

Blue Ink



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This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: In 1988, a scientist found two identical snow crystals during a storm in Wisconsin.

BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:

Look closely:
What does this image say?



Answer on back page

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do snowmen travel?

Answer on back page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Friday, December 11**
 - BBB (all) @ Tri-Valley (4:00/6:15)
 - MS Dance in Commons (7:00)
- Saturday, December 12**
 - GBB (all) @ Chester (2:00/4:15)
- Monday, December 14**
 - 7/8/JV Wrestling @ Beresford (4:00)
 - School Board meeting in library (5:45)
- Tuesday, December 15**
 - GBB (JV/V) v. Canton (4:00/6:30)
 - CBB (JV/V) v. Canton (5:15/8:00)
- Wednesday, December 16**
 - NCRC Test—Seniors
 - Geography Bee (1:30)
- Thursday, December 17**
 - 7/8 GBB v. West Central (4:30)
 - Bookmobile (8:30-3:00)
- Friday, December 18**
 - 6-12 Choir Concert (7:00)



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

Wrestlers Start Season with Second Place in Tourney

By Annika Hanson

Wrestling is finally back in action, practice started on the 17th of November. Garretson's first tournament occurred on December 5th.

A big part of wrestling is training to work on a wrestler's strength and skills, such as pinning. It is also a great sport to build self-confidence and self-assurance.

As the wrestlers gained these attributes during the course of practices they were finally ready for the matches. The wrestlers worked as hard as they could and attained second place as a team during the 18-team tournament.

This is junior Alex Uhl's first year in wrestling; he was very avid for his first tournament. Unfortunately he lost both matches, but he commented, "It was fun and engaging for my first time and I absolutely plan on staying in it for my next year (senior year)." His goals for this year are to be able to get out of pins more swiftly, learn different positions, and to master take down techniques.

This is also sophomore Erik Hanson's first year wrestling. Hanson was formally in basketball but decided to give wrestling a try. He was slightly apprehensive about the upcoming match. Hanson said, "This was my first match so I was not fully prepared and I was unbelievably nervous." Despite not getting a win at the first tournament, Han-



Novice wrestler, Erik Hanson, readies to take on his opponent from Sioux Valley, Chance Goodfellow.

son was able to secure one, the first of his varsity career, last night.

There was a quad yesterday at home between Garretson, Mount Vernon-Plankinton-Corsica-Stickney, Parker, and Sioux Valley. Garretson was able to down MVPCS by a final tally of 40-33 and Sioux Valley (54-22) but dropped a close dual against Parker.

The next match will be on Saturday the nineteenth against Elk Point so make sure to support the team!

Schleuter Achieves 100 Wins!

Senior wrestler Brady Schleuter hit a milestone yesterday. By earning a decision over his opponent from Mount Vernon-Plankinton-Corsica-Stickney, Schleuter marked his 100th win as Blue Dragon wrestler. Look for more information in next week's *Blue Ink*.



Schleuter takes down his Titan opponent enroute to a win for the Blue Dragons, and the 100th of his career.

Girl Basketball Starts Season with Win Versus Cardinals, Stumble Against Mustangs

By Brianna Callsen

The girls basketball team started their season earlier this week when they headed to Dell Rapids St. Mary's, Tuesday night. Neither teams really had much information about each other, since this was the first regular season game, which gave a wide perspective for the Dragons and the Cardinals.

Senior Jaden Bly commented on her first game this season, "At the beginning we had rough patches being it was our first game and lots of nerves, but we soon settled in and played how we were capable of."

Even though the Cardinals and the

Dragons went back and forth battling for points at the start. Garretson then kicked their skills into gear and never let the opponents catch up, leading the Blue Dragons to a victory 52-41.

Even though the Dragons were low on players for their first game due to absences and injuries, senior Peyton Heitkamp kept a positive outlook on the season. She stated, "I wish there were more bodies, but with less numbers we've learned how to play together better."

The girls have some strong talents that include moving the ball, transitions

and getting the ball to the posts. But with each strength there's always a weakness which is, "Knowing what defense and offense were in," stated Bly.

The players will continue to push themselves to work harder and give it their all. The team is striving to finish in the top half of the region along with having a winning season.

The Blue Dragons took on Tri-Valley last night with a less successful end than their season opener, dropping the game 26-52. Garretson has a chance to get back on the winning track on Saturday at Chester.

Staff Spotlight on Mrs. Danielsen

By Alyssa Bunde

In a candid interview with Mrs. Danielsen (SD), Blue Ink journalist Alyssa Bunde (AB) gets to know our beloved counselor a little better.

AB: Hi, Mrs. Danielson how are you?

SD: Very good!

AB: Well that's good! So where did you go to high school?

SD: I went to Flandreau.

AB: Okay, so then what did you want to be growing up?

SD: Well my undergrad degree is in sociology. I loved the classes and the lessons but I just didn't know what I wanted to do with it. After that I went back to SDSU for a masters degree in counseling.

AB: Counseling wasn't always your game plan?

SD: *laughs* No it was not. Actually I have two masters degrees, I worked at SDSU with new student orientation/ diversity programs and I really enjoyed that!

AB: If you could change your career right now what would it be?

SD: A genetic counselor!

AB: Oh, what exactly do they do?

SD: They work with families with kids with diseases and how that came to be and what to do next.

AB: So then what is your favorite part about your current position here at Garretson?

SD: Definitely the staff and the kids.

AB: Okay, getting off the topic of school what are some of your activities you like to do?

SD: Tennis! I love playing tennis!

AB: Tennis is sort of a difficult sport, so are you really good?

SD: Oh, I don't think I'm really very good...but I play in a tennis league!

AB: That's neat! Where does your league play at?

SD: The Huether Center Match Pointe in Sioux Falls. My daughter comes and just laughs at me.

AB: Besides Tennis is there anything else you like to do?

SD: Hmm let's see...I like reading, I would read a book a day if I had the time! I like home improvement projects and painting and I guess I would have to say attending my kids games. hmm what

else...oh, I enjoy shopping, eating and traveling!

AB: Where's the farthest place you've ever traveled then?

SD: England, France and Germany.

AB: Which one was your favorite and why?

SD: Definitely France! I got to see the Eiffel Tower! We went to Stone hedge and outside of London.

AB: Please tell me you ate a snail.

SD: *laughs* I did not eat a snail!

AB: So What's one of your worst decisions you've ever made?

SD: One time my dad asked me to wash his car and I was too lazy so I washed it with Windex!

AB: Oh my gosh, how did your dad react to that?

SD: He was very mad, the paint was chipping and everything...it was not good.

AB: Well thanks for the info Mrs. Danielsen!

SD: Yup, no problem!

The Garretson Chapter “Leads” the FFA to the Capitol

By Alex Uhl

The Garretson FFA Leadership teams travelled to the state’s capitol to participate in the South Dakota FFA Leadership CDEs. Despite the late nights of pool and pizza, and even later nights of watching *Archer*, the teams were able to pull it through and bring home the silver and bronze.

The first contest was Market Planning and Management. For this contest, the contestants need to create a marketing plan for a fictional company. The team members are Grace Homer, Allison Longhenry, and Claire Longhenry. They placed 3rd overall on the State Level, narrowly missing the chance to move on to the National Level at the National FFA convention in Indianapolis.

The next contest was Ag Sales in which where the contestants must make a sales pitch and tell about the product that they are “selling” to a judge. The Sales team consisted of Moriah Flanagan, Jack Konechne, Emily Malsom, and Jaden Flanagan. Although they did not place at State, they still performed fan-

tastically.

The final contest was Ag Broadcast Journalism. The contestants are given 30 minutes to compile together a news broadcast with weather, markets, and a made up advertisement that will be delivered in a five minute long “broadcast.”

Alex Uhl, who was the only team member to head to state, placed 6th out of over thirty other contestants.

There were chapters from all over the state that participated in the leadership CDE’s, including

chapters as far north as Milbank and as far west as Rapid City. However, the chapter that ran away with most of the contests was Viborg-Hurley. Despite this, Garretson’s FFA chapter looks forward to returning to the contests next year and bringing on the heat.



The Garretson FFA team waits at the banquet for results from the state contests.

Photo Courtesy of Garretson FFA Facebook page



What Kind of Dog Are You?

A fun non-scientific quiz created by the journalism class

1. How do you feel about the weather?

- A: It's pretty!
- B: Love it, keeps me busy
- C: Go outside and realize it's too cold
- D: I don't know I just deal with it

2. How do you describe your style?

- A: Fancy
- B: whatever is durable...I'm hard on clothes
- C: Baggy sweaters and whatever is warm
- D: Scrub nation

3. What word would you use to describe your friend group as?

- A: Clique
- B: Gang
- C: Groupies
- D: People I put up with

4. What would you do if someone tried stealing your wallet?

- A: Scream and hope for help
- B: They wouldn't get my wallet! I'd beat them up!
- C: Try getting it back but it'd end up getting taken anyways
- D: Let the police handle it

5. What is your deal date?

- A: Reserved and elaborate dinner date
- B: Fast food and watching a game
- C: Anywhere, I'm excited I'm on a date!
- D: Netflix and chill

6. How do you describe yourself?

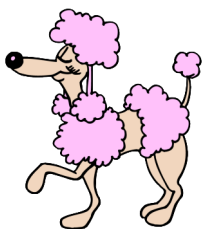
- A: High maintenance
- B: Independent
- C: Active
- D: Lazy

7. How punctual are you?

- A: I arrive early
- B: If it starts at 8 i'm here at 8
- C: I'm here on time but I had to hustle
- D: I get there when I get there



Personality Quiz Results: What Kind of Dog Are You?



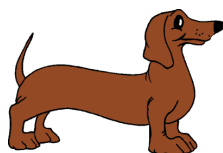
If you got mostly **A**, you're a poodle! Like our fluffy friends you're quite sassy! It's also safe to say you know your way around a mall and the newest

trends. A vast amount of people may accuse you of being vain but hey nothing wrong with looking good! You tend to panic and can be quite frazzled at times but it's okay because you make up it with your wit and charm.

If you got mostly **B**, you're a German Shepherd! You are reliable! People come



to you when they want things done and done right! you might not be the most emotional person but you definitely are not heartless. When you do feel emotion, it's very intense! You protect those you love and are very loyal.



If you got mostly **C**, you're a wiener dog! You're a very confident person which can come back around to bite you in the butt because you take on more than you can handle! You are very opinionated and high strung but you can also be very relaxed and comforting.



If you got mostly **D**, you're a Saint Bernard! If you've ever seen the movie *Beethoven* you'd know just how lovable Saint Bernard's are! So like these dogs you can be quite calm and relaxed. You can still find a way to get into trouble though. You are very accepting and people can relate to that. A people's person is under your description!

Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked what their favorite winter drink was.

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



Scholarship Corner

- **Black Hills Stock Show Foundation Scholarship (\$2,000)** - Must go into an ag related or supported career including medical, business, engineering, and education. Due December 15, 2015
 - **Flosum Scholarship (\$750)** - GPA of 3.5 or higher, planning to attend an accredited 4-year college or university in the fall. Due December 15, 2015
 - **Prairie Rose Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must live within the townships of Brandon, Highland, Edison, or Logan. Due January 30, 2016,
 - **Tip Top Tux (\$1000-\$5000)** - Multiple 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
 - 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.

