

# Blue Ink



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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** The 32nd President of the United States was born today in 1882, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:**  
What has hands but cannot clap?

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why was the doctor so frustrated?  
*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Friday, January 30**

- GBB @ BEC Tourney (@ Sioux Valley at 8:00 pm)

**Saturday, January 31**

- GBB @ BEC Tourney (home)  
- Wrestling @ Wagner Tourney

**Monday, February 2**

- Instrumental Solo/Ensemble Contest @ Augustana  
- 7/8/JV Wrestling @ Brandon

**Tuesday, February 3**

- BBB v. Baltic  
- Wrestling Quad @ Marion

**Thursday, February 5**

- GBB v. MCM

**Friday, February 6**

- BBB @ MCM

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Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

## Police Shootings More Prevalent

By Beth Schmidt

Over the last six months, there has been an uptick in the reports of police shootings. One of the most prominent was the shooting of Michael Brown that occurred on August 9, 2014, in Ferguson, Missouri. Brown, an 18-year-old African-American teenager, was fatally shot by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson.

In the months since Michael Brown was shot and killed by Officer Wilson, demonstrators have marched, set up road blocks, shut down highways, and faced off against the very police officers they want brought to justice.

In two separate instances, the grand jury decided not to indict Wilson, or the NYPD officer who choked Eric Garner to death, which was caught on film.

These two occurrences along with a few other events have caused a rift between civilians, thinking that too many deaths are happening in the hands of those sworn to protect, and law enforcement.

Garretson resource officer Jason Aanenson strongly stated, "Our job is difficult at times. We go into it because of the fact that we understand that there are people out there who take as advantage of people that can't defend themselves. That's what we're here for."

He continued, "I don't speak for everybody else, but all of the people that I worked for and worked with in my career go into situations, open minded, and we

don't see black or white or any other color. When somebody calls for help, it doesn't matter their race, national origin, their sexual orientation, no matter what, when they call to help we've taken note to help them."

Another recent shooting was in Casper, Wyoming that included two police officers and a state highway patrolman, who responded to a domestic violence call. Later they shot and killed a man, claiming the man pointed two handguns at them.

According to the man's family, he was intoxicated and took medications for mental illness.

In our very own state, we had a shooting that happened in Beresford less than one month ago. A suicidal man came out the front door and aimed his gun at the officer on the scene. The officer drew his weapon and shot the man. The man was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Aanenson also noted, "South Dakota is pretty good for law enforcement, a lot of our people back us up pretty well."

This may be the case for the majority of the time, but South Dakota has seen its fair share of tensions, especially on the reservations.

This racial divide is not new. It has just been reintroduced to the population. It is unclear whether the shooting in Ferguson or the choking in New York were caused partially by racial tensions or not. Where society is today, one would hope we can get past color, status, and other factors, especially when it comes to the safety of our citizens including civilians and police officers.



Garretson School resource officer Jason Aanenson

## Wrestlers Face Tough Challenge in Parkston

By Abriana Scholl

Last Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, our wrestlers took a trip to the town of Parkston for a triangular against the home team and the Sioux Falls Lincoln Patriots.

The Parkston Trojans have been known to be ranked #1 in the state of South Dakota and our wrestlers were willing to take on the challenge.

The boys competed well and gave Parkston a scare but the home team was just too much, leaving Parkston with the win. The final score in the end

was 49-27.

Although they put up with this loss, they do not plan on giving up quite yet.

"We've been doing good considering we've given up three or four opens each match and each duel, which basically means you don't have a full team, but we still have won quite a bit of duels," sophomore wrestler, Jared Fitzgerald, asserted.

That night Garretson also took on the Class A Patriots. The boys

achieved a win against Sioux Falls Lincoln with a score of 54-27.

"We have a lot of kids we can send to state if we keep on improving wrestling the way that we have been," Fitzgerald concluded.

With a month left of practices and competitions, the Garretson grapplers have been defeating their weaknesses to try and get at least a few wrestlers to the state competition.

Tomorrow on January 30<sup>th</sup>, the boys will be heading to Wagner.

## Two Selected for USD Honor Band

By Lana Braswell

Earlier this week sophomore Josh Powell, freshman Nick Lundberg played in a select honor band held at the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion.

The two were selected from their audition tapes that included musical selections as well as scales.

"For the auditions you have two scales that you have to play," quoted Garretson band director Nick Sittig.

For a few weeks these two spent time with Mr. Sittig learning four songs they each had to play. They prepared for it practicing for about 8 hours during the week.

All the practice was needed as worked all day Sunday and most of the day on Monday. The only two times all students were able to come together to work on the musical selections.

"My favorite part was talking to the other band directors," noted Sittig.

Honor Band is only for grades 9-12. If you're in band and looking for a chance to improve your skills, join Honor Band!

It's a step on up from the norm, with more intense lessons from Mr. Sittig's usual course, offering students a more challenging, yet beneficial experience.

## You Win Some, You Lose Some

By Zeb Johnson

The Garretson boys basketball team has had a rough season so far, always falling just short of victory, including three overtime losses. This is not always the case though, as one week ago they beat the Tea Titans in overtime, 74-63.

The match was certainly a barn-burner, each squad sticking close to the other throughout the game. The teams seemed to be an even match until the game finally went into OT, when the Blue Dragons finally took a commanding lead in the contest.

Players Shay Gibson, Cole Fiegen, and Micah Mader lead the offense with 25 points, 28 points, and 19 points respectively. Offensively, the

boys were on point, earning their second highest score of the season.

Even though the Blue Dragons scored a victory over Tea, they were unable to keep the momentum going and fell to the Flandreau Fliers in their next game.

The matchup was a repeat from earlier in the year, and a chance at redemption for the Blue Dragons. The last time these teams played, Flandreau came out on top 37-46 in OT.

The contest started well; the Blue Dragons earned a slight advantage over the Fliers in the opening minutes.

As the game progressed, the Garretson boys played to Flandreau's level, scoring fewer points against the Fliers than they did against the Titans (20

less to be exact). Despite the lower scoring output, the Blue Dragons held a 7+ point advantage over Flandreau for the majority of the game.

Garretson led Flandreau until the fourth quarter, when the Fliers earned a small lead through a flood of completed 3-pointers and free-throws. Garretson's adversary held on to their lead through the end of the game, winning with a score of 58-54.

This loss dropped the Blue Dragons' record down to 4-10, currently fifth in the region. Flandreau is fourth with a record of 8-5.

The Garretson boys' next game is Tuesday, February 3rd at home versus Baltic (1-10).

## You May Call It Something Else; I Call It Darwinism *Editorial*

By Sylvia Larson

With the new year, comes new challenges, new stories, new goals, and new memories soon-to-be created. In order for that to be done, people reflect back on their previous year and think back to all the wonderful things done as well as the decisions they maybe should've thought twice about.

Darwin Awards are a tongue-in-cheek honor that take Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, "survival of the fittest" and apply it to the human population.

These awards are not meant to encourage more actions of the like but rather have people think twice before engaging in risky behavior.

"I started collecting the stories that make up the Darwin Awards in 1993, while I was doing biological research at Stanford University. I found them in newspaper articles from around the world and once I verified their legitimacy, I rewrote them for a small mailing list of friends. As people passed these emails around, I began to receive nominations from far and wide," writes Wendy Northcutt, creator of the awards.

"When the Stanford server became overloaded, I moved the pages to [www.DarwinAwards.com](http://www.DarwinAwards.com), set up voting and submission mechanisms, and became the primary source of repository for the Darwin Awards," furthered Northcutt as written on her website.

Basically Darwin's theory of evolution is natural selection. If you are not smart enough to maintain your life, the rest of the gene pool hopes that your specific trait is not passed on to your offspring.

2014's Darwin Award winners included somebody swimming into rocky waters even after a warning, SEVEN people drowning in a cesspool, a guy trying to play with a tiger, and many others.

For example: Last April two guys in Kenya were taking selfies with a wild elephant when they were trampled and buried by the animal. The two men were actually touching the elephant's face while capturing the photos. These guys were awarded a Darwin for their selfless act of eliminating the chance of future children having the "I take dangerous selfies with wildlife" gene.

Although some people may enjoy hearing of the unique ways of people's demise, others find the awards unappealing altogether.

"People who are stupid enough to get themselves killed shouldn't be rewarded for it, because then that's may inspire others to do the same for a reward they will never know they got." negated freshman Lana Braswell.

"I think saying that someone shouldn't have kids, no matter what the meaning, is just rude," commented sophomore Rebecca VanDeKieft.

Every award since the website launch in '93 is listed on the website [www.darwinawards.com](http://www.darwinawards.com). Other categories include at-risk survivors, urban legends, and personal accounts.

Darwin Awards celebrate chlorinating the gene pool, but in reality it's survival of the fittest. In the words of the great Albert Einstein: "Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."



Scan for a direct link to [darwinawards.com](http://darwinawards.com)

## Garretson Scholar Athletes Recognized

As stated by the SDHSAA website:

Initiated during the 1996-97 school year, the SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award program is designed to recognize varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups for their academic excellence. The South Dakota High School Activities Association believes that high school students learn in two distinct ways: inside the classroom and outside the classroom (on the stage and/or athletic field). This academic program creates a positive environment for school teams to have its members excel in

the classroom. This program is also meant to motivate students toward academic excellence and to promote academic encouragement from teammates.

All varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups that participate in Association-sponsored activities are eligible for this recognition program. The Academic Team Award program provides high school students with the opportunity to prove they can be overwhelmingly successful in both academics as well as in athletic and fine arts activities.

All varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups that achieve a combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher are eligible to receive an SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award.

Garretson received this award for the following teams and groups:

- All-State Chorus
- Soccer
- Football Cheerleaders
- Volleyball
- Oral Interpretation
- Girls Cross Country
- Boys Cross Country
- Soccer

## The Soup-er Bowl is Back

By Tabi Klingenberg

About a decade ago, Garretson Middle School created a service project where every middle schooler is asked to donate cans and other non-perishable items such as shampoo and soap to the local pantry. This event happens concurrently with the Super Bowl, happening this Sunday, which lends its name to the drive.

The Soup-er Bowl lasts one week. Beginning on the Monday before the Super Bowl, all middle schoolers could start bringing their donations to school, dropping them off in Mr. TerWee's room at anytime of the day.

Just like the Super Bowl, it is a competition as to who can "score the most" goods for the pantry. In order to keep it fair for all, the middle school staff created a system.

"We call it the Soup-er Bowl, so we

base it all off of the value of a can of soup or one regular serving size. So if we get something turned in that's larger. We figure out how many cans that would be equal to. Or if it's a non-food item, we look at about how much it costs and figure it out from there, assuming that a can of soup costs about a dollar," informed Andrew TerWee.

Prior to 2015, middle schoolers would be divided by the STET groups they were placed in at the beginning of sixth grade. This year is the first year they are categorized by grade instead.

Sixth grader, Tee Paterson commented, "The seventh grade has been planning on brining a whole lot all week and we've just been trying to level it out."

Within two days, it was thought that the Soup-er Bowl would exceed last

year, which held the record for the most items brought in at 230 items. Approximately 190 items were brought to Mr. TerWee's room through Tuesday this year.

The point of the Soup-er Bowl is "so we can gather up a lot of food for the hungry," sixth grader, Abby Tomanio mentioned.

According to TerWee, a total of 1,224 items were donated this year. Taking the averages of serving sizes per students in the grade, the seventh graders came out on top and will be eating first next week, followed by the sixth graders, then the eighth graders.

Fingers crossed, the service project will continue to steadily improve throughout the years with the help of some benevolent middle schoolers.

## Senior Spotlight

**NAME:** Taiya Bunde

**SENIOR PROJECT:** Pottery

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Basketball (1 yr), Track (3 yrs), Softball (4 yrs), Volleyball (4 yrs), Student Council (1 yr), Yearbook (2 yrs), National Honor Society (3 yrs), Honor Roll (4 yrs)

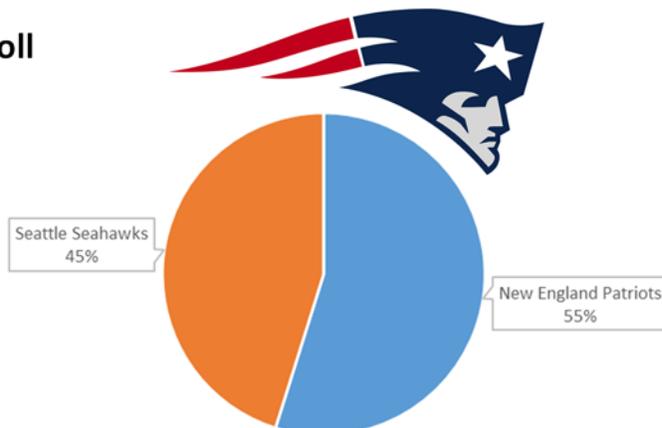
**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Granberg, and Mrs. Howe because they're the bomb! I love talking with them. I will also miss my classmates very much

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:** To attend basic training this summer for the National Guard and then attend USD for nursing.



## Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked which team they thought would win the Super Bowl this weekend: New England Patriots or Seattle Seahawks.



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

## Scholarship Corner

- Dakota Corps Scholarship—Due **Feb 1**
- Garretson Community Scholarship Foundation—Due **Feb 27**
- Buick Achievers Scholarship—Due **Feb 27**
- Michael J. Entringer Scholarship—Due **Mar 1**
- South Dakota Agri-Business Association Scholarship—Due **Mar 1**
- Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship—Due **Mar 2**
- Minnehaha Funeral Home Scholarship—Due **Mar 6**
- Alliance Communications Scholarship—Due **Mar 13**
- Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire Scholarship—Due **Apr 1**

Please check your email for links to these scholarships along with more information.



**ANSWERS: Brain Teaser:** A Clock

**Joke:** Because he ran out of patience (patients)