

# Blue Ink



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## This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** John Lennon, of the British pop Band, the Beatles, was born today in 1940.

**BRAIN TEASER OF THE WEEK:** Pronounced as one letter but written with three, only two different letters are used to make me. I'm double, I'm single I'm black, blue, and gray. I'm read from both ends and the same either way.  
*Answer on back page*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What lies at the bottom of the sea and shakes?  
*Answer on back page*

- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- Friday, October 10**
    - NO SCHOOL—Staff In-Service
    - Marching Band @ Sioux Valley
    - Football @ Centerville
  - Saturday, October 11**
    - 5/6 Volleyball @ Parker
  - Monday, October 13**
    - NO SCHOOL—Native American Day
    - Volleyball @ Madison
    - 7/8/JV Football @ Centerville
    - School Board Meeting @ 5:30
  - Tuesday, October 14**
    - Volleyball @ McCook Central/Montrose
  - Thursday, October 16**
    - Region Cross Country Meet
    - Volleyball v. Tea Area
  - Friday, October 17**
    - End of the 1st Quarter
    - Football v. Irene-Wakonda

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## Challenge Day Goes to Garretson

By Zeb Johnson

Notice, choose, act. That mantra exemplifies what Challenge Day makes an effort to teach. Challenge Day emphasizes that the way to end bullying is through compassion and empathy.

This year was Garretson's first Challenge Day, and it was different from what many people expected.

"It turned out way different than I expected. When I heard about Challenge Day, I had no idea that it had anything to do with bullying or speaking up. Some of my friends even thought it might have involved physical challenges or obstacles," said sophomore participant Tabi Klingenberg.

Challenge Day uses empathy not often experienced between peers and eye-opening activities, such as cross the line, to make a day to try to stop bullying in schools.

Cross the line is an activity in which the operators of Challenge Day reads aloud categories and if they apply to you, then you cross the line and stand with the others who have experienced this same thing.

The goal of Challenge Day is to stop bullying. Whether or not that will happen has yet to be proven.

"I don't know if Challenge Day will actually stop bullying. I know that people said and heard things within their groups that they wouldn't have normally shared, and that will definitely change how we look at each other. The same goes for the people who picked up the mic and spoke to everyone," added Klingenberg.

Garretson has taken the challenge, and we will see if they can complete it: to end bullying and make school a safe environment for everyone.

## Ebola Outbreak Garners Global Attention

By Jared Fitzgerald

Ebola first appeared back in 1976 with two outbreaks by the Ebola River, which is where the virus gets its name. This virus has been quiet ever since its first outbreaks but it reappeared in Africa last March.

Many scientist believe that fruit bats are the initial carriers of the Ebola virus. It can be spread through contact with the bodily fluids, such as blood, sweat, or saliva of a contagious Ebola patient.

Most people don't even quite know what some of the symptoms are for this nasty virus. At first one will just start to get a sore throat and a fever, maybe even muscle pains. But it continues to get worse and worse. Symptoms typically increase to puking and diarrhea.

Once the virus is contracted, there is a very high risk that it can be fatal. There is up to a 90% chance that once one gets Ebola, they will die. Although, if diagnosed early, the chances of surviving are much better.

Mr. Furness said, "I think it's something CDC needs to get a handle on, because it's moving."

There still is no "set in stone" cure for Ebola but there have been rehydration care treat-

ments that have improved the health of those that are sick. Doctors all around the world are trying to find a cure that is 100% effective.

People are still wondering, "How can I reduce my risks of catching this disease?" Even though it is a VERY rare virus that doesn't mean that you are invincible. If you are not in contact with a person that has Ebola you are greatly reducing the risk of getting virus.

Around the world there have been over 1,500 deaths from the Ebola virus. Although, many of these deaths are in third world countries with poor health care systems, and many of the countries are very unsanitary.

Ms. McClure stated, "I've never seen anything like it."

There have been many patients that have been flown from countries all around the world to the United States for our aid. But is it worth it? The first American died yesterday that had Ebola; he was from Dallas.

Although there have only been a handful of cases in the United States for treatment, it's still a big issue. So batten down the hatches #EbolaOutbreak

## Postseason Drama

By Micah Mader

The greatest month of the sporting year is here! OCTOBER, and that means postseason baseball in the MLB.

"Postseason baseball is one of the most exciting times of the year," replied junior Brady Schleuter on the subject.

Nail-biting wild card action kicked off the postseason last Tuesday at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City. Brandon Moss got the ball rolling with a towering home run to put the A's up two early in the game. Leads alternated consistently throughout the game.

However, the A's wound up with a one run lead heading into bottom of the 9th inning. Nori Aoki tied the game up with a sacrifice fly to right field sending the game into extras.

The A's took the lead once again in the top of the 12th. But it was all in vain. As Royals catcher, Salvador Perez ended the game in stunning fashion with a walk off single, earning his only hit of the game.

Moving into the division best of five series, game one was a tight one but the Royals ultimately had the edge taking the game 3-2 via a Mike Moustakas home run in the 11th. Game two produced a similar result, ending in a less dramatic 4-1 Royals triumph. To further the nightmare for the Angels, who held the best regular season record, the Royals served up an 8-3 spanking to move on to the ALCS (American League Championship Series).

The Baltimore Orioles also proved their dominance stunning Detroit Tigers in a 3-0 sweep.

The Orioles begin ALCS action against the Royals tomorrow in Baltimore.

On the other side of the MLB, the Pittsburgh Pirates squared off against the San Francisco Giants for the NL wild card spot.

Right off the bat, the Giants dominated. With little to no competition from the Pittsburgh bats, and the Giants rolled to an 8-0 trouncing earning themselves a spot in the NLDS (National League Divisional Series).

The Giants looked to continue their dominance against the Washington Nationals, but that would prove to be a difficult task.

In game one, the Giants tacked on three runs without answer from the Nats. The struggling Washington offense was unable to get anything going early but managed to tally two runs late in a 2-3 loss.

Game two was a humdinger. The Nationals nabbed a one run lead in the first to open the scoring. This lead was held by Washington until the final inning. With two outs in the ninth, Pablo Sandoval (a.k.a. Panda) hit a slicing double down the line scoring fellow teammate Joe Panik and tying the game at one a piece.



In historic fashion, the game lasted an impressive 18 innings and set the MLB postseason time record. Six hours and twenty three minutes of excitement later, the Giants first basemen, Brandon Belt, drove a fastball into the right-field stands to put the Giants up by one run and ultimately won the game.

"It was hands down the best baseball game I've ever watched," commented junior Alex Andersen on the matchup.

Washington came back with a win of their own in game three only to lose game four in heart breaking fashion.

Also making it out of the NLDS, the red hot St. Louis Cardinals are set to take on the Giants in NLCS beginning this Saturday.

Now only one series away from the Championship, the stakes are high. The hunt for October is here!

## Volleyball Works Toward Second Win of the Season

By Tait Johnson

This last Monday the Garretson volleyball team competed against the Tri-Valley Mustangs. Blue Dragons play Canton today, a team we actually beat.

The game against Tri-Valley was rough, scoring a total of 24 points to Tri-Valley's 75. The girls finally got their head in the game in the third set, scoring 14 points, over half of their total points scored.

Junior Lara Luke lead the team with four kills; junior Peyton Heitkamp right behind her with two. Junior Morgan Gloe

did all she could to pace the team on offense and defense gaining seven assist and six digs.

Senior Shambree Smith stated, "The game against Tri-Valley is a game we need to put behind us and move forward. The main item to take away from that game was teamwork; when we play as individuals, we have a hard time scoring points. But when we play as a team we can do wonderful things."

On a more positive note, the girls will head to Canton tonight. The girls beat the Canton team in the first game of the season.

Luke voiced her opinion on tonight's game saying, "We have beat them before, and believe we will be putting our best effort as a team to beat them again!"

Go out to Canton, cheer loud and hope the Dragons come home with a win!

## 24th Anniversary of the Year of Reconciliation

By Alli Kruger

Everyone else is celebrating Columbus Day this coming Monday, while South Dakota is the only one who celebrates Native American Day.

It started 24 years ago and was spurred on by the *Lakota Times*, a strong advocate for a Native American voice in South Dakota.

The year the law was passed, 1990, dubbed the Year of Reconciliation as it finally took time to honor those who are a valuable part of our state, but too often neglected.

While other states have yet to follow the idea of South Dakota, two other states have an American Indian Day: California and Tennessee.

More could still be done to honor Native American Day but at least South Dakota took a step in the right direction in creating the day.

## Blue Dragons March Forward

By Lana Braswell

Boom!, Pow! Here comes the Blue Dragons' marching band coming up the street.

These last few weeks the marching band has been giving it all they got against other bands, and now this coming Friday they will be working themselves to the bone to get first out of the competition in Sioux Valley.

Sophomore Kindra Clark shared how the band has been doing well this week, "Some others in the band are hilarious so it's fun to listen to them talk when waiting in formation." Clark stated

Other bands will be going up against the Blue Dragon band this Friday in Sioux Valley: Arlington, Baltic, Dell Rapids, and Dell Rapids Saint Mary. Garretson will be pushing them-

selves hard this Friday, if they want to get to the top.

The band has been stepping it up, giving it their best. Still needing to fix their turns and steps in the band.

Clark also observed, "I think that we need to work on marching in time with the other people in band."

But she isn't the only one who thinks that they need a fix, sophomore Shay Gibson gave his opinion. "At the part when we turn to the judges needs work, we need to be lined up a bit more straight." Gibson explained.

Despite needing some work, Clark still has a good time. "I think that it's fun, but not as much fun as pep band. Honestly, I think we are doing better than we were doing last year."

Following along on the comments Gibson remarked, "I think that it's ok, but my favorite part is getting food during completions, in the morning when getting ready."

Band director Nick Sittig explained the importance and impact of marching band on overall performances. "I think that marching band is part of the experience in everyday band, it helps them learn to care for their instruments, shows them what skill they really have," Sittig explained.

But the Blue Dragons are kicking it forward, playing with all the heart they can give.

His favorite part of band, as Sittig stated, is when students crack a joke, or act out of ordinary. It gives him even more of a reason to like the students of the Blue Dragons band.

## Another Win, Another Game, Another Chance

By Abriana Scholl

The crowd roars as the Garretson varsity football team took an astounding turn from a devastating loss on their homecoming game to a convincing win the next week. They went from getting their butts kicked to kicking butt.

The Blue Dragons won 50-24 last Friday night against the Parker Pheasants. Competing outside in the frigid weather, they managed to push their way to the top.

"There are three regular season games left

and up to four postseason games. Our goal is to play every one of them," football coach Kevin Steckler informed about games taking place in the near future.

Since the varsity's past plays, the team has developed and grown stronger. "Number one improvement: consistency in all three phases. We've improved throughout the season but are not yet where we want to be," Steckler shared.

"For the most part they played very well!

With the exception of the last two minutes of the first half, I was pleased with our attention to detail and focus." Steckler stated.

Their football regular season is coming to a close pretty soon. We hope the guys end the year with success.

This Friday the boys will be visiting Centerville to compete against the Tornadoes. So good luck to the team and let's see if we can take home another win. Let's go Dragons!



## They Don't Just Sing in the Shower

By Sylvia Larson

Sing it loud and proud like the Garretson choir students! If you can't hold a tune to save your life, maybe All-State choir is not your forte.

November first is approaching fast for the students attending All-State Choir this year, taking place in Sioux Falls. First, though, the students get to spend a day practicing bits and pieces of each of their songs with other choir students from the east side of the state scheduled to attend the event.

Eight to nine hundred kids enrolled in a high school in our state come together to sing eight songs, along with "The Star Spangled Banner."

It's common for only a select few songs to be written and sung in English.

A few of the songs are performed with a large orchestra that is also made up of high school students.

The songs they perform are directed by an accomplished director and musician that is brought in from out of state, and usually has years of experience directing choirs.

It is a formal concert where the guys wear suits and/or tuxes and the girls wear floor-length dresses.

If you make it through the nerve-racking audition process, you'll be waiting at the edge of your seat for the list of attendees to be posted. For a few lucky people, the list is good news. For others, it's not so good. On a high note, however...

"I am actually really excited; I'm so excited. and although I'm just an alternate this year, I think this is going to be a fun and new experience," sophomore Abriana Scholl exclaimed.

Scholl is one of seven who attended SDSU's preview day today in preparation for the actual concert.

Also attending was juniors Katie Geisler, Micah Mader, Cole Fiegen, Kyrstyn Beck, Saige Gullickson, and Cassie Faber. Only four get to go to the actual event; the others are alternates. Giesler, Beck, Fiegen and Mader were the ones selected to go.

Geisler expressed, "This is my third consecutive year attending All-State, and I am more than ecstatic to go again! This year I even have the privilege of spending All-State with three of my closest friends!"

"I am singing soprano [for the concert] once more, like I always do," Geisler added.

No matter what range the Garretson girls and guys sing, make sure to wish them luck before they participate in the All-State concert in November. The event will be televised, so even if you don't get a chance to go you'll still be able to see it.

## Garretson Cross Country Takes First!

By Beth Schmidt

The Garretson Cross Country team headed to Lennox and swept the team titles at the nine-team meet Friday, October 3rd.

The boys varsity team took first with 23 points followed by the second place team with 29 points. Junior Evan Fick earned his second victory of the year on the course with a time of 16:43.

Sophomore Josh Powell placed fifth, 17:11; senior Josh Liester worked his way

to seventh with the time of 17:13; senior Tait Johnson finished 11th, 17:39; junior Jacob Fitzgerald ended 20th, 18:04; sophomore Riley Nordstrom placed 24th with the time of 18:25; freshman Jack Konechne finished 35th, 18:56; and sophomore Jared Fitzgerald completed the course 48th, 19:56.

The girls varsity team also won first with 32 points with the second place team running with 46 points. Freshman Carmen

Bohl had top honors for the Blue Dragons with a fifth place finish, 15:15; junior Haley Sage placed eighth with the time of 15:19; senior Teisha Carnicle secured a spot in the top 10, 15:37; seventh Grader Rachel Kindt earned 13th, 16:16; and junior Jaden Bly placed 18th with the time of 16:47.

The cross country team will be heading to Howard for the Big East Conference Meet this afternoon. Good luck Blue Dragons!

## Expectations for Region and State Events

By Mr. Mitch Lynch—Guest Contributor

As the fall sport season starts to wrap up, students, staff and community members start to turn their attention towards the postseason and the excitement which accompanies playing for championships.

Playoffs make any sport more exciting and also gives fans an extra reason to support their team (playoff beards anyone?).

With the added excitement, the South

Dakota High School Activities Association must set a clear set of guidelines of what type of conduct is expected from both participants and supporters at these events.

The link at the end of the article provides a list of conduct rules all schools are asked to follow at district, region, and state events. Some of the main topics include, but are not limited to, prohibited

fan interaction (must stay off court when medals are being awarded).

The list is very detailed and I encourage everyone to look at the expectations so you can focus on cheering for your Blue Dragons to victory instead of watching over your shoulder for the fashion police.

Please understand the reason these expectations are set is because with the added intensity of the event, fans may try to draw attention upon themselves by going over the top. These events are meant to be about those participating, not those in the stands. Please respect those who are on the on the court by providing positive feedback which will encourage them to do their best. Please let me know if you have any questions and go Blue Dragons!

## Senior Spotlight

**NAME:** Megan Roesler

**SENIOR PROJECT:** Glass Blowing

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:**

None

**WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST:** Zach Hansen and my home-girl, Teisha

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:** Go to college to be a radiologist



items (masks, noisemakers, laser pointers, signs, etc.), wearing proper attire (must wear shirts, no body paint) and post-game

<http://ml115.k12.sd.us/SiteAssets/default/SDHSAA%20TOURNAMENT%20TEAM%20AND%20SPECTATOR%20CONDUCT%20RULES.pdf>

## Student Opinion Poll

Students were asked what they were most excited for over fall break.



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.

**ANSWERS: Brain Teaser:** eye

**Joke:** A nervous wreck

