

# Blue Ink



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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** Each of these answers have a homophone that is an animal. See how many you can get.

Example: Hair Control Foam—Mousse (Moose)

1. To leave quickly
2. Not me, but \_\_\_\_
3. A hit that went out of bounds
4. Am, the way one is

*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What do you say when comforting the grammar police?

*Answer on back page*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Friday, January 29**

- GBB @ BEC Tourney (Home)

**Saturday, January 30**

- GBB @ BEC Tourney (Chester)

- Wrestling @ Wagner

**Monday, February 1**

- Instrumental Solo/Ensemble Contest @ Augustana

- 7/8/JV Wrestling @ Brandon

**Tuesday, February 2**

- 7/8 BBB @ Baltic

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- Wrestling Quad @ Elk Point

**Thursday, February 4**

- 7/8 GBB v. MCM

- GBB v. MCM

**Friday, February 5**

- 7/8 BBB v. MCM

- BBB v. MCM

- Mini Cheerleaders during halftime of BBB varsity game

- GBB @ HBC



Scan for the full upcoming event schedule

## "Snowzilla" Rampages the East

By Annika Hanson

An enormous blizzard blanketed the east coast over the past weekend with massive amounts of snow. This record breaking storm caused devastating flooding, accidents, and even tornadoes.

"Snowzilla", as people are calling this gigantic storm, was so severe that it cancelled over 2,000 flights, leaving many travelers stuck in the airport. Some airports received over 30.5 inches of snow, like at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York.

The abhorrent weather covered the roads with sleek ice that caused many accidents; over 1,500 crashes were reported since Friday. The roads even hindered President Obama's motorcade with ice so slick that it could have been compared to a hockey rink.

At least 37 people have died because of this monster storm. Ten in New York, six in North Carolina, six in Virginia, four in South Carolina, three in Pennsylvania, three in New Jersey, and then one each in Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Delaware, and Washington.

Most of these ill-fated people died while attempting to shovel, but there were other unfortunate incidents where people were run over by snow plows or trapped in their snow covered cars.

Snow is not the only problem either, the wind currents are causing tor-

nadoes in the south. And on top of all this, people near the coast are getting slammed by frigid water that are flooding into their neighborhoods.

But how do these snow storms compare to Garretson? Garretson art teacher Mrs. Granberg stated, "I am sure we have had snow storms that bad too."

"They also are not used to it like we are so it is causing more problems for them" said senior McKenzie Blosmo.

Along New Jersey's coast, residents were battered by flooding that sent icy water cascading through streets. The storm brought a hurricane like surge of water that broke records in New Jersey and Delaware as it eroded beaches and flooded streets. Some streets were flooded to such an extent that you could not even see neighbors fences.

This is not even the end of this perilous storm, for there is another one on the way. With mounds of snow everywhere and backs aching from shoveling this may not be what New Yorkers want to hear. But regardless of the east coast screaming "uncle" another storm has a chance to roll over the region.



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## Boys Basketball Bounces Back from Friday Lost with Win Against Fliers

By Isaiah Mader

The Garretson boys basketball team (5-8) has had many painful losses this year, as well as some great team wins. Their up and down season continued Friday as the team traveled to Tea to clash against the Titans.

The Blue Dragons got beat in every aspect of the game against Tea eventually losing 81-51, but this did not discourage Garretson as they kept their confidence levels high as they headed to Flandreau.

The Big East Conference battle started off slow for the Fliers as the Dragons went up big, leading 45-24 going into halftime. The deficit would prove to be too much to overcome as Garretson held off the home team and won 77-71.

Garretson's offense came out red hot Tuesday night posting the most

points of the season. Seniors Cole Fiegen and Micah Mader led the team in scoring, putting up 30 and 22 respectively.

Although the Blue Dragon offense was in full motion the Fliers started to make a 4th quarter comeback lead by sophomore Dylan Lebrun who had 43 on the night.

Junior Riley Nordstrom stated, "If it wasn't for Drew Blosmo's clutch free-throws late in the game, I don't think the final outcome would have been the same."

Fiegen seemed to agree saying, "I think the younger players on the team are doing great. It's fun to get to play with them as the opportunity isn't presented that often. I'm excited to see what the future holds for us."

He also said, "Even though our season started out a bit shaky, I think the ending is looking bright as everybody gets more confident about their game. We might surprise a few teams."

Although the Dragons season is looking up, varsity starters Fiegen, Mader, Nordstrom, and Shay Gibson all think that some improvements can still be made. Among those would be communication, transition defense, rebounding, more confidence, and giving 100% for the full game.

If these adjustments can be made Garretson will be a force to reckon with as they head into the latter half of their season. The Blue Dragons take the court next Tuesday at Baltic.



## New Year Means New TV Lineup

By Alex Uhl

With January almost over, many of the respective broadcasting stations are either starting up brand new TV shows or renewing old ones for new seasons or even possibly a series reboot for us to enjoy. Truly, this is a time of well-written TV shows that will captivate attention for select audiences. Here's some of them that you should be on the lookout for.

My favorite conspiracy show makes its epic return in a six episode mini-series that re-premiered last Sunday. I won't keep you in the suspense anymore, because the show I am talking about is *The X-Files*. The series previously ran nine seasons and released two feature films due to the immense success of the television series. The

mini-series will hopefully bring back interest into the series and perhaps shed some light on what the "truth" really is.

While FOX renews *The X-Files*, ABC has decided to bring back a show the swooped under the radar last year called *Galavant*. *Galavant* features a story about a medieval hero who simply wanted to get his girlfriend back from an evil king. It mashes the musical and comedic genres together to create a "comedy extravaganza." Its renewal for a second season started at the beginning of January.

*American Idol*, the show that has possibly defined pop music for the past decade, is finally closing up its possession on its hour long primetime

slot with its final season which also airs on FOX. For many, the ending of the show marks a somber time in TV, while for everyone else it simply marks the end of an annoying show cranking out somewhat competent pop "artists."

With the summer fast approaching, many companies want to crank out as many series and seasons as possible so that during the summer break, people will binge watch all these shows on Netflix and give them just as much money as they would just normally watching them. These shows are rather interesting and I hope that they will continue on for the rest of the year.

## Ten Things To Do in 2016

By Alyssa Bunde

It's almost been a month since we celebrated the new year; the allure has settled; resolutions have been dropped and a good majority are probably falling into their familiar routines. Besides let's face it, just because the calendar year changes doesn't mean we instantly turn into completely new and improved versions of ourselves. In order for that to happen you have to actually work for it! So to combat the repeat of bad decisions, questionable moments, poor mental and health choices and just an overall a bad year here is a list of things you definitely need to start doing in 2016.

### **Drink more water!**

Seriously there's a reason everyone preaches about it and why it's number one on this list; water is magic! No really, it kind of is. H<sub>2</sub>O makes up two-thirds of our bodies and serves a purpose for almost every vital organ. In fact, if you're not drinking enough water, it could be the reason for midday fatigue. It also removes toxins, transports nutrients, regulates temperature and a plethora of other things. So it really should be a no brainer why we need to drink more of it.

### **Learn car maintenance.**

How many of us know how to jump start, change a tire or change oil in our car? Surprisingly not a lot. The year is 2016 and while machines are starting to do almost everything for us, it's still necessary to be somewhat self sufficient. Especially when it's two A.M. and your tire is flat and no one's answering their phones.

Junior Connor Peters agreed, "I think we should have a shop class to teach us car maintenance, that'd be very helpful."

### **Start doing yoga.**

So I know most people may think the only *Namaste* they want to say is "Nah, I'm gonna stay in bed," but just hear me out. You don't have to be a hippy or super flexible to partake in this activity. Yoga is one of the most

serviceable forms of exercise you can do. Its benefits include, boosting the immune system, giving lungs room to breathe, keeping allergies and viruses in check, releasing tension in limbs and if that's not enough encouragement yoga also can help you sleep deeper.

### **Complain less.**

The old saying, "A positive mind equals a positive life" is so true. Negativity in our life has a placebo effect; if we think our lives are horrible and depressing, we start to subconsciously make decisions that will actually make our lives horrible and depressing. Obviously life can be a bummer sometimes but just try keeping a positive outlook and watch as your gray storm turns into a shimmering rainbow.

### **Eat more chocolate.**

Not because it really has any prominent health factors or Americans really need to eat more junk food, but because there might be a chocolate shortage soon. Western Africa, where most of the world's chocolate is grown, has had low production due to Ebola and weather conditions. The government has also lowered production by eighteen percent this year. The chocolate apocalypse is coming...be prepared.

### **Take advantage of the new technology coming out.**

We all have the basic apps on our phones and appreciate the cool new features on computers, but did you know you now can climb Mount Everest in your very own living room? Thank you virtual reality software. Multiple gaming companies are partaking in this upcoming trend.

Fit-Bit watches are becoming so advanced that they're basically mini trainers living on our wrists. Then, let's not even get started on the new advances happening in cars. From sensors to sound systems to new safety features the only thing they could possibly add next is time travel. Stay tuned, technology is on the rise.

### **De-friend stressful people in your life.**

We all keep up with people we secretly hate on social media and in real life only to begrudgingly wish them congrats or like their photos because it's the nice thing to do. That, or we keep them around to watch them struggle. Well I don't know about you but that sounds super tiring. So surround yourself with people who want to see you succeed and make you feel better about yourself, not worse.

### **Consider cutting out red meats.**

No one is saying you have to become vegetarian...however, maybe you'll consider it after learning these harmful facts. One con of red meat is hardening and clogging of vital arteries. Another study done by Harvard school of public health found red meat consumption was associated with a shortened life span. Then there's the animal cruelty factor that goes down when the meat is being made. Think of poor Wilbur when you struggling at age 60 from your medical issues.

### **Go on more adventures.**

Like Russel from *Up* said, "Adventure is out there!" Even if it's just a walk in an unfamiliar part of Sioux Falls or going to a show you've never been before, it's always good to see new things, meet strange people, and broaden your horizons.

Freshman Maria Mendoza commented, "You should try to be out in nature, especially during the summer because South Dakota has a long winter. You could go to amusement parks or have fires with your friends."

### **Keep up to date on the election.**

You live in America, so what our future president's goals and views are immensely affect you. Especially if you turn eighteen this year which makes you eligible to vote! However, even if you're still a couple years short, it wouldn't kill you to know a little about the race so you can be an informed citizen. Your opinion and vote matters so make sure it's an erudite one.

## Zika Virus International Scare

By Micaiah Lee Mader

In May of 2015, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) broadcasted an alert regarding the first confirmed Zika viral infection in Brazil. Since last spring, more than 20 countries have officially reported cases of the Zika virus.

The Zika, Zika disease, or Zika fever as it is often called can be traced all the way back to the 1950s. The virus was contained to only narrow parts of the equatorial belt stretching from Africa to Asia.

The Zika virus is carried through a common airborne host, the mosquito. Although it is unclear, it is assumed an infected victim of the virus traveled

internationally and began the wide spread infection.

The Zika virus is related to dengue, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, and West Nile viruses. The Zika illness is corresponding to a mild form of dengue fever which typically causes fever, headache, skin rash, and joint pain.

More severe and frightening symptoms occur in newborn babies of infected mothers. The virus can be passed from mother to infant during pregnancy or around the time of birth. There have been reports of a serious birth defect of the brain called microcephaly (a condition in which the baby's head is smaller than a normal newborn's) and other poor pregnancy outcomes in babies of mothers who were infected with the virus.

In early January of 2016, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued travel warnings to countries affected by the outbreak. It is moving swiftly to combat a potential outbreak after widespread criticism that it allowed the last major global health crisis, Ebola. In the past few months, the virus has reached pandemic levels and is predicted to affect more than 4 million Americans by the end of the calendar year.

The Zika virus has no known vaccination or cure however, a vaccine is hopeful in the upcoming months. Although the virus has not yet permeated U.S. borders, it's arrival is inevitable. The best offense is a good defense so get informed and ready yourselves for the arrival of the Zika virus.

## Senior Spotlight



**NAME:** Kyrstyn Beck

**SENIOR PROJECT:** Learning to play the cello.

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Choir, FFA, Boys' Basketball Stats, Drama

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:**

Heading off to college to do something...to be honest I have no idea what I plan to do.

## Scholarship Corner

- **Prairie Rose Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must live within the townships of Brandon, Highland, Edison, or Logan. Due January 30, 2016
- **FFA John Deere Scholarship (\$2000)** - Must be an FFA member and plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college. Due February 1, 2016
- **Garretson Community Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Minimum GPA of 2.5. Multiple scholarships available. Due February 26, 2016
- **National Association of Women in Construction Scholarship (\$500-\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Pursuing study in a construction related field. Due February 28, 2016
- **Buick Achievers Scholarship (up to \$25,000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Studying engineering, technology, or design with an interest in the automotive industry. Due February 29, 2016
- **Amateur Softball Scholarship (\$500)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
- **American Legion Scholarship (\$500)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
- **Entringer Classic Scholarship (\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Participation in HS athletics for at least two years. Due March 1, 2016
- **Tip Top Tux Scholarship (\$1000-\$5000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Due March 1, 2016
- **CHS Easter Farmers Scholarship (\$1000)** - Must be going into an agricultural field. Six 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
- **Build Dakota Scholarship (\$ varies)** - Planning to attend one of four technical schools in South Dakota. Due March 15, 2016
- **Home Builders Association Scholarship (\$1000)** - Multiple scholarships available. Pursuing a Home Building Industry related field of study. Due April 4, 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.



**ANSWERS: Brain Teaser:** 1. Flee (Flea) 2. You (Ewe) 3. Foul (Fowl) 4. Be (Bee) **Joke:** There, Their, They're