

# Blue Ink

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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** Which word if pronounced right is wrong but if pronounced wrong is right?

*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** How many tickles does it take to make a squid laugh?

*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Friday, January 15

- END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER
- 7/8 GBB v. Baltic (4:00)
- GBB v. Baltic (6:15)

#### Saturday, January 16

- 7/8 BBB @ BEC Tourney (9:00)
- Wrestling @ Tri-Valley (10:00)
- Border Clash
  - GBB v. MCC (6:00)
  - BBB v. Luverne (7:30)

#### Monday, January 18

- No School—Staff In-Service

#### Tuesday, January 19

- BBB @ Dell Rapids (6:15)
- GBB @ SFC (6:15)

#### Thursday, January 21

- 7/8 GBB v. Tea Area (4:00)
- GBB v. Tea Area (6:15)
- Wrestling Triangular (5:00)

#### Friday, January 22

- 7/8 BBB @ Tea (4:00)
- BBB @ Tea (6:15)



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event schedule

## Blue Dragons Take Top in Consolation Side of BEC Tourney

By Brianna Callsen

Last week the boys basketball team took part in the Big East Conference Tournament, which took place in Parker the first two nights and finals in Baltic.

For the first round the boys were paired up with Parker. These two teams had already played each other earlier on in the season, but Garretson had a rough loss. Thursday night the Blue Dragons started out strong but had fallen later in the game losing 50-61.

After losing the first round the Dragons were then matched up to play Baltic in the

second round. Garretson played an outstanding game against the Bulldogs with a major winning decision 66-51.

The Blue Dragons went into the finals round against MCM, battling for fifth or sixth place. Garretson was able to pull out a win with a final score of 57-48. The boys walked away with fifth place.

Tomorrow the boys will take part in the annual boarder clash with JV starting at 5:15 playing Hills Beaver Creek. Following with varsity at 7:30 facing Luverne.

## Donald Trump Wants to Shutdown the Internet!?

By Alyssa Bunde

Let's be real, Donald Trump has proposed an overabundance of idiotic statements and ideas for his campaign. However, out of all them one has resulted in a plethora of controversy. Donald Trump wants to shut down the internet...and the scary part is, he could if he really wanted to, to an extent.

The controversy began in a speech at Mount Pleasant, South Carolina when Trump stated that he believes ISIS is using social media for recruitment purposes. The presidential candidate suggested discussing shutting off parts of the internet with the help of Bill Gates.

His exact words from a speech on December 8th was, "We're losing a lot of people because of the Internet. We have to go see Bill Gates and a lot of different people that really understand what's happening. We have to talk to them about, maybe in certain areas, closing that Internet up in some way".

So the question remains could Donald Trump really shut down the internet? Well, granted the candidate would need to gain some presidential power first but the government actually does have the ability of Internet expulsion. The program is referenced as the internet kill switch.

Details are sparse when it comes to this secretive program, in fact, it has only been used once. The internet shut down occurred in 2011 when a Bay Area Rapid Transit officer in San Francisco was shot and killed by a homeless man. The incident provoked monumental protests. So in response to the situation offi-

cial cut off cell service inside four transit stations for approximately three hours. Reasoning behind this was to keep anyone on the platform from sending or receiving anything that could have continued the riots.

When asked on his stance upon the matter Mr. Bennett commented, "I think you have to be very careful when limiting people's free speech but we need to use resources available to fight ISIS, so I think he may have the right idea, but we have to be very careful on how we proceed."

Trump's response to those questioning if this affects the first amendment was, "Somebody will say, 'Oh freedom of speech, freedom of speech.' These are foolish people. We have a lot of foolish people." as reported by CNN.

The real point now is just because we can does it mean we necessarily should? There is a surplus of other countries that do limit and control the internet. North Korea and China in fact are quite well known for restricting social networking sites that feature information the government doesn't want publicly known. So can we as the land of free really take away our citizens freedom of speech?

Foolish or not, the reality of the matter is while we do have the kill switch there are many other factors and satellite companies that control the internet as well. The USA does not have jurisdiction or the right overseas in regards to the internet either. It would take all the individual countries to willingly turn off their own internet as well.

## Wrestlers Struggled as a Team, Some Individuals Saw Success

By Alyssa Bunde

Last Saturday our wrestling team laced up their shoes and headed to Brandon Valley high school to hit the mats for the annual Jesse James invite.

The Jesse James invitational has been going on for at least four years now. Originally Garretson and Brandon had individual tournaments separate from each other. Nonetheless the two decided to come together in these recent years to give their wrestlers greater opportunities to compete against some of the best wrestlers in the state! The tournament included eighteen teams, including our own Blue Dragons! The competition also contained eight rated teams from both class A and B.

Freshman Hayden Pierret commented, "we wrestled decent as a team but well have to work on a couple things this week to fine tune some things."

The G-town team was sparse as it consisted of only eight wrestlers due to injuries and sicknesses. Nonetheless the boys eagerly and confidently walked in to the gym ready to wrestle.

One of the higher placing team members, Jack Konechne looks fondly upon his Saturday experience. The sophomore stated his first round was good as he pinned his competition from flandreau. Unfortunately he went astray in the second round and fell to a stronger opponent. Konechne then wrestled back up in the brackets to wrestle for third or fourth place. He laughed as he recalled the match that he was up against the same adversary he had lost to in his second match. Alas, Konechne came up short and ended up with respectable fourth place.

Mr. Bohl reflected on the tournament and said, "I think we wrestled better in one

of the tougher tournaments in the state and we did a lot better than we had been wrestling."

Another high-ranking participant was Sophomore Chayce Schleatuer, who, pinned his opponent the first round but then lost to a tough kid in overtime. Nonetheless he stated he made his way back up the bracket, through wrestle backs and gained a few wins a long the way. Finally the sophomore made his way to the placing round for fifth and sixth. Due to his cunning moves Schleatuer walked away proudly with fifth place.

The Garretson dragons are practicing and are continuing to strengthen their skills and wrangle in the mistakes and should be ready for this upcoming Saturday match up in Tri-Valley!



## Motivation to Make it Through the Rest of the School Year

By Brianna Callsen

It's is now officially 2016, and with the New Years comes new resolutions, new bucket lists and although you have desperately tried to forget about, a new spring semester. After the last few weeks of late or make up homework to the all nighters spent studying for that final exam.

Just think all of the crazy schedules, unreasonable workloads, all-nighters and waking up for that dreadful exam you have right away in the morning is officially over. This year let's start the semester off right by bettering your everyday tasks.

Junior Hailey Steffes stated, "my goal this semester is to not have a meltdown everyday."

One of major struggles high school students encounter with is waking up on time and then feeling rushed to get to school on time. The key to getting up on time is by setting an alarm and then placing it out of reach. By doing this you will be forced to get up and turn it off instead of hitting the

snooze button, which most of us do.

When always feeling rushed we tend to forget about things, like that assignment your teacher assigned last week but you put it off since you had a week to complete it. There's an upcoming test you've know about for quite awhile, but you keep pushing off studying until right before the test is handed out. A lot of students just don't get the concept that if you get it done right away you would be more prepared everyday.

By being prepared for the day you will overall be more motivated to accomplish the events on you're agenda that day. Staying active each day for 30 minutes at least will increase your motivation making you strive towards your goals in life.

Setting goals will help you later on in life when dealing with peer pressure and making the right decision. Starting off with small goals and working up to larger goals you will build confidence for future plans.

Not only do seniors struggle with the idea of having to figure out what they want to do with the rest of their lives after they graduate from high school, but it's all high schoolers. Friends and family members are always popping the question, *What do you want to do later on in life?* The realization that one day you'll have to survive on your own gets the best of us.

Senior Lara Luke strives for a positive support system after graduating "I hope to see myself somewhere successful later in life with a family and a good supportive husband, I don't need no dirtbag husband."

For all the seniors remember we can get through this only 126 more days left of school and we'll all be walking across the stage getting our diplomas. Juniors your right in the footsteps of the seniors with only 491 days left. Leaving the sophomores with 856 days and unfortunately freshman you still have 1,221 days left.

## "A New Hope" for an Old Franchise

By Alex Uhl

What comes to mind when you hear the words Star Wars? Do you think of the Death Star and Darth Vader, with lasers and starships fighting in space? However, until recently Star Wars hasn't really been in the mainstream since "Revenge of the Sith" came out in theaters in 2005.

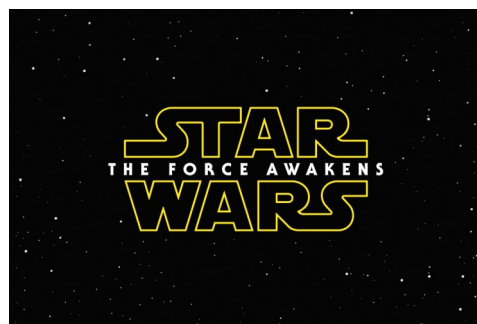
To many fans of the franchise, there hasn't been a good Star Wars movie since "Return of the Jedi" in 1983, and that the prequels that came out in the early 2000's are viewed as disfavored and are seen as not just bad Star Wars movies, but also as just simply mediocre films that would've been easily forgotten had it not been for the Star Wars Label.

But now a new Stars Movie is out! Is it as amazing as the hype train seems to make it seem, or is it just like another prequel? My opinion on "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" status as a good film is very simple. If you like the original Star Wars movie, you'll definitely

like this one, because both films are practically the same.

For example, the plots of both "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" and "Star Wars: A New Hope" mirror each other almost exactly. A droid with a secret message is being sought out by an evil Empire and must return to a rebel base with the help of a person from a desert planet so they can save the galaxy from said evil Empire, all the while discovering an ancient and mystical power that has been inside of them the whole time. So why did they recite the plot of the original Star Wars in a brand new movie?

Although it may have something to do with "free money," my theory is that the new director of this new trilogy JJ Abrams (who also directed the new Star Treks) is trying to prove that he can make a good Star Wars movie as opposed to the train wrecks that were the prequels. He's using something the fans already love and just simply applying a new coat of



paint to it, and in my opinion, is an amazing new coat of paint.

So is "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" a good movie? Yes, and you need to see it before it leaves theaters. Though it may not be a completely original chapter in the Star Wars saga, it's still a new one for a new generation and audience. I think that anyone, "Star Wars" fan or not, would at least enjoy the film for what it is. For the everyone who loved "Star Wars" then and "Star Wars" now, it's a return to long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away that'd we've been dying to finally return to.

## The Power of Powerball

By Annika Hanson

The Powerball hit 1.5 billion on Tuesday, January 12th, breaking the world record for the biggest potential jackpot for a single winner. Citizens who bought tickets waited with bated breath for the drawing that took place on Wednesday at 10:59 Eastern Time. There were three winning tickets: California, Florida, and Tennessee.

So why are the rewards so tremendous this time? One reason could be due to the payout that increased due to strong ticket sales on Monday. Another reason is because the odds of winning the jackpot are almost absolutely impossible.

A rule changed by the Multi-State Lottery Association back in October 2015 made the already-poor odds of winning the jackpot even worse: "They went from 1 in 175 million to 1 in 292.2 million. In other words, the jackpot has increasingly been designed to be victor-less" according to a Lansbaum, a CNN reporter. This compares with a one in 700,000 chance of being killed with an asteroid in a lifetime.

On top of the astronomical odds of winning, even if you did win, Uncle Sam will quickly relieve you of 25% of your money. This would leave you with 930 million, should you choose the immediate cash payout.

If you want 1.5 billion, you would have to wait to receive it in installments over the next 30 years. Each year you would receive a hefty check of 22.6 million. In a way, this is better than taking the lump sum because you would be protecting yourself from yourself.

On the contrary, 8th grader Noble thought it would be best to take the lump sum and either put it in the bank or donate it to a local business, which would also be a smart decision.

Mr. Hughes also bought a few tickets Wednesday night. He said, "The absolute first thing I would do with the money is take care of the things that need to be taken care of. Like taking care of my family because they have taken care of me. I would also help those who are less fortunate."

Sophomore Sylvia Larson had lavish plans for the money, if she would have won. Her first

intention would be to buy a Suburban from the '90s, she then would proceed to make a fund for her whole family to go to college. After this, she would fly the sophomore class down to Florida to go to Disney World, then donate some money to Garretson for various funding. Her extravagant strategy then ends with her spending the rest of the money however she sees fit.

Buying lottery tickets does not only benefit you (if at all), but it also aids schools in providing the proper assets for its students. The state lottery, which includes Powerball as well as scratchers and other games, make up around one percent of state spending on education. "Last year, this added up to 1.39 billion, or \$224 per student," stated education reporter Jill Tucker.

So go out and buy a ticket, Powerball players have already spent an estimated 2.6 billion on tickets since the last jackpot in November. So, why not be one of them and try your luck? As Effie Trinket would say from the Hunger Games, "May the odds be ever in your favor."

## Girls Basketball Look to Rebound from Flandreau Loss Tonight

By Alex Uhl

The Garretson Lady Dragons took the court on Tuesday in an epic game against the Flandreau Fliers. Though the Girls Basketball team didn't win against Flandreau, they still played their hardest and gave it their all.

The game started on a somewhat good foot as the score was kept somewhat tied up in between the Lady Dragons and Fliers, with the Lady Dragons only barely tolerating a small and

menial lead. Finally, the Fliers pulled ahead quite a ways and closed the first half with Flandreau taking the lead with a score of 29-36.

Although the Blue Dragons were down against the Fliers, they still held their heads up high and charged back onto the court with the hopes of evening out the score in their favor. Despite the optimism, the Lady Dragons were

defeated by the Flandreau Fliers with a final score of 36-67.

Despite this loss and other losses they had suffered previously, they are still holding their heads up high and plan on continuing to keep the season going. Tonight they will be face off against Baltic and will hopefully take their full force to the Bulldogs.

## A First Semester Review

By Annika Hanson

The first day of school was August 27th and Garretson has progressed a long way since then. We have had our good and bad days and they all make up the first semester of this year. Now that exams are FINALLY over Garretson rolls on into the new semester.

While Garretson did not have the best football season, the Blue Dragons did have a good Cross Country season! With top honors and competitors placing first the blue dragons did an excellent job. Senior Jayden Bly said that making it to state cross country was one of the highlights for her this past semester.

Soccer and volleyball also put forth measurable effort to reach their goals! 8th grader Noble made a mid field goal this past semester, making a memory she will never forget. Unfortunately these four seasons are over but the participants will always remember and learn from their experiences competing.

Semester exams are also a huge part of the year, because it signals the end of the semester. This year the exam schedule was a little unwonted. "Because semester exams got moved around deciding on what to teach prior to Christmas break was difficult." Stated English teacher Mr. Hughes.

For students most go to Christmas break and shut off their brain, so coming back to school is already stressful, but putting exams on top of that is a nightmare. Because of this Mr. Hughes decided to start the Juniors and Freshman off three weeks before Christmas break started so they would not have to stress about it.

This past semester has been distinguished with multiple events that will leave memories with the students and teachers alike. Now Garretson looks forward to the next semester in anticipation!



## Senior Spotlight



**NAME:** Matt Hulscher

**SENIOR PROJECT:** Gardening and Canning

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Football and Club Baseball

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** Being able to see my family every day

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:**

This summer I will go to the National Guard and then attend SDSU for nursing.

## Scholarship Corner

- **Prairie Rose Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must live within the townships of Brandon, Highland, Edison, or Logan. Due January 30, 2016,
  - **Garretson Community Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Minimum GPA of 2.5. Multiple scholarships available. Due February 26, 2016
  - **National Association of Women in Construction Scholarship (\$500-\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Pursuing study in a construction related field. Due February 28, 2016
  - **Buick Achievers Scholarship (up to \$25,000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Studying engineering, technology, or design with an interest in the automotive industry. Due February 29 2016
  - **Amateur Softball Scholarship (\$500)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
  - **American Legion Scholarship (\$500)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
  - **Entringer Classic Scholarship (\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Participation in HS athletics for at least two years. Due March 1, 2016
  - **Tip Top Tux Scholarship (\$1000-\$5000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
  - **CHS Easter Farmers Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must be going into an agricultural field. Six scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
  - **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. Due March 7, 2016
  - **Alliance Communications (\$1,000)** - Must be Alliance Communications customer and be a full-time student in the fall of 2016. Due March 11, 2016.
  - **South Dakota Firefighter Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must be son or daughter of a member of an SDFD. Due March 15, 2016
  - **Build Dakota Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Planning to attend one of four technical schools in South Dakota. Due March 15, 2016
  - **Home Builders Association Scholarship (\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Pursuing a Home Building Industry related field of study. Due April 4, 2016
- 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.



**ANSWERS: Brain Teaser:** The word "Wrong"

**Joke:** Ten Tickles ("tentacles")