



Congratulations to Garretson's Teacher of the Year, Ms. Kientopf. Thanks for all you do for our school and the community.

# Blue Ink



## Future Farmers of America

Local chapter celebrates National FFA week in a variety of ways



Community volunteers joined FFA members in packaging 50,000 meals that will be delivered to people in need in the Garretson and surrounding communities.

by **Kylie Uhl**  
staff writer

Happy national FFA week! The members of Garretson's FFA chapter and the community help kick off this week by volunteering their time to help bag Meals Of Hope. Their goal was to have 50,000 meals and they made that goal. This projects has been a long process, not only do they have to bag of the meals, but they went out into the community to get donations for the project.

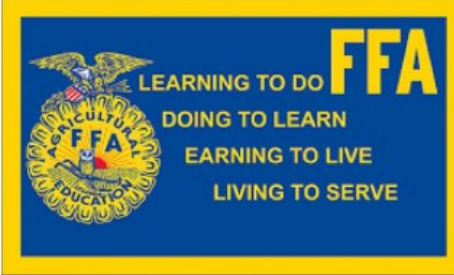
Not only do they do Meals of Hope, which they have decided to do for another year, they also have dress up

days throughout the week as well as host various competitions and everyone's favorite the petting zoo. Sadly with our fun snow day the FFA chapter had to reschedule the community blood drive for March.

"FFA week I feel brings the community together through the petting zoo and breakfast. Especially with our big service project, this year, Meals of Hope. I think there are better ways to get the staff involved. Such as having them dress up along with the students. A lot of people think FFA is just for hicks but there's actually more people who live within the city limits that participate in FFA," said FFA officer Kennedy Houghton.

When asked about getting new members to join officer Madi Decker stated, "I think FFA week may bring in a few members but that isn't our main thing to get new members; we have a new member party, and as officers we try to go out and talk to people about hosting FFA."

If you haven't had a chance go pet some animals today in the Ag barn from 8:30 to 2:30. Don't forget about the traditional FFA breakfast held at the legion on Saturday morning starting at 7:30.



Lauren (holding a bunny), Mattea, and Bella all enjoy the petting zoo going on in the ag barn today until 2:30.



In addition to animals, there are other things to pique your interest at the FFA petting zoo including old fashioned rope making. Caeden, and Jacob demonstrate how to go through the process.

### This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Today is George Washington's 187th birthday. He is the only president to be unanimously elected President.

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** The most effective cough syrup that exists is honey.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What do you call two birds in love?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** What falls in winter but never gets hurt?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

### Upcoming Events

- Friday, February 22**
  - FFA Petting Zoo
  - State Wrestling @ Rapid City
- Saturday, February 23**
  - FFA Breakfast @ Legion (7:30-10:30)
  - State Wrestling @ Rapid City
- Monday, February 25**
  - GBB v. Baltic (Regions - 7:00)
- Tuesday, February 26**
  - BBB @ TBD (Regions 7:00)
- Wednesday, February 27**
  - 5th Grade @ Starbase
- Thursday, February 28**
  - PreSchool Screening (9:00-6:00)
  - GBB @ TBD (Regions Rd. 2 - 7:00)

### Worth Mentioning

- Choose Kind**
- February Precept: "It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers." - James Thurber
  - January Precept: "No man is an island, entire of itself." - John Donne
  - December Precept: "Fortune favors the bold." - Virgil
  - November Precept: "Have no friends not equal to yourself."
  - October Precept: "Your deeds are your monuments."
  - September Precept: "When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind." - Dr. Wayne Dyer



## Unbossed and unbought

In honor of Black History Month, the Blue Ink features the famous Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisolm

by **Sam Gonzalez**  
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"I want to be remembered as a woman...who dared to be a catalyst of change" - Shirley Chisholm

In 1964, Shirley Chisholm became only the second African American, first African-American woman, to run for and become part of the New York State Legislature.

Chisolm once again broke another record when she became the first to seek a nomination for Presidency in the Democratic Party. In honor of Black History Month, the Garretson

Blue Ink once again recognizes someone who had an impact on the African-American community.

Born on November 30, 1924, Shirley was the oldest of four from her immigrant parents. She graduated Brooklyn College Cum laude in 1946, in which she gained encouragement to go into a political career. After gaining a seat in the House, she accomplished many things. She became the co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus and in 1977 became the first African-American and second woman to serve on a powerful House Rules

Committee.

In 1972, Chisolm experienced brutal discrimination when she requested the presidential nomination for the Democratic Party. She was only allowed to make one speech after being forbidden to participate in televised primary debates. Yet she still gained 10% of the democratic votes.

Not long after, in 1983, she retired from Congress and moved to Florida, where she passed away on January 1, 2005 at the age of 80.



# Basketball faces tough opponents

*Girls snag win against Baltic but drop other two games; boys fall in both games but one player reaches milestone in career*

by **Oliviyah Thornton**  
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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Garretson Blue Dragons basketball girls kicked off this week with a double header. First game played on Monday, February 18 against the Big East Conference champions, Beresford. Garretson led after the first half but lost 31-40.

The next day Tuesday, February 19 Garretson went up against one of their rivals, Baltic. Garretson wouldn't allow themselves to lose to the Bulldogs. The game ended 60-23 giving Garretson Blue a win.

To round out the busy week, the girls played another game last night, Thursday, February 21 against Dell Rapids for senior night. It seemed to be a tough night for the Blue Dragons. They fought hard against Dell Rapids but in the end both JV and varsity lost. JV 29-30 and varsity 52-75.

One great moment coming out of last night's varsity game was senior Leah Olson suiting up for her first ever varsity game and scoring her first varsity points. Olson has been a part of the basketball program for her entire high school career.

Garretson girls will be playing again next week on Monday, February 25 for the first round of region play. Garretson is fourth in the region and will host Baltic.

Even from the losses this week Katie Hanson, a freshman JV player said, "Remember to stay positive, encourage, and communicate with one another to work as a team towards our goals for regions."

## BOYS BASKETBALL

Garretson boys faced off against Beresford on Monday, February 18 where Drew Blosmo, a senior starting varsity player, reached 1,000 points.



Drew Blosmo is one of only four boys basketball players to ever reach the 1000 point mark in his career. Blosmo hit that mark on free throws in Beresford on Monday. His 1,000th career point was one of 18 points on the night. The game was stopped as Blosmo was given a standing ovation by the whole crowd. Pictured Head Coach Nate Beckman hands Blosmo the ball from the game against Beresford signed by all his teammates.



The Blue Dragons hosted the Dell Rapids Quarriers on Parents Night/Senior Night at the Dragons' Lair. While the game was within reach for a majority of play, the Quarriers pulled away in the fourth quarter. Pictured are the Blue Dragons' strong defensive presence with Jayden Clark (#14), Madden Lardy #44, Riley Altman (#12), and Leah Olson (#15). Olson, a senior, started the night and ended the night. She also scored her first ever points on varsity with a basket on the other end.

Photo by Oliviyah Thornton



Last night was the last regular season game for both the boys and girls Blue Dragon basketball teams. They recognized the seniors who all have positively impacted the team over the years. Boys were Brennan Mudder, Savonne Grotewold, Drew Blosmo, Trevor Fiegen, and Jack Lardy. Girls were Kylee Greenhoff, Leah Olson, Sam Gonzalez (statistician) and Emily Erickson (statistician).

The crowd cheered and held up signs when Blosmo scored his 1,000 point in his career as basketball player with a free throw. Blosmo and only three others hold the record of reaching this many scored points.

"It feels great and obviously I'm grateful to reach 1,000," said Blosmo. "When I scored the 1,000th point, it was almost like relief because everyone was waiting for it, including me."

During his sophomore year, Blosmo witnessed a teammate reach 1,000 points which he noted as a spark for hoping to reach that mark in his career as well.

"There is a lot of hard work put into any sport not just basketball, but it's something I enjoy doing. I think the hardest part was staying consistent every night," said Blosmo.

The Blue Dragons fought against Beresford but at the end of the game it ended 50-67.

Last night Thursday, February 21, Garretson Basketball boys went up against Dell Rapids for parents' night and senior night. The five seniors on the squad got the nod to start: Drew Blosmo, Brennan Mudder, Jack Lardy, Trevor Fiegen, and Savonne Grotewold.

The boys kept the game within reach cutting the deficit to just a handful of points but couldn't ever just get over the hump. The night ended 75-57 in favor of the visiting Quarriers.

The boys start region play on Tuesday. Their opponent is yet to be determined.

# State wrestling

*GHS sends seven to state tourney*

by **Malia Johnson**  
staff writer

Last Saturday the Blue Dragon wrestling team traveled to Freeman to wrestle at their region meet. This meet was very important, as it meant qualifying to wrestle at the state tournament. Ten Garretson grapplers wrestled last week, and seven of them qualified. Coach Ruml was also named Region 2B Coach of the Year.

The only wrestler to head to Rapid City with state tournament experience is senior Hayden Pierret. Pierret is 28-14 on the year and been battling injuries the entire season. He starts his state tournament run against senior Blade Forman (18-9) from Miller/Highmore-Harrod in the 126 weight class.

The other six Garretson wrestlers are new to the state tournament but have been fighting and exceeding expectations all season.

Qualifying at the 106 weight class was eighth grader Preston Bohl. Bohl (21-20) starts his day against fellow eighth grader Owen Hanson (36-4) from Burke/Gregory.

Freshman Jayse Miller (16-21) will face sophomore Landon Sudbeck (23-13) from Phillip Area in 113.

In 132 sophomore Isaiah Robinson (15-22) takes on senior Carson Pinske (34-7) from Lead-Deadwood.

Fellow sophomore Dominic Abraham (33-17) will square up against Winner Area senior Wyatt Turnquist (42-2) in the 138 bracket.

At 195 senior Ben Konechne (31-9) will face a familiar foe in fellow senior from McCook Central/Montrose, Tanner Peterson (32-18).

Rounding out Garretson's state competitors, Dakota Johnson (27-11) has a comparable matchup in Bon Homme/Scotland/Avon junior Micah Deboer (26-12).

All 7 wrestlers will be wrestling in Rapid City this weekend and their matches and results can be tracked through the SDHSAA website as well as on SDPB. We hope all the wrestler's goals come true, and we wish them the best of luck!



Garretson's seven qualifying wrestlers along with Coach Ruml pause for a picture at the end of the region competition. Ruml was also announced as the Region 2B Coach of the Year.

# Garretson guessing

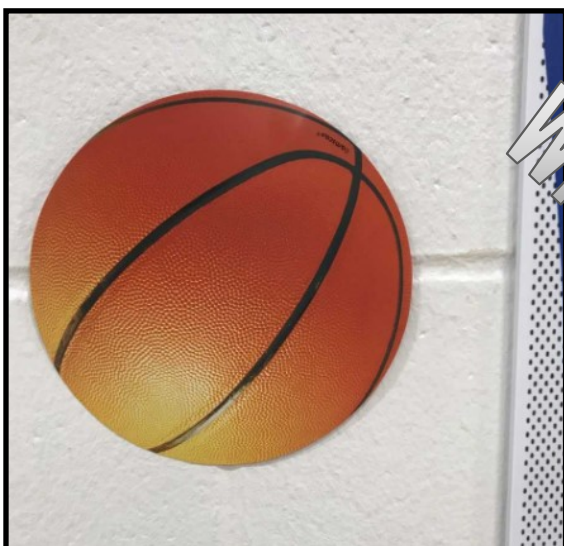
**game** *Send your guesses to the Blue Ink Snapchat for your chance at winning a candy bar*



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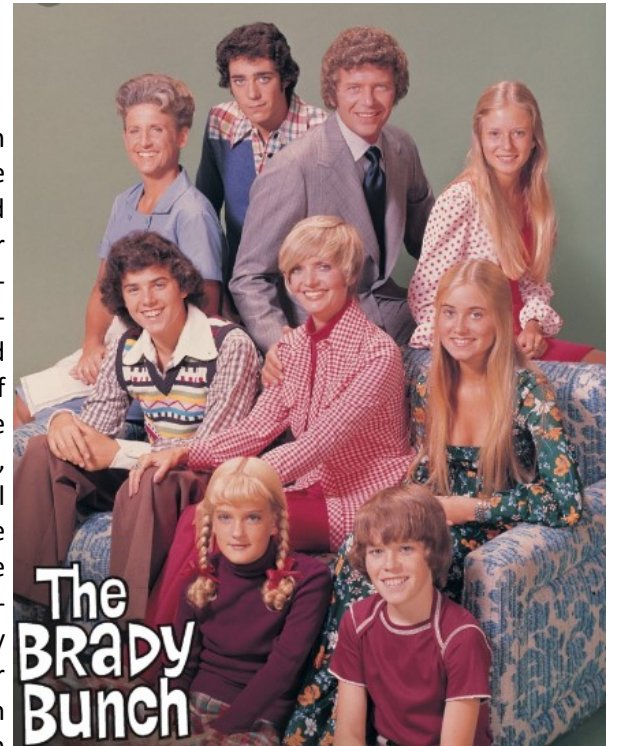
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# A bunch of fun turns 50

*Iconic TV show, The Brady Bunch, celebrates a half of a century*

by **Kylie Uhl**  
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The Brady's turn 50 on September 26! The simple show about a family and whatever life threw their way. Growing up in the generation Z nobody has probably ever sat down and watched a full episode of the Brady Bunch. For those haven't watched the show, it entails and wonderful woman and man who raise their six children, with the help of their beloved housekeeper. Being that every single child comes with their own challenges that happen in everyday families then and now.



The original series "The Brady Bunch" was launch September 26, 1969 and ending March 8, 1974. However on the spinoff show "the Brady Bunch variety hour" came out On November 28 1976. The Brady Bunch variety show included some surprise celebrity guests, dancing, and often singing. Even though the spinoff show only aired for six months they came out with 9 60 minute episodes.

# Answers to last week's guessing game

**Where Is This:**  
Poster in Mrs. Howe's room



**What Is This:** Lights on the scoreboard in the commons



**Who Is This:** Mrs. Buchholz



# Senior Spotlight

*Rakell Gnad*

**SENIOR PROJECT:** Building a She-Shed

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Football Cheer

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:** Seeing my mom in the halls every day

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:** Attending a university to become a radiology tech.



# Scholarship Corner

*Post-secondary financing opportunities*

- **Michael J. Entringer Classic (due March 1):** Must have played at least two years of HS sports and exhibited good sportsmanship (\$1,000)
- **Split Rock Clinic (due March 1):** Must be pursuing a degree in the medical field (up to \$2,000)
- **Minnehaha Funeral Home (due March 5):** Must be high school senior pursuing further education (\$750)
- **Alliance Communications (due March 8):** Must be current customer of Alliance Communications (\$1,000)
- **Better Business Bureau (due March 8):** Must be high school senior pursuing further education (\$2,000)
- **Jesse James Fine Arts (due March 15):** Must pursuing a degree in fine arts including English, architecture, graphic arts, theatre, film (varies)
- **South Dakota Fire Service (due March 15):** Must son or daughter of a fire department member or active member of a junior fire department (\$1,000)
- **Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation (most due March 15-April 1):** Qualifications vary per scholarship (varies)

These are just some of the scholarships available for seniors in the area. Please visit with Mrs. Pliska or took a look at her [website](#).

