

# Blue Ink



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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States.

### BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:

Look closely:

What does this image say?

Answer on back page



**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

Answer on back page

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday, November 20**  
- Middle School Dance—Commons
- Monday, November 23**  
- Girls' Basketball begins
- Wednesday, November 25**  
- Early Release—Dismiss at 1:30
- Thursday, November 26**  
- No School  
- Happy Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 27**  
- No School
- Monday, November 30**  
- Boys Basketball Begins
- Tuesday, December 1**  
- Oral Interp Runners Up Tournament at Yankton  
- 7/8 GBB @ SFC
- Wednesday, December 2**  
- ASVAB Test (juniors)

## TATU Brings Awareness to the Great American Smokeout

By Annika Hanson

The Great American Smokeout is an event that takes place every November 19th. The purpose of this event is to encourage smokers to quit smoking for at least one day.

This whole ordeal began all the way back in the '70s when a man in Massachusetts asked people to give up smoking for one day. This sparked a revolution and after years of debate it was officially made in to a national day.

This is a great cause because smoking is responsible for one in three cancer-related deaths. This event is dramatically changing people's attitude about smoking.

Even quitting smoking for a short time is beneficial. After 12 hours of quitting, a person's carbon monoxide level drops down back to normal. After 48 hours a persons sense of smell and taste improve immensely. It continues on to clearing a persons system of nicotine and its by-

products. Then a persons heart attack risk begins to drop and lung functions start improving after two to three weeks. After 9 months the cilia in a persons lungs start to regain function to better clean a persons lungs. As the years go by cervical, bladder, lung and mouth cancer risks all decrease. If everyone quit smoking, five million people could be saved every year.

Everyone can participate in this event, even if they do not smoke. To encourage smokers to quit their bad habit they can give up something for a day to show support, like gum.

On Thursday people around America wore either red, white, or blue to also show their support. The Garretson TATU members also encouraged this awareness on Thursday asking all Garretson School staff, personnel, and students to join in wearing those patriotic colors.



## Band Concert Brings Joy to All

The Garretson High school and Middle School performed their first formal band concert of the year on Tuesday.

Amid a fanfare of supporters, the instrumentalists showcased their talents.

If you missed your chance to indulge in this concert, there are a few more opportunities for musical enjoyment.

December 3: Elementary Music Concert; December 18: Middle School and High School Choir Concert. More concerts will occur in 2016.

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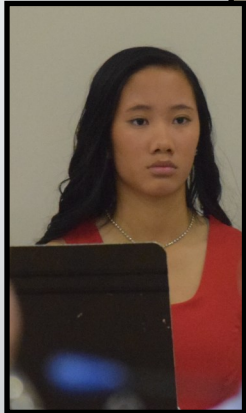
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# Band Concert Snapshots

Photos by Sylvia Larson





## Garretson FFA Continues Success, Does Well at Leadership Competition

By Alex Uhl

The Garretson FFA chapter traveled to West Central on Monday night to compete in the Leadership CDEs (Career Development Events). The contests the chapter participated in were Ag Broadcast, Ag Sales, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Market Plan, and Job Interview. They also had two members run for district office but did not make the final cut of seven officers.

The first contest was Ag Broadcast, where contestants are given news stories, weather reports, and stocks to be used in compiling a five minute radio news show. The contestants must also come up from scratch a radio advertisement that cannot be longer than 30 seconds but no shorter than 25. Alex Uhl, who's been in the contest for two years now, won second place and will be moving on to the state contest.



(Left to right) Juniors Allison Longhenry, Grace Homer, and Claire Longhenry took first place as the Market Plan team.

Photo Submitted by Mrs. Julie Mueller



Junior Claire Longhenry receives third place in extemporaneous speaking.

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Junior Alex Uhl, center, takes home second place in the Ag Broadcasting category.

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The other team-based contest was Market Plan. The team consisted of Grace Homer, Allison Longhenry, and Claire Longhenry. Their goal in the competition is to create a marketing and business plan for a fictitious company to be present to a group of judges that will determine their score

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Junior Moriah Flanagan earns third place in Job Interview.

Photo Submitted by Mrs. Julie Mueller



The Ag Sales Team of (left to right) sophomore Jaden Flanagan, sophomore Jack Konechne, junior Moriah Flanagan, and sophomore Emily Malsom, earns top honors.

Photo Submitted by Mrs. Julie Mueller

## Oral Interp Takes on Region Competition, Hopes for State Berth

By Alyssa Bunde

After over a month of meets, it was finally time for the our GHS oral interp gang to show off their skills at Monday's regionals! If they placed in the top three, they would advance to state competition at the beginning of December in Sturgis.

For those who are not familiar with oral interp, it's an extracurricular activity where people memorize already written and published pieces. They then present them to groups of people to be judged.

Those speaking do not just recite the pieces like a robot though; they add character, emotion and actions to accompany the story they showcase.

There is a time limit, a ten minute maximum, on the pieces presented. Going over the time limit can result in disqualification.

Senior Kyrstyn Beck also described oral interp, "It's kind of like a play except it's just you and your reenacting someone else's writing."

This Monday there were five students competing, but some expressed dissatisfaction in not having one of their other members due to sickness.

The members that went were: Kyrstyn Beck, Sylvia Larson, Nobel Nothstine, Caitlyn Trower and Myranda Folland.

Beck secured seventh in the serious division. Junior Sylvia Larson and

eighth grader Nobel Nothstine both took home fifth place in their divisions, humorous and storytelling, respectively. While Trower and Folland secured sixth place in the duet category.

Nonetheless sophomore Caitlyn Trower expressed her fondness of oral interp by commenting, "I like that you get to meet a lot of new people who enjoy the same things as you and the chance to get to act like someone else."

Oral interp has one more chance to showcase their talents. The Runner's Up tournament at Mount Marty takes place Tuesday, December 1.

## Shorts or No Shorts: Dress Code Debate Recap

By Brianna Callsen

As you may have noticed, the boys have been setting a new clothing trend by wearing tights underneath shorts after Isaiah Mader and MJ Vandersnick took on Mr. Long in a debate speech last week arguing the dress code.

"I think we conceded that shorts are okay as long as something is underneath them like tights," stated Long.

When asking Mr. Long if the staff/teachers are going to be stricter on the dress code or not, he responded, "I

think teachers have a lot on their plate so they don't think about things like the dress code but what we will do is try to let them know what items we really want them to look out for. I think students want us to use common sense: a strict, no compromise adherence to the dress code wouldn't be good for anybody."

Also since the student handbook is policy, in order to make changes, it needs to go through the school board.

If there are necessary changes needed that route will then be taken upon the school board.

Mr. Long's final statement about the debate was, "In conclusion I think it was a good exercise of democracy where both side were aloud to present there point of view; regardless of who won the debate, I think both side benefited from it."



## An Unlucky Day Indeed

By Brianna Callsen

Last Friday was November 13, 2015 or as others call it Friday the 13th.

Friday the 13th is considered to be the unluckiest day on the calendar. For many people, it is a good day to take caution, stay indoors, avoid black cats, ladders and mirrors, and reach out for their good luck charms for protection.

Although, it is very unclear as to why people believe it's the unluckiest

days, while others believe that the myth has biblical origins. Jesus was crucified on a Friday and there were 13 men at the last supper the night before his crucifixion.

Last Friday there were some major crises that happened around the world including: the terrorist attacks in Paris, earthquakes in Japan and Mexico, a funeral bombing in Baghdad, and a

suicide bombing in Beirut. Within the 24 hours on Friday the 13th, from these five horrific tragedies, we lost 115,200 lives.

Whatever the reason, fear of the 13th has spread far and wide. The next year we'll only have one Friday the 13th in 2016; it happens to fall in May.

## Racial Tensions Continue to Plague the U.S.

By Alex Uhl

There has been a stigma of racism stirring around the University of Missouri, but it appears it's always been there, just without a spotlight on it. Finally, the students on campus decided to stand up to the verbal abuse and prejudice that unfortunately wasn't abandoned long ago.

It was only brought to attention recently after their football team refused to attend practice and play games in protest to the poor handling of the situation and wished for the University President to resign because of it.

The President of the University, Tom Wolfe, gave into their demands and resigned.

But it started much earlier in the year, after an extensive use of racial

slurs by students against their fellow peers. This resulted in a small protest of ten students who locked arms in front of the president's car and were later removed by police.

But probably one of the most active protesters was a certain Jonathan Butler. He announced that he would go on a hunger strike and would continue to do so until President Wolfe "Is removed from office or my internal organs fail and my life is lost." Needless to say, something needed to change.

Then the Missouri football team decided to go on their strike. They released a statement that said, "The athletes of color on the University of Missouri football team truly believe 'Injustice Anywhere is a threat to Jus-

tice Everywhere,'" the group said in a statement.

"We will no longer participate in any football related activities until President Tom Wolfe resigns or is removed due to his negligence toward marginalized students' experience. WE ARE UNITED!!!!!"

The result of all the protests and incidents escalated into the president's resignation. After his resignation, Butler agreed to end his hunger strike and urged others to continue the message of anti-racism.

Now the ultimate question: What happens now? The students got what they wanted, but will it stop racism in the school? Only time will tell.

## Staff Spotlight on Mrs. Howe

By Annika Hanson

Mrs. Beverly Howe has been a teacher at Garretson high school since 1991. She currently teaches chemistry, physics, trigonometry, pre-calculus, and consumer math. But how well do you really know Mrs. Howe?

Howe's journey began in Garretson where she attended high school. She was marvelously close with her friends which led her to join sports such as basketball and track. At this time, she knew she wanted to do something that involved working with people. This ambition soon led to her pursuing teaching.

She attended college at SDSU (Go Jackrabbits!) where she made more friends and joined sports like volleyball.

Howe had always been interested in biology, as a result she has a biology degree. After she got that, she discov-

ered her passion for teaching in her junior year in college. She then took all the courses required for a teaching degree, after that she student taught at Sioux Falls Lincoln.

After she officially became a teacher, she taught in Minnesota and Chester before returning to her home town of Garretson. She decided to teach in Garretson because her children attended Garretson and she felt like their schedules would flow smoothly if she worked at the same place they attended school. Because of this, she has had good memories for every year she has taught here.

Her future goals are to be healthy and happy. Howe intends on staying in Garretson even after retiring from the school. She not only has roots in the school, being a grad herself and having her four boys go through the system,



but has roots in the community, living on a farm just outside of town.

Her motto is to just do the best you can in whatever you are doing.



## New and Returning Faces Take Over Wrestling Mats as Practice Begins

By Alyssa Bunde

With the weather getting colder and the school year getting shorter, it's that time of the year again...wrestling season! The boys are finding their gear and getting ready to work!

Our GHS wrestling team began practice this Monday, and with the guys already working on the basics, techniques and conditioning, it's bound to be a successful season.

This year the boys are under new leadership of Francis Ruml with assistance from the past head honcho Jason Bohl. Only time will tell of how this will effect the team, but primarily the team seems optimistic!

Junior and newbie Alex Uhl commented, "The first practice was brutal...it hurts to sit."

There has been a surplus of new additions to the team this year. In fact, besides the senior class, there is a fresh new face from each grade.

Freshman Ethan Kippes, when questioned on his enlisting to the team, had this to say, "I joined because I thought it would teach me a lot about character; it's all about individual performance and my dad also wrestled in high school."

Along with all the new faces on the team, there are plenty of returning ones as well. Two of those are this

year's seniors, Brady Schleuter and Jacob Fitzgerald. Both expressed their love for the team and hopes for a great season.

Elaborating more upon his last season as a Blue Dragon wrestler, Jacob Fitzgerald commented, "It's kind of sad but I want to go out with a high note and am hoping for the younger kids to gain experience...this sport turns you into a man."

We all hope to see great things from our wonderful wrestling team, but no matter what remember to come out and support! After all we as a school are one community so we're all in this together!

### Senior Spotlight

**NAME:** John Houg

**SENIOR PROJECT:** Restoring a 1960s Kawaski Motorcycle

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Football, Lifting, and Snowmobiling

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** Friends and having no responsibilities

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:** Attend SDSU for aviation



### Scholarship Corner

- Alliance Communications (\$1,000) - Must be Alliance Communications customer and be a full-time student in the fall of 2016. Due March 11, 2016.
- Black Hills Stock Show Foundation Scholarship (\$2,000) - Must go into an ag related or supported career including medical, business, engineering, and education. Due December 15, 2015
- South Dakota Farmers Union (\$500) - Must plan to attend an in-state college, university, or technical school. Due December 1, 2015
- Good360Sustainability Scholarship (\$1000) - High School Senior interested in sustainability. Due November 30, 2015
- Minnehaha Funeral Home Scholarship (\$500) - High School Senior with a minimum 2.5 GPA who plans to attain a 2 or 4 year degree from an accredited school.
- Flosum Scholarship (\$750) - GPA of 3.5 or higher, planning to attend an accredited 4-year college or university in the fall. Due December 15, 2015
- Please click on this [hyperlink](#) from Epsilon Sigma Alpha for a website that has a list of scholarships available. All are Due February 1, 2016

Please check your email for links to these scholarships.



### Student Opinion

Students were asked how they prefer to eat their eggs.

Take a moment to vote on the student opinion poll for next week's *Blue Ink*. Polls are located inside Mr. Hughes' room, Mr. TerWee's room and Mrs. Buchholz's room.

