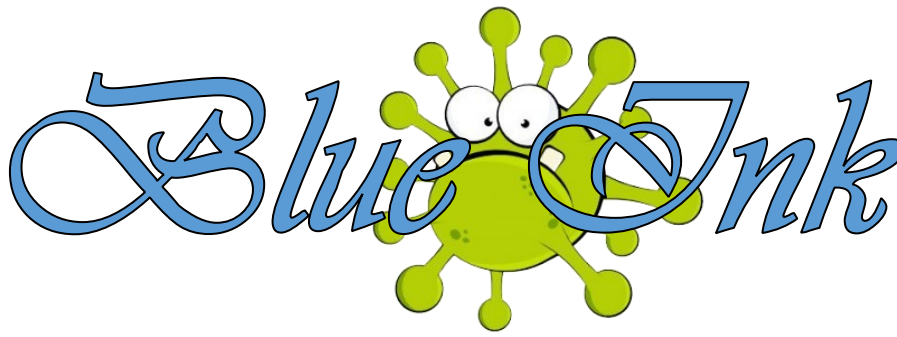


Gov. Kristi Noem has suggested schools stay closed through May 1. Restaurants and shopping centers have also adjusted hours to curb spread



Finding ways to pass time...part 2

by Blue Ink staff writers

VIDEO GAMES (by Parker Schlenker)

To help take up time, me and many other students find enjoyment in playing PS4 or Xbox while out of school because of the COVID-19 virus. I spent my time playing Call of Duty with some friends.



haven't heard before, and being on the lookout for new music that comes out. I feel like broadening your taste in music can give you a whole different perspective on music as a whole.

The main thing is just trying to stay busy to keep the mind off the fact that my senior year could be over. If I stay focused on something, or if I'm learning something, I can't think about it. So if any other Seniors are experiencing this as well, try to stay busy somehow. Somethings to do are:

- Download Duolingo and learn a new language
- Binge watch a new show
- Dive into your favorite book
- Bake some goods
- Teach your dog to shake (hand sanitizer optional)
- Sleep

TV Time (by Hayden Olofson)

During this time off I've just been like chillin' watching movies or TV shows to pass time. I just got done watching *All American* on Netflix, I recommend it; it's very good. Otherwise I play video games with the boys.



EXPLORE A VARIETY (by Mason Hofer)

While self quarantined, I have reached a whole new level of boredom. While at this plateau of nothingness, I have found many different things to entertain myself.

The number one source of entertainment has definitely been hopping on Playstation with the boys, but second to that, I have been spending time with my family. Since my mom is currently working from home, we are all home all the time. This allows us to play games on the Wii, the Game of Life, Deal or no Deal, things like that.

I have also been working on finding new music that I

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: New Zealand was the first country to adopt the use of time zones.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Exercise is good for your whole body; it can boost brainpower by 10%!

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Sick = bolestan (bohl-eh-stahn)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What did the big flower say to the little flower?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: If it is 5:30 in Boston, what time would it be in Massachusetts?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 27**
- No School—Online Learning
- Monday, March 30**
- No School—Online Learning
- Tuesday, March 31**
- No School—Online Learning
- Wednesday, April 1**
- No School—Online Learning
- Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones
- Thursday, April 2**
- No School—Online Learning
- Friday, April 3**
- No School—Online Learning

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO RETURN: 39 days (hopefully???)
We will keep you updated as more information comes out.

YEARBOOK REQUEST This is a unique experience that we have right now. If any students want to contribute "online learning" pictures for the yearbook that would be great! It can be screen shots of work, struggles you've had or major successes! Be creative.

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

Social distancing together

by Kylie Uhl staff writer

While the world is concerned with COVID-19 others are worried about what they can do to help the situation. Community members are gathering together to make this social distancing easier.

Comfort King owner Chris Larson started making medical masks out of extra materials he had at his store. Since then he and his employees have been making masks to donate to clinics, hospitals, and others in need. Larson's goal is to make several hundred masks per day and are open to having anyone help who's willing.

Yesterday, The Treasure Chest started to put puzzles out in front of their shop for people to take. Since the shop closed, due to COVID-19, they have been finding new ways to still help the community and encourage anyone to take a puzzle but to



Garretson has joined together to put together a teddy bear hunt based on the book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". Residents have placed teddy bears and other stuffed animals for people to find are town. On a count from a local child, over 200 animals in the window.

ones you will take.

Many others are going on a bear hunt, a teddy bear hunt. Community members have been putting teddy bears and other stuffed animals in their windows. While practicing social distancing, you can walk or drive around and look for the teddy bears.

On Sunday, March 29 other residents are asking for people to participate in the *Chalk your walk*. Draw or write encouraging messages on your driveway or sidewalk. Then as soon as the message is complete take a walk or drive and enjoy the scenery.

Very similar to the bear hunt is the egg hunt. With Easter coming up, people are asked to decorate and hang paper eggs in their windows starting now and to keep them up until April 5, for a social distancing Easter egg hunt. On those dates people are encouraged to drive around and hunt for eggs.

limit yourself and to only touch the

JOKE: "Hi, bud!"

BRAINTEASER: 5:30, Boston is in Massachusetts

Statements from Mr. Long regarding COVID-19

by **Mason Hofer**
staff writer

Amidst the COVID-19 school closure, a lot of questions have arisen about the remainder of the school year. Here are some answers from Mr. Long to the questions students have been asking.

Q: What is the plan for semester testing if the students are not in school? Some students are worried about testing online, so would a PBL format be better and easier on the students and teachers?

A: (Mr. Long) "Semester testing has not been discussed. I would foresee some sort of project or open re-



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source assessment as my initial thought."

Q: At what point will the school be reopening? Is there a number of cases that it needs to be lowered to? How is the school going about that?

A: "School situation is mostly regulated by recommendations from Gov. Noem and health experts. We won't go against any of those recommendations; it's pretty much wait and see."

Q: What is the plan for graduation currently, if school were not to open again, would graduation go as planned?

A: Mr. Long "Graduation is similar (to semester tests) ... plan is to wait a couple weeks to see what the projected outlook in regards to school and activities are and recommendations from health experts. Plan is to eventually have a Zoom meeting with seniors to talk about graduation and let them know what some of the options may be."

The school has also posted an announcement about postponed prom. With schools being asked to stay closed until May 1, one can assume that prom would not take place until after that date if it were able to be rescheduled.

Weinstein sentenced to 23 years

by **Grace Panning**
staff writer

Harvey Weinstein was sentenced Wednesday in a New York courtroom to 23 years in prison, the culmination of a case that fueled the global #MeToo movement and encouraged women to speak out against sexual abuse.



Harvey Weinstein was part of the Hollywood glitz and glam as a film producer but quickly fell from grace as he was accused of sexual misconduct. He was found guilty and is a convicted sex offender. He is now serving a prison sentence in New York.

Photo from <https://www.whcc.com/news/harvey-weinstein-tests-positive-for-coronavirus-in-western-new-york/kj5681931/>

Weinstein, 67, arrived at his sentencing hearing in a wheelchair and in handcuffs. He had faced between five and 29 years in prison for last month's convictions on the first-degree criminal sexual act and third-degree rape charges.

Judge James Burke sentenced him to 20 years in prison for criminal sexual act and three years in prison for rape. The sentences will run consecutively and both come with five years of supervision after release. Weinstein must register as a sex offender. Weinstein wore a blank face as he was

and rape in Los Angeles. Prosecutors say he raped one woman and sexually assaulted another in separate incidents over a two-day period in Feb. 2013.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office has begun the process of extraditing him to California to face those charges, the agency said in a tweet. No arraignment has been set.

Some new news to add to this is that Harvey Weinstein recently tested positive to the coronavirus in New York and is now being placed in quarantine isolation in his New York prison.

taken out of the courtroom. His accusers cried together in the front row.

The charges were based on testimony by Miriam Haley and Jessica Mann, who both spoke at the sentencing, testifying against Weinstein and his forced acts. Weinstein also faces felony charges dealing with unwanted sexual acts

Local COVID-19

Update *Data from SD Dept of Health*

SD COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF COVID-19 CASES Updated March 26	
County	# of Cases
Beadle	14
Bon Homme	1
Brown	2
Brookings	1
Charles Mix	1
Codington	1
Davison	2
Hughes	1
Lincoln	2
Lyman	1
McCook	2
Meade	1
Minnehaha	16
Pennington	1

Olympics postponed

by **Nika Sapunar**
staff writer

After months and a lot of pressure from nations and athletes across the world, the International Olympic Committee will postpone the Tokyo Olympic Games that were scheduled to begin in late July, this year. The world's largest sporting event was to take place in the late summer of 2020; it now looks like it will be summer of 2021.

This was the extraordinary turnout; previously the Olympics have been canceled only because of world wars, in 1916, 1940 and 1944, and have carried on intense climate after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the 1972 Munich Olympics, where 17 people died after the Israeli team were stormed by Palestinian terrorists.

The decision became all but inevitable after the national Olympic committee in Canada announced on Saturday, March 21, that it was withdrawing from the Games. The Australian committee told its athletes that it wasn't possible to train under the circumstances. But they weren't the only ones. Brazil and Germany agreed. United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee after initially deciding to take a stand, urging the I.O.C to postpone.

This forced the I.O.C. to shift its focus from whether Japan could be safe at



Let's make Wii Sports music Official 2020 Japan Olympics theme!

It has to be done

Sascha Pallenberg

OMG, this is hilarious! #Olympics #curling source facebook.com/JungleVT/video ...

the start of Olympic games to what was immediately happening in various other countries. As the virus spreads, Bach, Prime minister of Japan, athletes began voicing concerns about risking their health to continue training, it became clear that the pandemic was rocking the nerves of athletes, and it's also not a situation we have ever been in.

Abe, broke the news after a phone call with Bach, when complaints that the I.O.C. was not moving quickly enough to adjust the coronavirus pandemic become too loud to ignore. The decision, according to people involved in the process, which organizers in Japan resisted the longest become all but they couldn't ignore other countries' "dropouts" because of safety.

Garretson guessing game

by Hayden Olofson
senior writer

Who Is This?



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ESPN 8 The Ocho

by Hayden Olofson
staff writer



As the coronavirus continues to shut down restaurants, bars, schools, sporting leagues and more, consider flipping the channel to ESPN 8 "The Ocho."

ESPN 8 The Ocho is a reference to the 2004 sports comedy "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story." Starting in 2017 ESPN started the tradition airing the first 24-hour marathon on August 8th.

On March 22nd The Ocho started up at midnight and ran for 24 hours. ESPN 8 isn't an actual TV channel, the network renames ESPN2 as what is known as "The Ocho." So if you are looking for this channel just go to where ESPN2 is normally aired when the ocho is scheduled.

On the 22nd ESPN 8 ran for the 4th time, is not your everyday normal sports such as NBA, NFL, or MLB. It consists of a lot of different types of professional sports. A couple of them are Spikeball College Championship, Putt Putt Championship, Arm Wrestling, National Stone Skipping Competition, and many more interesting events. Watching these might pass the time of sitting at home during this time.

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



Eighth grader Abrianna Doppenberg 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. Doppenberg 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 Doppenberg