

# Blue Ink



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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Today in 1962, John Glenn, Jr. became the first American to orbit the Earth.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why did the cookie go to the hospital?

*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Friday, February 20**

- BBB v. Sioux Valley

**Saturday, February 21**

- Region Wrestling Tourney @ McCook Central-Montrose (Salem)

**Monday, February 23**

- Nat'l FFA Week—Hat Day  
- BBB @ SF Christian

**Tuesday, February 24**

- Nat'l FFA Week—Farm Animal Day  
- GBB Region Game v. TBD

**Wednesday, February 25**

- Nat'l FFA Week—Hick Day and Milk Mustache Contest

**Thursday, February 26**

- Nat'l FFA Week—Camo Day  
- No Pre-School  
- Pre-School and Kindergarten Screening

**Friday, February 27**

- Nat'l FFA Week—FFA Day and FFA Petting Zoo  
- State Wrestling @ Rapid City

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Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

## Celebrating FFA

Sylvia Larson

The Garretson High School FFA chapter is celebrating National FFA Week with dress-up days and fun events going from February 20th to the 27th.

National FFA Week is an outlet for FFA members advertise agricultural education and FFA. It's a time to share with local, state and national audiences what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day.

According to ffa.org, "Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. The week-long tradition began in 1947 when the National FFA Board of Directors designated the week of George Washington's birthday as National FFA Week in recognition of his legacy as an agriculturist and farmer. The first National FFA Week was held in 1948. Today, FFA Week always runs Saturday to Saturday and encompasses Feb. 22, Washington's birthday."

"I'm looking forward to FFA week just to help out my chapter and try to see if we can get anyone interested in FFA who is not already," declared sophomore FFA member Matt Gustafson.

On Monday, February 23, students are encouraged to sport hats of all sizes and colors. Chicken Bingo squares will also be sold at lunch throughout the week, starting Monday.

If you buy a Chicken Bingo square, you get to choose a number out of 50. If the chicken 'chooses' your number, you win half the money.

Tuesday is Farm Animal Day. Have you been looking for an opportunity to wear an animal costume? You're in luck! Won't it be entertaining to sit next to a chicken or cow during class?

On Wednesday during lunch, the FFA kids will be hosting the annual milk mustache contest in the lunch room. All you have to do is drink a small milkshake and smile for a picture of your 'stache'. If you win, you get a prize! The dress-up theme for the day is Hick Day, wear shorts, flannel, and boots!

Thursday is camouflage day. Be careful walking through the hallway, you don't want to run into anybody! Also, during the school day, any cars parked in the student parking lot will be judged for the dirtiest car contest, with the FFA members as the 'celebrity' judges. Friday is FFA Day.

"[FFA] is a good experience. Anything you learn, it's all hands-on," added Gustafson.

FFA is an important aspect to the school, and celebrating National FFA Week helps support the local chapter.

If you have any questions about what goes on in FFA, just ask one of the many students participating. Don't forget your hat on Monday!



## Y-E-L-L It's Cheer Time!

By Beth Schmidt

As this week went by, the Garretson cheerleaders hosted their annual Cheer Camp. This year they had about 60 students join with a mixture of boys and girls.

Freshman Cheerleader, Jaden Braaten, noted for what she is excited for, "To show the kids that it's fun to do cheer, even though you are a boy or girl, and just to get out and be in front of the crowd."

"On Tuesday, the big kids will be learning the dance and then the

little kids will be learning the cheers," stated Braaten.

"On Wednesday, it'll be vice versa. The little kids will be learning the dance and big kids learning the cheers," Braaten also stated.

"On Thursday, its going to be more critiquing and fixing things," commented Braaten.

Braaten also quoted on what the fans should be looking forward to;

"There are going to be boys and girls out there and it's gonna be

little kids doing something, and big kids doing something, and they'll be doing something together as well!"

As the little kids prepare for tonight, they will be performing at the half time for the boys game vs Sioux Valley Cossacks. "It'll probably be one of the better years since we are having boys come." Braaten strongly noted.

## Lady Blue Dragons vs Lady Pheasants

By Lana Braswell

The girls had a nice game this week against Parker, throwing themselves around the court to win the game against the pheasants. When they say, "set fire to the team," I mean they really picked up their pace leading ahead with a score of 49-47, leaving a close but good game.

The girls have only one game to go, Sioux Valley, before they finally

head off into regions. Also, leading off this week, the Blue Dragons are leading off their season with 7 wins and 11 loses, only half a game ahead of parker who is at 7 wins and 12 loses.

"Throughout the game, it was very frustrating because Parker would score, then we would, before coming to a tie. Then at the final quarter, we took the lead,"

quoted freshman Beth Schmidt. She also stated some improvement the girls need to improve, like their boxing out.

"You didn't see a lot of boxing out that game."

So girls, work up on the boxing out for your next game and step UP your layups so the team doesn't take away the score or the game!

## Mirrored Results

By Tabi Klingenberg

With two games left until regions, boys basketball is ending the season off pretty roughly. As of last Tuesday, Garretson played its rematch against Chester where the boys team had lost for the second time.

The first time Garretson had played Chester in Big East Conference, the final score was 50-62. Following Big East Conference, the Dragons lost by twelve points once again after surrendering a lead. Therefore mirroring the results, the game ended 56-68.

As most know, a majority of the

games lost by the boys team have been close. Due to the overall score from Tuesday night's away game, Garretson's reputation proceeds them.

Sophomore, Elijah Pierret, explained that the team needs to improve on their communication skills.

"We need to improve in rebounding and clicking as a team," junior, Cole Fiegan left word.

Tonight is the final game until regions begins. Half of the games this season have been a win so far, and if the team improves by to-

night, the boys will have won over half of their games.

Going into tonight's game, the Dragons are feeling a numerous amount of emotions. They have yet to play Sioux Valley this year so they may be nervous, since it one of the last games and first against the Cossacks.

Unsure of what's going to happen at tonight's game, we all want to wish the Blue Dragons good luck and hope to blow the Cossacks away.

## Black History Month

By Abriana Scholl

Throughout the month of February, Black History Month has raised respect towards millions of African Americans for years to come.

Black History Month takes place from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. This month helps raise awareness and remembrance of those who went through the hardships back in the late 1800s.

Black History Month first came

around in the 1920s and was established by a historian named Carter G. Woodson. At first, the event was only held for a week, till eventually it was held for an entire month.

“Well, it is probably still important because they were still people and they still count,” stated sophomore, Mataya Lines.

This event has no specific way to be celebrated, but it is a time to

think of those who lived through cruel or unnecessary ways of living. It is also the time to think of the great icons who helped raise respect towards African Americans like MLK, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, and tons of others.

Without these people, the world wouldn't exactly have as much equality as we do now.

## Cabin Fever Week

Last week, the Garretson High School and Middle School student council hosted Cabin Fever Week.

This week aimed at breaking up the monotony of these winter doldrums. From observations around the school, it was accepted with great energy.

There was the multitude of dress up days that played into the students' wishes for warm weather.

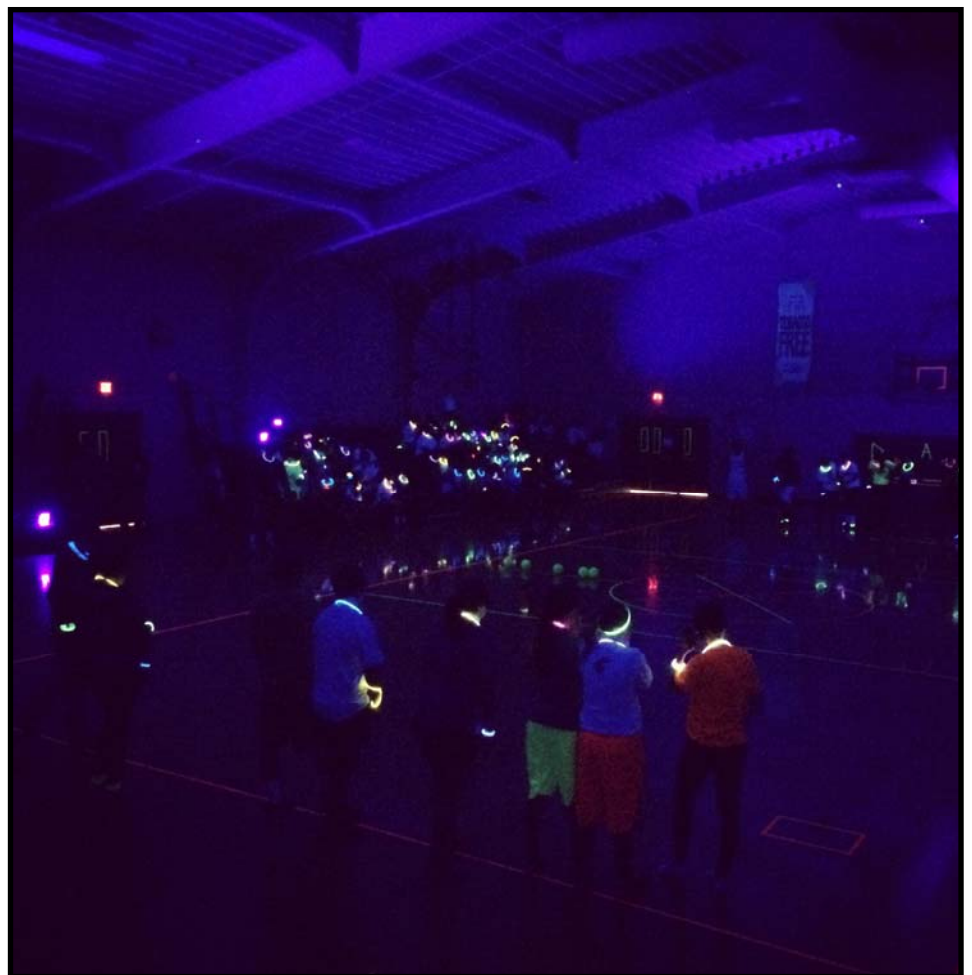
Backing off Challenge Day from this fall, students and staff were encouraged to send Random Acts of Kindness cards to each other. Hundreds of acts were tracked via these cards, but many more were witnessed throughout the halls, classrooms, and lunch tables during the week.

The highlight of the week for many of the students was the glow dodgeball that happened on Friday.

Students were decked out with glow bands and white and neon clothing.

The old gym also illuminated under the black lights with neon tape marking boundaries, walls, and ref stations.

Both the middle school dodge ball before the home basketball game and the high school dodgeball afterward were well attended.



View of the gym and middle school participants for Glow Dodgeball to cap off Cabin Fever Week.

Photo by Mr. Mitch Lynch

## Thanks George

By Zeb Johnson

One of the last long weekends of the school year has passed, and we can thank our forefathers for it.

This last Monday was President's Day, one of the most patriotic holidays around, with the others being Veteran's Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Memorial Day.

President's Day is celebrated on the third Monday of February, and was created to commemorate two of the great leaders of this country (George Washington and Abraham Lincoln).

The holiday was originally celebrated in 1880 as the birthday of General George Washington, but

was moved to the third Monday in February due to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

President's Day celebrates two of the most important men in the history of the U.S. The first, George Washington, was the man who was responsible for leading our nation when it first developed and for taking our independence from Great Britain. Washington was born on the 22nd of February.

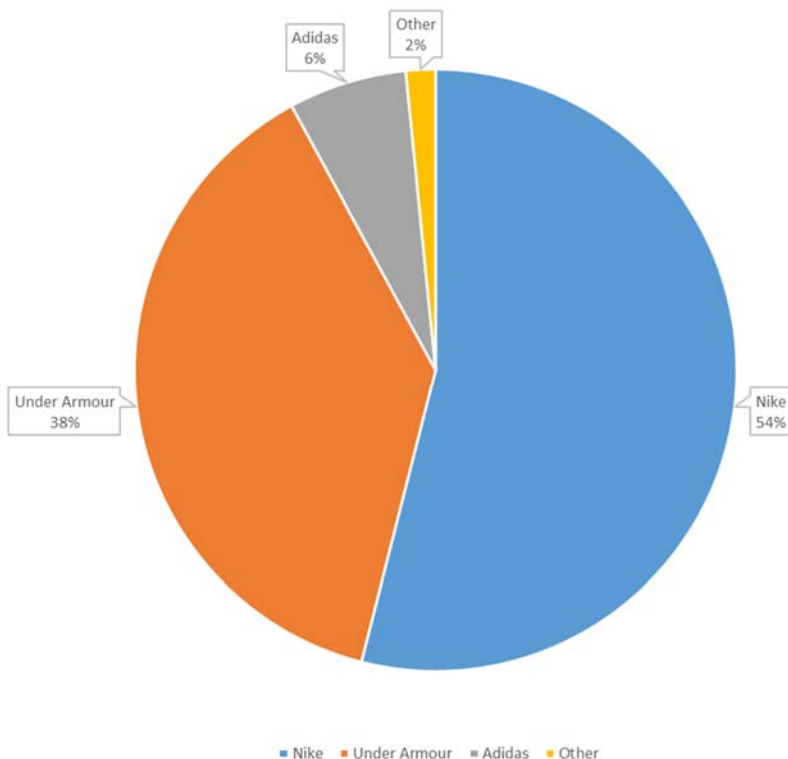
The second leader that President's Day exalts is Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln led the North during the turmoil that was the Civil War, and in the process, began the death

of slavery in the U.S. Lincoln is remembered as one of the greatest orators in history, and is especially well known for the Gettysburg Address. Lincoln was born on February 12th.

Few people in history have equal importance as Washington and Lincoln, as they both helped build the United States into the superpower that it is today. Their decisions and actions changed the flow of modern history and of the U.S. Who knows where we would be if they hadn't acted how they did?

## Student Opinion Poll

This week students were asked which athletic apparel brand they preferred.



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

- 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.

