

Blue Ink



COVID-19...maybe Code 2319

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- What
COVID-19 or more commonly known as the coronavirus is similar



to flu and mimics flu symptoms. However since it isn't the flu and only a mutated version of it the immune system of the unexposed people don't know how to fight it off. The first case to get tested in the us was in mid December and has now been in the us for roughly 2-3 months.

- Sports postponed

NBA - suspended season indefinitely because players are testing positive to COVID-19. Believed to have started with Utah jazz player, Rudy Gobert who was the first to test positive.

NAIA (@ Pentagon) - Wednesday night there were fans in attendance, however it is now closed to open spectators and limited to immediate family only.

NCAA D2 Wrestling (@ DSPC) - closed to open spectators; immediate family only

NCAA March Madness - CANCELLED

MLB- has pushed opening day till around Easter and have canceled the rest of spring training

NHL- postponed games until further notice

USHL- the Sioux Falls stampede announced that they will be suspending game play until further notice

British Premier Soccer League-has postponed season due to two of the leagues managers testing positive to the coronavirus.

Olympics- nothing has yet been confirmed that the 2020 summer Olympics will be postponed or canceled but there has been rumors and talk of such measures being taken place.

- National travel

President Trump stated: we will be suspending all travel from Europe to the US for the next 30 days. However with this statement americans are still allowed to travel to europe and come back but are strongly advised not to travel outside of the US. Travelers will be asked to get tested upon their return. Tickets for european travel have gone down in price and many airlines worry about bankruptcy.

- Economy

Apple - gets a substantial amount of products from china and since many chases are found in china companies that produce products for apple have slowed down therefore some apple stores have closed.

Amazon- has risen in stocks due to buying cleaning products and the sheer fact you don't have to leave your home to buy products you need.

Netflix- Since many people are home and lack sporting events to watch, many people are turning to the streaming service to be kept from boredom while in quarantine.

- Spring break

Augustana-extended spring break a week

STI- extended spring break a week

SDSU-extended spring break a week

USD-extended spring break a week

NDSU- from now until the beginning of April they will have courses online.

SMSU-extended spring break a week

- State/local

There have been nine people who have tested positive to the virus with (three being from Minnehaha county) along with one death. Sioux Falls Mayor Paul Tenhaken has also issued a state of emergency for the city.

The Sioux Falls School District won't be cancelling classes as of right now because of concerns over COVID-19, but Superin-

tendent Brian Maher said at a press conference Thursday that he's closer to making that decision than he was a few days ago.

The district is, however, suspended all non-essential activities beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday until further notice to help limit the spread of the virus currently affecting areas across the globe.

The West Central school district canceled school on March 11 due to a parent of a student that did test positive to the virus. They school took the day off as a precaution.

Sanford hospitals have restricted visitors and have asked if you are coming into their facilities and think you might have corona to please call ahead before showing up so their facilities can prepare.

- Celebrities/entertainment

Concerts are being postponed

- Zac Brown Band suspended tour

- Reba- who was coming to the Denny April 26 has since postponed and will becoming in August

- Coachella- It has not been confirmed but there has been some talk of canceling or postponing the famous music festival.

Famous actor- Tom Hanks And actress wife Rita Wilson have tested positive to the virus this Thursday while filming in Australia for an upcoming movie.

Riverdale-production halted in vancouver over fear of cast and crew being exposed.

Late show- all audiences of the late show productions will on Monday the 16 no longer have studio audiences until further notice.

007-The release of *No Time to Die* will be postponed until November 2020. The film will be released in the U.K. on November 12, 2020 with worldwide release dates to follow, including the U.S. launch on November 25, 2020. This is due to the Asian box office taking a plummet and having a considerable amount of profit made off of their box office.

Contagion- Actress Gwyneth Paltrow posted on instagram about the infamous movie where her character dies from a strange death threatening disease. "I've been in this movie."

Warnings from Washington

Carrie Uhl, a resident of Seattle, Washington, stated how the virus has changed her routine since the virus is more active in Washington state." I don't go out as much and try to only leave when I have to, I avoid shaking hands with people, when I need to get groceries I keep wipes with me and wipe down where my hands rest, which i never used to do, when I return home i go and was my hands right away. I try to not let it control my life and just try to wash my hands more and carry wipes and hand sanitizer. "

Garretson school

Kristi Noem- On a conference call on Friday Noem announced that there will be no school at state schools the week of the 16.

Online opportunity- If the school would close due to any reason for longer then a week then it is to be assumed that teachers would work with students via iPads to avoid face to face contact.

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#2319, vape, dates, gym

Country/Region	Cases	Deaths	Recoveries
Total	125,865	4,615	67,003
China	80,921	3,161	61,644
Italy	12,462	827	1,045
Iran	9,000	354	2,959
South Korea	7,755	60	288
France	2,284	48	12
Spain	2,277	54	183
Germany	1,908	3	25
U.S.	1,281	36	8
Diamond Princess cruise ship	696	7	325
Switzerland	652	4	4
Japan	639	15	118
Norway	598	0	1
Netherlands	503	5	0
Sweden	500	1	1
U.K.	459	8	19
Denmark	444	0	1
Belgium	314	3	1
Qatar	262	0	0
Austria	246	0	4

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: COVID-19 stands for Coronavirus Disease 2019

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Just the simple act of washing your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and water can greatly reduce your risk of getting sick.

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Grass = trava (trah-vah)
Fun fact: the word for grass and weed is the same thing in Croatian, so next time you see a dandelion you can call it trava just like the grass it grows in.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do trees get on the internet?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: I'm tall when I'm young and short when I'm old. What am I?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 13**
- Start of 4th Quarter
- Monday, March 16**
- 6-12 Pops Music Concert
- Tuesday, March 17**
- ACT Prep @ Mrs. B's room (4:00)
- Wednesday, March 18**
- ACT Prep @ Mr. Hughes' room (4:00)
- Friday, March 20**
- No School—Spring Break

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 7 Days
We have our second half of spring break coming on March 20. We will not have school that Friday.

Spring Store is now open through Sunday, March 22. It features generic Blue Dragon apparel as well as logos for Track & Field, Golf, Baseball, and Trapshooting

Congratulations to the following juniors for being selected to Boys State: Sam Konechne, Evan Bly, Rave Uhlich, Matthew Rattenborg, Brady DeBates, & Caeden Bunde; and for Girls State: Madden Lardy, Molly Hulscher, Lizzie Olson, Mattea Fiegen, & Caroline Hoskins

JOKE: They "log" on

BRAINTEASER: A Candle

Sisters of the sea

by Nobel Nothstine
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March is a time of year to celebrate the strong women in your life. Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and is observed every year in the month of March in the United States since 1987. The 2020 theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote," which speaks to the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. The theme honors "the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others."

Women's History Month 2020 takes place from Sunday, March 1-Tuesday, March 31, 2020. To commemorate, The Blue Ink will be celebrating hidden women in history each week this month.

To begin, this week will briefly cover Anne Bonny and Mary Read, two pirates from the 1700's. Anne Bonny began her life as the illegitimate daughter of a wealthy Irish lawyer. Her father had her dress a boy and pose as his law clerk for part of her youth. She later moved to America, where she married a sailor in 1718 and journeyed to the pirate-infested island of New Providence in the Bahamas. There, she abandoned her husband and fell under the spell of "Calico" Jack Rackam, a wild buccaneer who was a master of trade in the Caribbean.

Bonny had always been known for her "fierce and courageous temper", and she later forged a friendship with the similar fellow female pirate Mary Read. The pair played a leading role in a group of raids against fishing boats in the summer and fall of 1720. Then, Calico Jack's ship was captured by a band of pirate-hunters. Calico Jack and several other men were executed, but Bonny and Read dodged the noose after they both claimed to be pregnant.

Mary Read was born in England, and spent most of

In honor of
Women's History month...



her youth disguised as her deceased half-brother so that her penniless mother could scam the boy's grandmother. She later adopted the name Mark Read and took on a large number of traditionally male jobs, first as a soldier and later as a merchant sailor. Read turned to piracy in the late-1710s, after buccaneers attacked the ship she was working on and impressed her so much, that she joined them. She later found her way aboard Calico Jack's boat, where she met and befriended Anne Bonny and revealed herself to be a woman.

Read only sailed with Calico Jack for a few months, but during that time she won a fearsome reputation. One of her most famous exploits came in October 1720, when she and Bonny fought like banshees during an attack by pirate-hunters. "If there's a man among ye," she supposedly screamed at the male buccaneers cowering below decks, "ye'll come up and fight like the man ye are to be!" Despite Read's heroics, she and the rest of Calico Jack's crew were captured and charged with piracy. Read later came down with a fever and died in prison. Anne stayed imprisoned until she gave birth, and then there is no other records of her whereabouts.

This week, we celebrate these sisters of the sea and their admirable ability to unabashedly be themselves in a world that has always pitted against them.

Never have I ever...

Tableside conversations

- Cheated on a test
- Thrown up in school
- Eaten playdoh
- Made slime
- Called in sick to school when I wasn't really sick
- Fallen asleep in class
- Failed a class
- Been interviewed by the *Blue Ink*
- Slipped on a banana peel
- Done the Tide pod challenge
- Sent a secret "candy"gram
- Rejected someone's date request
- Denied the *Blue Ink* an interview
- Gotten my cell phone taken away by a teacher
- Broken/not returned a school book
- Cracked my iPad screen
- Airdropped something I shouldn't have
- Not finished an assigned reading
- Spray tanned
- Ran a stop sign
- Passed gas in class and blamed someone else
- Been featured in the *Blue Ink* guessing game (Who...Where...What is it)
- Been kicked out of class
- Brought anything other than water in a water bottle
- Used the bathroom for something other than what it is intended
- Eaten food that fell on the floor
- Messed up a teacher's desk
- Been sent to the principal's office
- Lied and said my homework was at home/in my car when I haven't started
- Had detention
- Skipped a class
- Insulted a teacher to their face
- Sworn in class
- Forged my parents' signature
- Asked a teacher to change my grade

Summit League

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Saturday, March 7 the Summit League kicked off at Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls. This tournament consists of North Dakota State, Oral Roberts, Denver, Omaha, South Dakota State, Purdue Fort Wayne, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

Starting off with the Men, coming into the tournament the top 3 seeds were North Dakota State at 1, South Dakota State 2, and South Dakota at 3. For South Dakota and South Dakota state has been doing well during the regular season they couldn't seem to find the groove in the first round by both teams getting beat out. North Dakota 6th seed beat USD, and Purdue Fort Wayne beat SDSU.

North Dakota State being the number 1 seed showed just that. As they beat Denver 1st round, Oral Roberts 2nd, and Finished off with the championship game playing North Dakota.



This game was not pretty for North Dakota as NDSU comes into this game strong and crushes them with a final score of 53-89.

The main teams for the Women's were South Dakota and South Dakota State, these two teams came into the Summit ready to go. Both teams crushed their opponents with the scores of the first round 40-99 USD, 43-72 SDSU. The second round wasn't that much better for other teams as SDSU beat NDSU 56-76, and USD beat Oral Roberts 43-65. Finally the game everyone has been waiting for, South Dakota State vs South Dakota. This was a back and forth game really close until the end with South Dakota started pulling ahead and won 63-58

The trials of Gabriel Fernandez

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A boy named Gabriel Fernandez was only 8 years old when he was brutally murdered by his mother and her boyfriend in 2013.

Gabriel throughout his life was handed around, and was constantly let down by a system that should have been helping him. Throughout the 6 months Gabriel lived with his mother and her boyfriend, CPS (Child Protective Services) were called on multiple occasions. At one point, it was reported the CPS agents told Gabriel to stop lying.

It was only after his tragic death where justice took place, the mother was sentenced to life in prison, and the boyfriend will be receiving the death penalty for not only murdering the boy, but torturing him.

When Gabriel was taken to the hospital the last time, he had new and old bruises all over his body, BB's in his legs and arms, evidence of being pepper sprayed, cigarette burns, and many more.

"Why would someone do this to an 8 year old boy?" many have asked. The answer is, the boyfriend flat out thought Gabriel was a homosexual. Investigators had found that all of Gabriel's clothing had been disposed of, except for two dresses the boy was forced to wear.

The Social Workers that had investigated the Fernandez's home also have had charges brought upon them, which has never been seen before. But, they escaped punishment by a 2-1 vote, prosecutors are requesting a re-hearing of the case against the social workers.

If you would like more information on the situation, Netflix has released a 6 episode series called "The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez" that goes in depth on the situation including, interviewing Gabriel's teachers and family members, Gabriel's injuries and suicide notes, and the cases.

2020 State Wrestling



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**
SERVING STUDENTS SINCE 1905

by **Parker Schlenker**
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As the wrestling season came to an end, the 2020 South Dakota State Wrestling Tournament kicked off and Garretson was able to send two of their wrestlers to the tournament with two others who were alternates.

Preston Bohl (106) and Jayse Miller (113) were Garretson's two qualifiers with both of them having really solid seasons finishing with Bohl finishing with a 29-11 record and Miller with a 29-16 record.

Garretson was also lucky enough to have Dominic Abraham (145) and Hayden Stoterau (180) who placed fifth in the region tournament and went into state week as alternates.

This meant they would have been able to wrestle in the state tournament if someone in their weight class couldn't wrestle because of a sickness, injury, not making weight, or for any other reason.

Bohl was unable to win a tough fought first match against Gunnar Kvistad (41-6) of Clark Willow Lake but came out strong his next match and was able to beat Dakota Buck (31-27) of McCook Central Montrose. Bohl fell to Kasen Konstanz (40-9) of Kimball White Lake/Platte Geddes in a 5-1 decision match.

Bohl noted, "I tried my best, but it didn't end up how I wanted."

Miller also had a tough first match against Andy Meyer (42-5) of Canton and couldn't find a way to win his second match either losing

to Ryker Peterson (26-18) in a 7-2 decision match.

Both of these athletes qualified for the state tournament last year as well. However Garretson qualified seven last year. Bohl stated, "It definitely felt a lot different compared to having six other qualifiers last year."

While the experience was memorable and an honor, both Bohl and Miller are ready for a change of pace and a plate full of food.

"I'm excited to be eating a lot of food," said Miller. Bohl reiterated that by saying, "I can eat whatever I want now."

Choir shares talents again

Regional solo/ensemble contest gives vocalists performance opportunity

by **Nika Sapunar**
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Garretson voices were heard in Region 2 Vocal Contest on Monday at Augustana University. Garretson High School students had a great results at the event and received two superior ratings, with 3 performing ensembles.

"This is my 4th year doing the contest at Augustana and I expected a lot of good things. Aliah and I have done a duet each year and we were hoping to finally get a perfect score because last year we were just one point off," said Aftyn Heitkamp.

"The experience was a good one and it shows my other partners what a competition was really like," said Morgan Moritz on her duo and trio.

Director Erika Brown was very proud of them. "Facing an audience is a difficult feat and these students handled it with poise, preparation, and a pursuit of excellence," she added.

Aliah Lymon and Heitkamp had a duet, same as Morgan Moritz and Joy Fry. Moritz, Fry, and Samantha Kruger also had a trio.

Harry and Meghan make final appearance as senior royals

by **Grace Panning**
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On Monday, the royal couple performed their last official royal engagement surrounded by Harry's immediate family, marking the end of a short era that saw the couple go from embracing their royal role to all-out rejecting it.

Since returning to the U.K. from their new house in Canada, Meghan and Harry have appeared at events celebrating causes they support and have been greeted by cheering crowds along the way.

On Sunday, the palace released



While Harry and Meghan step out of the spotlight, William and Kate continue to carry out the traditional royal roles and expectations.
Picture from Fox News: [https://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/meghan-markle-prince-](https://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/meghan-markle-prince)

details of Meghan's solo visit to a school in Dagenham, where she marked International Women's Day in the east London town where female sewing machinists from the Ford Motor Plant held a strike for equal pay in 1968.

On Monday, Harry and Meghan

joined his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, along with his father, Prince Charles, brother and his uncle Prince Edward at the Commonwealth Service. Prime Minister Boris Johnson, boxing champion Anthony Joshua and singer Craig David, as well as a host of ambassadors, politicians, faith leaders and school children were also at the ceremony.

From their new base in Canada, the couple will no longer carry out official duties

for the queen and won't use their royal highness titles or the word royal in the nonprofit organization they intend to establish. Although he is stepping away from royal duties, Harry will remain sixth in line to the throne, behind his father, brother, and William's children.

Coronavirus outbreak with Disney

by **Nika Sapunar**
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SHANGHAI RESORT PARTIALLY REOPENS

Shanghai Disney resorts partially reopened this Monday, March 9 after it closed in response of the growth of coronavirus in many countries. Each resort will open under limited capacity and reduced hour of operations, and everything will be limited for Disneytown, Wishing Star Park and Shanghai Disneyland Hotel. But in conditions that they need to wear masks, their temperature will be measured every day and they need to have their present health QR code arriving in any venues. For now Disneyland will be closed until further notice, as the company continues to monitor health and safety conditions.



CORONAVIRUS HIT DISNEYLAND PARIS WORKER

A worker, in Europe's biggest theme park, tested positive for coronavirus during the weekend; he has not been in any contact with any, because of working overnight. The park remains open for now. Disneyland said that they will test all other workers who have been in con at with him. Until further notice everything stays the same.

DISNEY CRUISE SHIP SAILS IN ORLANDO

Even though Disney World in Orlando is one of the most visited theme parks, the 8-day-cruise. Many people don't want to back out because their kids love Disney and they already have everything planned, but is it safe for them? Vice President Mike Pence said that many people are worried about it but he assures them that traveling in the country is safe.



Senior Spotlight

Kendra Kleven

SENIOR PROJECT:

Taking pictures of animals and making it into a calendar

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:

My friends

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Take a gap year



Is Friday the 13th really bad luck?

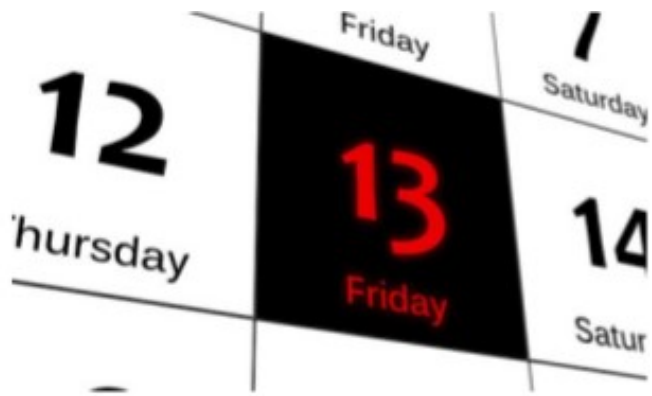
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If you're at all superstitious, chances are that you get a little nervous when you see Friday the 13th on your calendar. The date has been synonymous with bad luck for long time. Every year there is one Friday the 13th but this year we are "lucky" enough to have two Fridays the 13th, in March and November. Last time, this happened in 2015.

But why 13th? The fear of 13 dates back centuries and many believe it was originally from Code of Hammurabi witch "accidentally" left out the 13th law from its written legal codes.

According to History.com, the ancient Code of Hammurabi left out the number 13; and that made everyone automatically assume it had a reason, but probably in reality it was just a mistake.

And why Friday? Some Christians believe Friday to be unlucky because



it was the day of the week that Jesus was crucified.

Many people, when they think about the number 13 think about movies, books, and television shows revolving around horrors, and just bad things happening in general. But on the better note Friday is known as the Venus day, and Friday 13th was originally known as the day of the goddess, celebrating Venus' feminine energy.

Other countries have their own days of superstition. In many Spanish speaking countries it is Tuesday the 13th while in Italy it is Friday the 17th.

Regardless of your beliefs on the luck, or not, on this day, life goes on.

Here comes the sun

by Grace Panning
staff writer

Friday marks the beginning of the 4th quarter as yesterday was the end of the 3rd quarter and it flew by very fast. The last quarter of the school year is bringing lots of excitement too. With prom coming up, track season starting, and golf season.

Breaks are always something to look forward to as well. Garretson has Spring break next week, and Easter break starting on April 10. Garretson also has some school events like driving your tractor to school day for FFA and the Art show.

Another thing to look forward to is the warm weather. It's almost time to throw on

shorts and flip flops!

Nearing the last day of school brings seniors closer to graduation.

Garretson also has some important tests coming up such as ACT prep days, the Smarter Balance test, and of course finals.

Overall Garretson is in for a pretty exciting 4th quarter.

Senior spotlight

Dustin Haas

SENIOR PROJECT:
Building a counter height table

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Football
Racing

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
I'll miss joking around with Austin.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR
Attend LATI for



Unique opportunities



Caeden Bunde had the unique opportunity to serve as a page in Pierre during part of this year's legislative session and even had the chance to meet with Governor Kristi Noem. Bunde had to go through an application and recommendation process and then was selected to spend two weeks at the State Capitol. Bunde was sponsored by Senator Kris Langer (R-Dell Rapids). In an interview with the Garretson Gazette, Bunde mentioned that he, "enjoyed sitting on committee meetings while bills were being debated."

Photo submitted by Caeden Bunde

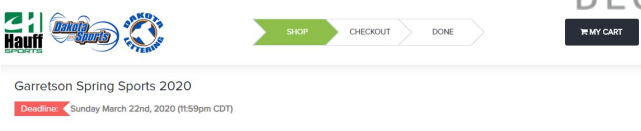
Blue Dragon apparel

The spring school store is open. It features athletic apparel for Track & Field, Golf, Baseball, and Trapshooting as well as generic Blue Dragon gear.

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Eighth grader Abrianna Dopperberg was selected as a member of the Middle School All-State Honor Band. Through her audition process she earned second chair in the top honor band. Dopperberg performed in the All-State Honor Band March 6 and 7. The students rehearsed with their guest conductor all day Friday and part of the day Saturday, before having a public performance Saturday evening in Mitchell. This is the official photo from the SDMEA All-State Honor Band event.

Photo submitted by Abrianna Dopperberg