

# Blue Ink



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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Opossums are the only marsupials native to North America; whereas Australia has about 140 different species.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** By changing one letter each step to form English words, and leaving all other letters in their original positions, convert PLUM to PEAR.

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What did the hat say to the scarf?  
*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday, January 9**  
- BBB @ BEC Tourney (v. Chester)
- Saturday, January 10**  
- BBB @ BEC Tourney (Flandreau)  
- Wrestling @ Brandon Valley
- Monday, January 12**  
- Bus Routes Reverse  
- PTO Meeting @ 3:45  
- 7/8 BBB @ Dell Rapids  
- 7/8/JV Wrestling @ Dell Rapids  
- School Board Meeting @ 5:30
- Tuesday, January 13**  
- GBB @ Flandreau
- Thursday, January 15**  
- BBB vs. West Central  
- Wrestling @ Sioux Valley
- Friday, January 16**  
- GBB @ Baltic
- Blue Ink Student Editor: Katie Giesler*



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

## 2014 Rewind

By Zeb Johnson

Another year has begun, but 2014 was a year to remember. Let's review the past year with a list of the most important things that happened in 2014.

1. From February 7th to the 23rd, one of the world's largest festivals of athleticism took place: the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia. The games were the most expensive in the history of the Olympics, the cost exceeding \$51 billion.

2. Less than one month after the festivities of one of the world's largest sporting events, the world was rocked by the disappearance of Malaysian Airlines Flight 370. The plane vanished off radar less than one hour after the flight commenced, along with the 239 people on board the flight.

3. On the 14th of April, a school in Nigeria suffered the abduction of 276 female students. The group responsible for the act of terrorism is called Boko Haram, a group of Islamist extremists. The terrorist cell's motive for the attack is to disrupt the education of the girls, and to promote "traditional Islamic education." Throughout its operation, the group has kept around 10,000 children from education.

4. In May of 2014, the Ukrainian government tried to form closer bonds with Russia as opposed to the rest of Europe. This decision by the government caused an explosion of protests and riots in the larger cities of Ukraine. Soon after the deal with Russia was formed, Russia took military control of the Crimea region. This caused even more protests, during which over 100 civilians were killed by government forces.

5. June of 2014 brought the FIFA World Cup to Brazil. The 32 day event drew over 3,170,856 spectators, and the

finals of the tournament were viewed by over 715 million people across the globe which made it the world's largest sporting event. The tournament cost \$15 billion to put on.

6. August brought perhaps the most important event of the year for the USA. This being the protests in Ferguson, Missouri. The shooting of teenager Michael Brown triggered a spark that made the community of Ferguson erupt in violence. The protests began as peaceful demonstrations but became violent riots by the end of the month. The events in Ferguson have raised the monumental issues of police using excessive force and of racial stereotyping among the citizens of the United States.

7. The final defining struggle of 2014 was the outbreak of Ebola in West Africa. The disease killed almost four thousand people and infected another four thousand. The virus spreads insanely fast and has no cure or vaccine to protect against it. The epidemic triggered waves of fear to roll through the developed world as people began to realize that it would be possible for the virus to reach them. When cases were first reported in the US, people began to realize that Ebola isn't just an "Africa Problem" but a human problem. The USA and other countries sent aid to combat the spread of the disease.

There it is, a few of the incidents of 2014 whose effects still reverberate through the world today, even though it may be months after the media covered it. Whether the event inspired joy, terror, or outrage in the populace of the world, we can all agree that they shaped the world

today, and possibly will for much longer than the duration of the new year.



## Lady Blue Dragons Come up Short Against Quarriers

By Abriana Scholl

On Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Garretson girls' basketball team went against Dell Rapids, resulting in another loss. The Lady Blue Dragons ended the game with a score of 28-44, dropping their record to 3-4.

Although the Blue Dragons were on the wrong end at the conclusion of this game, they have been making their own goals to reach back up from the previous games their major focus.

In the first half, the girls started off a little rough, falling behind quickly.

Through the second half, the pace began to pick up and the team brought their heads back in the game. Unfortunately they were not able to pull through a win.

"If we would've played our best, the game wouldn't have been that tough," believes junior guard Jaden Bly.

After this past game, the girls

will put up a little more effort before the next game focusing on improvements like, "Passing and talking more on the court," stated Bly.

The Lady Blue Dragons' next game will be held in Flandreau on Tuesday, January 13.

We hope the girls will bring home the win. Good luck and play ball!



## What You May Have Missed Over Break

By Lana Braswell

Just because we had a break, that doesn't mean everything stopped during our two weeks off around Christmas and New Year's.

The Lady Blue Dragons squared off against Elkton-Lake Benton and Chester Area during the 14-day hiatus from school. Unfortunately the girls were unable to get any gifts in those games, losing both.

The boys did not fare much better. They traveled to Parker on December 20 and gave up 70 points in the loss.

They took a little inspiration and fire from that game and applied it to their contest against Elkton-Lake Benton, currently ranked fourth in Class B.

The Blue Dragons made it close, needing extra minutes to decide

the winner. However, the Elks took the game, 72-69 in overtime.

The boys have their first round of the Big East Conference tournament tonight against Chester Area.

The JV boys basketball team was also able to be a part of the action playing in two tournaments over the weekend.

Although the didn't seen the success they were hoping for, great improvements were made over the course of the games which should lead to more success in the second half of the season.

The wrestling team also saw some activity over the break.

The Saturday after school got out they traveled to Elk Point-Jefferson. Fourteen schools made the trip and Garretson, as a team,

finished eighth with a score of 77. Pierre TF Riggs took first with 274.5 points.

Then within the last few days of 2014 the Garretson grapplers participated in the two-day Floyd Farland tournament at Sioux Falls Lincoln.

A few of the wrestlers made it to day two of the contest: Chayce Schleuter (106), 5th; Tony Weiland (170), 6th, Tristen Wagner (Hwt), 4th.

The Blue Dragon wrestlers are in action again tomorrow at Brandon Valley for the Dan Pasch-Jesse James Invitational starting at 10:00.

The athletes continue their hard work even though school is back in action for a busy second half schedule.

## The Measles Cases Increase to Six in South Dakota

By Beth Schmidt

On Wednesday January 1, South Dakota health officials reported five additional cases of the measles, just one day after detecting the state's first case in almost two decades. That is not the way many would have liked to start 2015.

What are measles you may ask? Measles are an infectious viral disease causing fever and a red rash on the skin, typically occurring in childhood.

Avera doctor Patty Peters noted, "Side Effects are bronchitis, pneumonia, ear infections and encephalitis (brain inflammation)."

The South Dakota Department of Health said that three adults and two teens were infected with the viral disease.

All of the cases are in Davison County west of Sioux Falls including the Mitchell area.

Prior to this current outbreak, the next documented case was in 1997, which was a child younger than five.



Dr. Patty Peters, Family Medicine Doctor for Avera

Measles may be hard to identify at first since the initial symptoms are just a runny nose, cough and fever.

As the disease progresses a high fever and red, blotchy rash can spread over the entire body. This typically happens between days three to seven of contracting the virus.

Measles has a 21-day incubation rate with symptoms appearing, on average, in 10-12 days.

Dr. Peters also stated, "Those who get measles are those who are not immune because they did not get the immunization. We give the MMR shot to immunize people against measles, mumps, and rubella. Most people born before 1960 or so had measles because we did not have the shot then. Those people are immune."

"Even though the state is highly vaccinated, we're still at risk for an outbreak," announced Lon Kightlinger, state epidemiologist in a recent interview with the *Argus Leader*.

Continuing on from his interview with the *Argus Leader*, although the highly contagious viral disease is on the rise, Kightlinger thinks people are fairly well protected in South Dakota with vaccination rate above 90 percent. This is good considering that the best way to defend against the measles is the MMR vaccine, which is given once at a year old and then another booster is given at four years old.

The measles are very contagious are can spread very fast. Dr. Peters claimed, "We treat the symptoms of the measles with bed rest, humidified air, and acetaminophen. There is no cure. Our body just has to get over it."

Luckily many people in South Dakota have received their two doses of the vaccine and once vaccinated, it is nearly impossible to contract the virus.

The hope is that the number of confirmed cases stops at six and South Dakota can go another 18 plus years without a new case.

## A Whole New Year

By Tabi Klingenberg

When was the last time you have ever made official plans for the new year? Studies show that only 8% of people actually achieve the goals that they make. A majority of that 8% will just do their best to remember what their resolutions are instead of writing it down.

If you are curious to know what "setting a New Year's resolution" really means, it's a promise to yourself to do an act of self-improvement or even doing something nice for others no matter how big or small.

According to mathematics teacher Mitch Lynch, he has made no plans for

this year. Last year however, he thinks he did make New Year's resolutions but by the end of the month he had forgotten what they were.

As years go on, the resolutions that we make up continue to stay the same. Many decide to set resolutions such as getting a job, becoming healthier, achieving better grades, being more organized, or gaining new objects.

"I would like to drink more water and read more books," hopes Sophomore, Becca VanDeKieft.

Goals like these are good ones to set because of how realistic they are

and how easy they are to achieve.

"I heard a lot of complaints of me not finishing books and for health reasons, I need to start drinking water," explained VanDeKieft

A few years back, the time came at 12:12 on the day of 12/12/12. Everything was perfectly aligned and a day like that will not come for nearly 100 years. New Year's resolutions should be a goal set to make every year better than the last because a year like this will never come again.

## From Future to Present

By Sylvia Larson

Bring on the flying cars! It's finally 2015, which means that the people of the US only have nine more months before we'll be standing in our town square waiting for one teenage time-traveler to come visit us from great old 1985.

In the first installment of 'Back to the Future', a surprised Marty McFly (played by Michael J. Fox) travels back in time to 1955 by accident after being chased by the foreign men that killed his friend, the inventor of the time machine, Doc Brown.

In a series of circumstances, he reverses a mistake that would have (literally!) cost him his life, and ultimately changes his family for the better.

In the second movie - taking place barely five minutes after the first, but came out in 1989 compared the first in 1985 - Doc takes Marty and his girlfriend to 2015 to stop their son from destroying their future family.

Upon arrival Marty learns that cars can fly and people get around on hover boards. He also has a self-drying jacket and automatic strapping shoes. Many other new inventions clot the streets, and we have to wonder, does 2015 live up to its standards?

Nike announced last February that they were starting to develop 'Back to the Future' themed self-

tying shoes. Nike designer Tinker Hatfield has proclaimed that the company is striving to release the Nike Air MAG shoes by the end of the year.

Not everyone is as enthused about self-tying shoes as Nike. Junior Wade Larson exclaimed, "Why do you need shoes that tie themselves? We have velcro."

Marty use of a floating skateboard to fend off bullies (and save Doc's lady Clara in 'Back to the Future Part Three') made a lot of people immediately want to buy one for themselves. The only problem is they didn't exist in the '80s and they still don't now. Although we do have hovercrafts and non-floating replicas of the Mattel Hoverboard. The closest thing we have today is the HENDO Hoverboard, a magnetic skateboard that can only float an inch above the ground which has to be a copper surface.

As for video calling, the film totally hit the nail on the head. From FaceTime to Skype, video chat is a part of day to day life for many

people. Same with tablets; where would we be without them?

Another thing many wish could be reality today is the use of a food-hydrator. It's a lovely idea, but the closest we've got is a 3D printer being able to print food from scratch.

"I don't want to wait 20 minutes for my pizza, I want it now!" expressed Larson.

As for 'Jaws 19', we're not *quite* that far. Number four came out in 1987, and there is no sign of any added installments.

Although this prediction from BF2 doesn't look probable, the case of tragic amounts of sequels is nothing new. Paramount has settled on March 13, 2015 as the release date for the 13th entry in the long-running Friday the 13th franchise, and there

are four 'Shrek' movies and many shorts featuring our favorite big green ogre.

Things like flying cars, floating signs, and holographic cinema are a lot more far fetched than hover boards. Maybe in a year close to 2045 we'll start seeing them.

