ing and accessories as well!

Junior student at GHS, Hunter Carver, talks about his favorite day of Cabin Fever Week, "I think my favorite day was Hawaiian day because I got to see all the teachers participating on this day, and it was funny to see Mr. Steckler think Tuesday was Hawaiian day so he wore the same Hawaiian attire for two

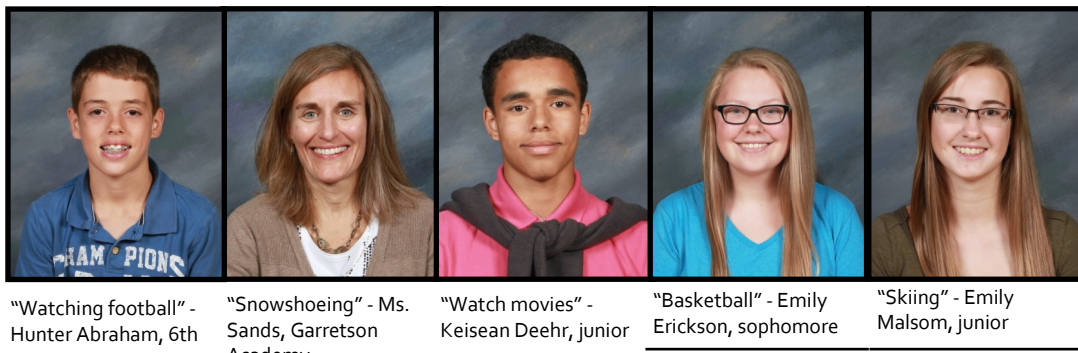
year, they do their best to find fun yet easy and exciting dress up days but they are always open to ideas.

Carver had an idea already for next year, "I think it would be a good idea to add something like injury day where we all pretend we got injured and everyone has multiple physical injuries."

## Passing the time to get through winter

*A compilation of what Garretson students do until the weather turns into our favor*

compiled by  
**Victoria Lippert**



"Watching football" - Hunter Abraham, 6th  
"Snowshoeing" - Ms. Sands, Garretson Academy  
"Watch movies" - Keisean Deehr, junior  
"Basketball" - Emily Erickson, sophomore  
"Skiing" - Emily Malsom, junior

## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** You've never seen your own face, only pictures and reflections.

**GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK:** the ice = das Eis (dahs ice)

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why didn't any punctuation want to date the apostrophe?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** What can be seen once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years?  
*Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday, January 20**
  - Florescent Day—Cabin Fever Week
  - JH BBB v. Tea (4:00)
  - BBB v. Tea (6:15/7:00)
- Saturday, January 21**
  - JH GBB @ BEC Tourney (9:00)
- Tuesday, January 24**
  - JH GBB @ Tri-Valley (4:00)
  - JH BBB v. Flandreau (4:00)
  - BBB v. Flandreau (6:15/7:00)
  - Wrestling—Parents' Night (5:00)
- Thursday, January 26**
  - GBB @ BEC Tourney (TBD)
- Friday, January 27**
  - GBB @ BEC Tourney (TBD)

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



## Worth Mentioning

**Blue Dragpn Basketball** hosted the Border Clash this past weekend. Four teams from South Dakota and four teams from Minnesota came together in Garretson in this annual event. Garretson was paired up against Luverne. The girls were unable to come away with a win but the boys secured another W on their schedule.

**Wrestling** was in action on Saturday the 14th at Tri-Valley.

**Congratulations** to Mr. Ruml and his wife on the birth of their baby girl.



"Watch Netflix" - Lauren Heesch, 8th  
"Playing video games" - Chloe Flahaven, 6th  
"Go to basketball games" - Peyton Hove, 8th  
"Movie night" - Tabi Klingenberg, senior  
"Sleep" - Michelle Fritz, senior  
"Ice skating" - Leah Olson, sophomore  
"Sleeping" - McKenzie Decker, junior  
"I like to play basketball and go sledding" - Katie Hanson, 7th  
"Slurping (sled surfing)" - Madisen Northrup, junior  
"Drinking hot cocoa by the fire" - Mrs. Granberg, Art  
"Drink hot chocolate, wrapped up in blankets, watching a movie" - Becca Weiland, junior  
"Drinking hot chocolate" - Caitlyn Trower, junior  
"Movie night" - Kindra Clark, senior  
"Shopping at the mall" - Hailey Steffes, staff writer

**JOKE:** It was too possessive

**BRAINTEASER:** The Letter M

## The curtain falls on the greatest show on earth

*Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus close their doors for good*

by **Sylvia Larson**  
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A lot of people these days have never experienced the sights and smells of a real circus. Huge, brightly colored pitched tents, elephants, a fun house with spooky distortion mirrors, sugary cotton candy, deep fried everything - the whole shebang. Times are changing, and old-timey entertainment has taken a pretty big hit.

After 146 years, the big top will soon come down for good on the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey's circus.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, a longtime opponent of the circus, wasted no time in claiming victory over the whole ordeal, but the decision came as circuses and animal-performance shows across the country have struggled with declining attendance, short attention spans, and a change in the social fabric brought to bear by activists who argued that the animals were sometimes poorly treated - which can be debated but mostly isn't true. Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus removed elephants from their shows last year around this time, which caused ticket sales to plummet. The company had long battled animal rights activists in costly court kerfuffles — winning a \$15.75 million judgment against an animal rights group who had paid a former employee to testify against the circus in 2015 — but apparently lost the larger fight over public opinion.

They have two shows touring right now, Out of This World and Circus Xtreme, which were largely derived from a history of 'blue' and 'red' trains back when they had to cart tents around. Collectively, these two show will preform 30 more

times before the the stakes are pulled forever. The last two shows are in Rhode Island on May 7th and New York on May 21st. Roughly 500 people are losing their jobs because of this decision, and many are even losing their homes due to their semi-permanent living situation in the passenger train's residence car.

The circus, with its exotic mammals, over-the-top outfits, and death-defying acrobatic performances, has been a staple of entertainment in the United States since the mid-1800s. The combined Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus is ending on its 146th year, but the ingredients that morphed to make the circus known and loved today has been around much longer. The term 'circus' actually comes from the word circle, which was the shape of the rink that horses would do tricks in. The modern version of the circus - a combination of equestrian displays and displays of strength and agility- was created in England by Philip Astley (1742-1814).

A now famous addition to the show was a character somewhat derived from a court jester, borrowed from the Elizabethan theater, the clown, who filled the pauses between horse tricks with bouts of juggling, tumbling, and rope-dancing.

Some years later over here in America, Phineas Taylor Barnum made a traveling spectacle of animals and human oddities popular, while five of the Ringling brothers first performed juggling, singing, and joking skits in a vaudeville-esque fashion from their home in Baraboo, Wisconsin. They soon added a horse and a bear to the act. Barnum, who brought the first Asian elephant to America, merged his shows with James Anthony Bailey, who co-created The Cooper and Bailey Circus. Barnum dis-

solved his independent show - P.T. Barnum's Great Traveling Museum, Menagerie, Caravan, & Hippodrome - and took some of his most successful elements and combined them with Bailey's show to create a duo.

Eventually, the two teams stopped fighting for attention and merged. 'The Greatest Show on Earth' was born. They traveled around via train, enthraling eager audiences with the sheer scale of entertainment and exotic animals previously unseen to captivated audiences.

Each show involved animals, tricks, games, entertainment, and the now infamous freak show. They traveled around the country. The circus was held in huge tents until 1956, when they transitioned to arenas with permanent seating.

For some reason, the world enjoyed spending its off-hours looking at deformed human beings who traveled with circuses and similar events. There were many famous 'freaks' - mostly just people with genetic deformities - that preformed side-show acts with Bailey and the Ringlings, but in 1967 the circus was sold to Ivan Feld who eliminated the freak show. He also boosted the animal portion to center stage



and demoted the smaller acts to boost profitability.

A year later, in an effort to upgrade its depleted clown ranks, Feld founded the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Clown College, which trained about 1,400 clowns from 1968 to 1997. The tuition-free college students were awarded with a specific clown suit, wig, shoes and makeup kit when they graduated.

The circus continued to travel, adding and eliminating acts every now and then.

As the years crept up on them, they always managed to deflect animal rights activists and haters, keeping the famous show on the road of entertainment.

In December 2016, history was made when the first female ringmaster was announced, Kristen Michelle Wilson.

News of the closing is devastating to the 10 million people who attend annually, as well as devoted fans and historians. Like other retirees, the elephants will land in Florida in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Elephant Conservation Center.

As hard as it is to handle, the curtains are closing on many activities enjoyed by our ancestors. It's bittersweet but it's necessary. The Greatest Show on Earth is folding its big tent forever.

## Soft & Chewy Double Chocolate Chip Cookies

*A little bite of joy during the drab winter months*

by **Tabi Klingenberg**  
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Soft & Chewy Double Chocolate Chip Cookies. Made with semi sweet chocolate chips and cocoa powder. These cookies take only 20 minutes to make start to finish! Serves: 16-20 cookies.

**Ingredients:**

- 1 stick unsalted butter (1/2 cup) softened
- 3/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

- 1 large egg
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee granules
- 1/8 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips

**Instructions:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper. Set aside.

In a stand mixer with the paddle attachment cream butter and both sugars until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes.

Add in the vanilla and egg and mix to combine.

In a medium bowl whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, coffee granules and cocoa powder. Add the dry ingredients to the stand mixer on the lowest speed in two increments. Mix until combined. Try not to over mix.

Fold in the chocolate chips.

Portion out cookies into rounded tablespoons and place on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 8 minutes or until edges of the cookie are firm. They will still look soft don't worry they will continue to cook as they cool.

Allow the cookies to cool for 2 minutes on the baking sheet then transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely.

Store cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for about 3 days and in the freezer for up to 3-4 months.

### Senior Spotlight

*Tabi Klingenberg*

**Senior Project:**  
Directing a one-act play

- Activities:**
- Volleyball
  - Football Cheer
  - Basketball Cheer
  - Oral Interp
  - Color Guard
  - One/Three Acts
  - TATU
  - Yearbook
  - Journalism
  - Mentoring
  - Choir

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

My classmates, family, and memories that come along with being in high school

**Next Year's Plans:**  
Attend a 4-year university



### Senior Spotlight

*Jacob Liester*

**Senior Project:**  
Zion Lutheran's 125th Anniversary Celebration

- Activities:**
- Cross Country
  - Golf
  - Baseball
  - NHS
  - FCA
  - Youth Group
  - Work at GFC
  - TATU
  - Band
  - Choir

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

Baseball  
Cross Country—running the hill

**Next Year's Plans:**  
Attend SDSU for some kind of engineering

