

# Blue Ink



## Band, Choir, Art students have successful week



*It's been a busy week for liberal arts students but results are good*

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On Wednesday morning, the band and choir students travelled to Harrisburg High School to participate in the large group contests. For many seniors, this was their last hoorah.

Senior trumpeter, Erynn Fink, said, "It doesn't seem like it's the end of my trumpet career. It's a very emotional and bittersweet feeling. It was a really good note to end on, though."

The Garretson High School choir performed their pieces in the morning and the band performed later in the afternoon. Both Ms. Robinson and Mr. Sittig worked hard to find songs that would awe the judges, but it would come with a challenge to perfect the pieces.

"I've been in choir since middle school, so it's been a big part of my life. It seems that every time we have a new piece to learn, polishing it can be difficult. Everything needs to come together perfectly," senior soprano McKenzie Decker said.

But, after practicing their pieces for several months, the hard work paid off. Both the band and the choir groups received excellent ratings, which is only second to a superior rating.

On Thursday night, the high school band performed again along with the middle school band. In the commons, the annual art show took place to display miraculous artwork from students throughout the year.

Junior Molly Houg, who takes two art classes, said, "I take a lot of pride in my art projects so it was very cool to see other people come and admire what I've worked on this year."

After a long week for the liberal arts students, they finally get to take a breather as the school year comes to an end.

Middle school band competed at large group contest a few weeks pri-



or and earned a superior rating for their performance.



### This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Q is the only letter of the alphabet that doesn't appear in any US state or territory.

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Put things back where you first looked for them, not where you found them.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What flavor of ice cream do bikers like the least?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** In what sport do you sit down going up and stand up going down?

*Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.*

### Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 27**
  - Golf @ Jesse James Invite-Home (9:00)
  - Track @ Jesse James Invite-Home (2:00)
- Monday, April 30**
  - JH Golf @ Home (11:00)
  - Academic Awards Night (7:00)
- Tuesday, May 1**
  - K-1 Field Trip to Children's Museum in Brookings
  - Golf @ Baltic Invite in Renner (9:00)
  - Track @ Baltic (3:00)
- Wednesday, May 2**
  - Golf @ Dell Rapids St. Mary's Invite in Dell Rapids (9:00)
- Thursday, May 3**
  - JH Track @ Dell Rapids (3:00)
  - Elementary Music Program
- Friday, May 4**
  - Kindergarten Round Up
  - Golf @ BEC in Volga (9:00)

### Worth Mentioning

**Club Baseball** played in Colton yesterday, taking down the Tri-Valley Mustangs by a score of 4-3.

**Garretson School Board** approved the calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The first day of school will be August 23. The school calendar is now available on the school website or can be accessed via this [link](#).

## Waffle house shooting could have been prevented?

*Warnings were there, parents asked for intervention*

by Mason Hofer  
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A man walked into a waffle house wearing nothing but a green jacket, last Sunday and sent a flock of bullets amongst several innocent civilians at 3:20 a.m. The shooter, Travis Reinking walked in with the intent to kill everyone in the building, but was disarmed by a man named James Shaw Jr.

Shaw left the bathroom after hearing gunshots, saw Reinking reloading, and took a chance. He wrestled the gun away from the shooter and threw it away from him. The only injuries Shaw had was a bullet grazed his arm and he received a 2nd degree burn from the barrel of the gun on his hand.

Shaw does not see himself as a

hero, just a normal guy. Well this normal guy has raised over 130,000 dollars for the victims families, even though it will not make up for the loss of a beloved family member.

After Reinking escaped the scene, he was on the run for multiple days, and considered to be armed. Shortly after the incident, police started a 34 hour man-hunt for Reinking. Police believe that Reinking shed his jacket while on the run, went to his apartment, put pants on, and hid in the woods. The places authority's were going to search for Reinking are unbelievable.

Police were informed that if Taylor Swift had a home in the area, to check her house top to bottom, because Reinking was obsessed with Swift. Reinking told a co-worker that

he had bought Swift a \$14,000 ring because he was going to marry the artist, and even drove to California to try to see her.

There were multiple bread crumbs leading up to this attack on society, but Hantzel and Gretel never found them. Last summer, former co-workers informed the secret service about Reinking. An agent flew to them and interviewed them. They told him that they didn't think he was violent but he needed help. The SSA never got back to them.

Months later Reinking was arrested near the White House, he did not commit and serious crimes so he was released soon later. But, Reinking urged the authorities to keep him in custody longer, in my opinion, this is a cry for help.

# Toronto attack leaves many on edge

*Incel Rebellion thought to spark this action*

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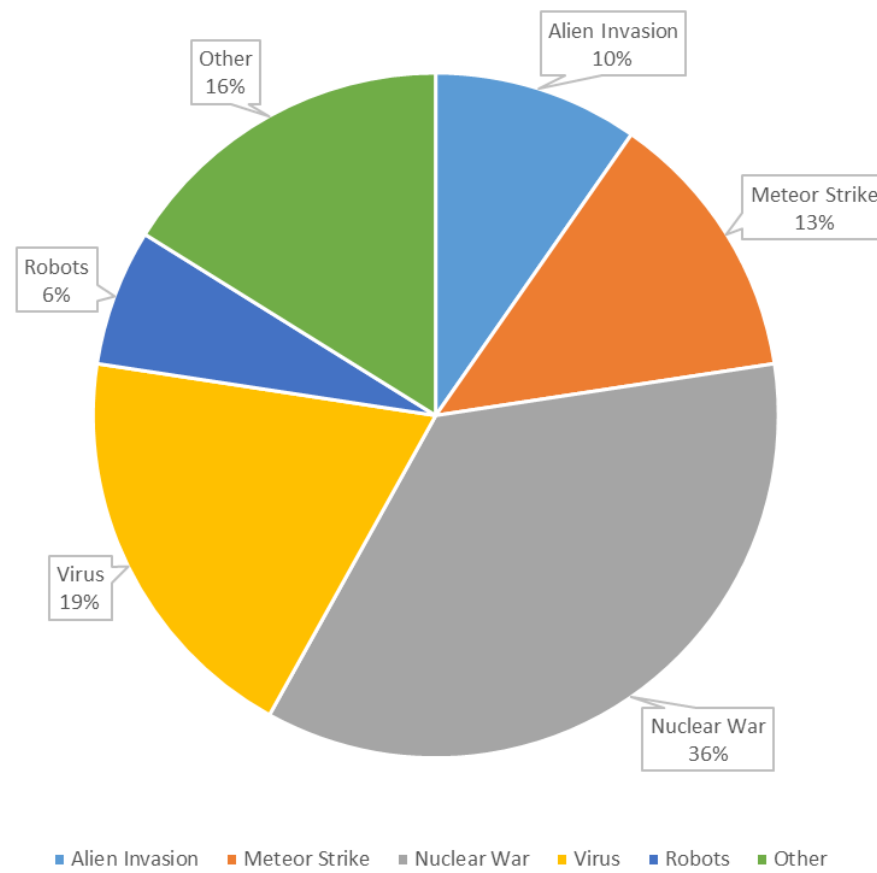
On Tuesday, a woman hating psychopath snapped, a man named Alek Minassian drove a rental van into a group of people on a busy path in Canada. Police confirmed this was intentional and will be charged with 10 counts of murder and 13 counts of attempted murder. Out of the group of people he barreled into, they were mainly women, age ranging from 20s to 80s.

Before the attack Minassian praised Elliot Rodger (via facebook), a man who killed six people and turned the gun on himself. His message read "The Incel Rebellion has already begun! We will overthrow all the Chads and Stacys! All hail the Supreme Gentleman Elliot Rodger!" The terms chads and stacys means attractive males and females. This is, proving once again that everyone on facebook is crazy.

Minassian was arrested a few streets down after a standoff with the police, "I have a gun in my pocket" stated Alek Minassian before he was arrested. This is proving once again, that guns are not needed to commit mass murder.

# Student Opinion Poll

*After the world was "supposed to end" last week because of a random phone call someone received and then posted to Twitter, we asked the student body: How Do You Think the World Will End?*



The good news is that President Trump and North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un met a few days ago and reports are optimistic despite nuclear tests by the North Koreans just months earlier. So much so that Trump tweeted about a possible end to the Korean War and that there will be a meeting between North and South Korea.

# What's next after Southwest explosion

*FAA calls for emergency testing following death of a passenger*

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Southwest Airlines and their passengers experienced some major malfunctions on April 17th as one of the engines exploded and caused a hole to open on the side of the plane. One passenger was killed in the incident because of the ailments received, however, the plane was able to land safely which minimized the number of casualties and injuries.

Since the event, the Federal Aviation Administration has issued emergency engine inspections in engines like the one that exploded during the Southwest flight to make sure the flaw is not present in all of them. This is the most common engine used around the world affecting over 1,000 plains. The incident marks the first accident-related passenger fatality since 2009.

"That's pretty scary and it will definitely go through my head the next time I fly, but I don't think it will keep me from going on planes," said sophomore Madisen Nordstrom

The plane was a frightening scene for the other passengers aboard who felt that their own lives might be coming to an end. This has brought lots of worry from future fliers causing Southwest's ticket sales and stock to drop and many to think of alternate modes of transportation unless completely necessary.

Senior Jaden Braaten added, "Knowing that this event occurred worries me that these airlines aren't doing the proper job to check their planes and know their safety, just now realizing how old they really are. These companies should be keeping up to date on the condition of aircrafts, things like this event should not have happened."

Southwest Airlines CEO said in a video, "This is a sad day, and on behalf of the entire Southwest family I want to extend my deepest sympathies for the family and the loved ones of our deceased customer."

The situation was handled with class by everyone involved, yet the images seen by so many will leave scars for a long time to come. With more rigorous and frequent testing to planes worldwide, this scene will hopefully never be witnessed again and only be a thing of the past.

# Holidays that always get forgotten about

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## May Day

In early European tradition, May Day celebrated the coming of spring and the fertility of flowers and fields. On May 1st in Switzerland, Germany and other European agrarian societies, children fashion flower wreaths and ornaments then decorate Maypoles (or trees) by twirling and dancing around them with flowers and ribbons. Friends and neighbors love some May Day cheer, and many love to give gift baskets.

## Earth Day

Earth day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection each year. Earth day was first celebrated in 1970, and there are events in more than 193 countries.

## Flag Day

On June 14th, many people celebrate Flag Day by proudly displaying the flag and sending greeting cards

to their loved ones. A school teacher on June 14th 1885 assigned a patriotic essay to remind his students of the 108th anniversary of Old Glory. In 1949 Flag Day was officially declared a National holiday. Flag day is a time for many to celebrate the US for being the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

## Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day is not as commonly forgotten about, but not celebrated much. The origins of Groundhog Day are intertwined with those of Candlemas Day, a day in which clergy members gave candles to townspeople. The significance of weather on Candlemas Day dates back to the Romans who believed if there was sunshine, and therefore shadows, it would be a longer winter. In 19th century America, farmers considered February 2nd the dead middle of winter. German settlers of Pennsylvania also recognized similarities between the hedgehogs of their homeland and groundhogs. They therefore deemed the groundhog wise enough to de-

*While we overdo ourselves on traditional holidays, honoring some of these lesser known ones may be worth it.*

termine the coming climate. Then a holiday was born.

## April Fools Day

April Fool's Day actually falls on the 1st day of December, we just celebrate it in April so it won't interfere with holiday festivities. Just kidding, April Fool's! In all seriousness, April Fool's is indeed on the first day of April, and one theory suggests this is because it was traditionally the first day of the Gregorian calendar. The "April Fools" were nicknamed such because they continued celebrating the New Year on April 1st when the calendar changed to start in March.

## Read Across America Day

This holiday falls on March 2 — the same day as Dr. Seuss's birthday — and promotes reading for all ages. Numerous reading events are organized across the country on this day, and some celebrations incorporate elements from Dr. Seuss books.