



Decorations have overtaken the halls! Winter wonderlands and Christmas ideas are on many doors throughout the school.

Blue Ink



Top gifts of Christmas past

by Morgan Pierret
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1970

Lite-Brite

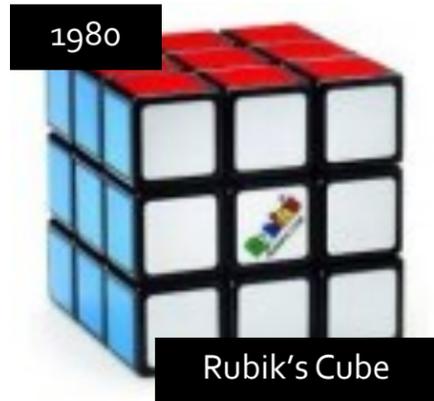
Fun Fact: These are now coming back in style but the pegs stay in much easier.



1978

Simon

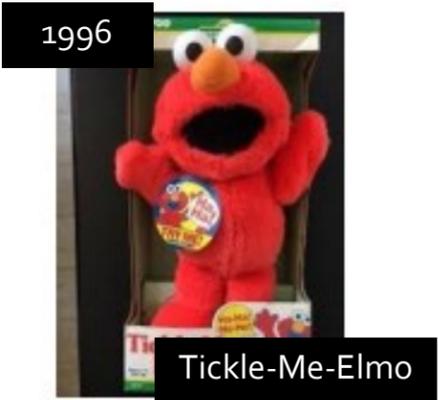
Fun Fact: When Simon was released, it retailed for \$24.99; that's equivalent to \$99 today.



1980

Rubik's Cube

Fun Fact: Over 350 million Rubik's Cubes have been sold worldwide.



1996

Tickle-Me-Elmo

Fun Fact: Two women were arrested after fighting over Elmo for a Christmas gift.



1999

Pokemon Cards

Fun Fact: The most expensive Pokemon card was sold in 2019 for \$195,000.



2000

Razor Scooter

Fun Fact: Almost everyone that owned one of these hit their ankle on the side at least once.



2001

Pogo Stick

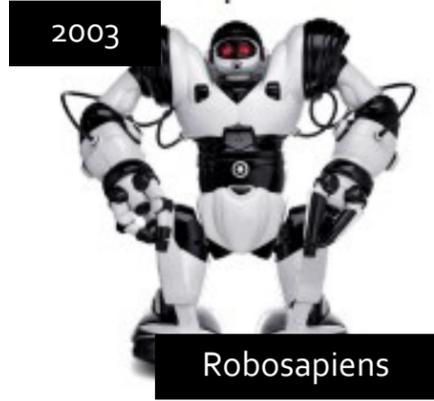
Fun Fact: Some pogo sticks can bounce up to 10 feet high.



2002

FurReal Cat

Fun Fact: There are over 260 breeds of FurReal friends.



2003

Robosapiens

Fun Fact: Over 1.5 million Robosapiens were sold in the 2003 holiday season.



2004

Nintendo DS

Fun Fact: Today there are over 1,960 different games for the DS.



2006

PlayStation 3

Fun Fact: When the PS3 came out, there were reports of a customer getting robbed at gunpoint while camping out and another shot in a drive-by.



2009

Zhu-Zhu Pets

Fun Fact: The word "Zhu Zhu" means "little pig" in Mandarin.



2015

HoverBoard

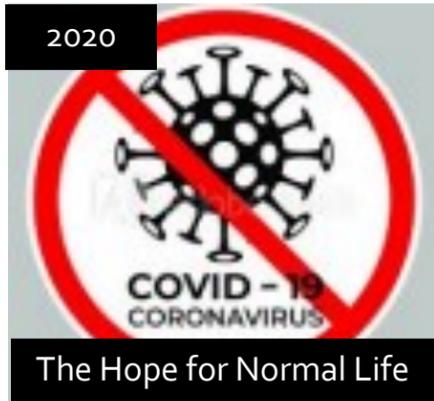
Fun Fact: The most common hoverboard injuries include concussions, spinal injuries, broken bones, and bumps and bruises.



2019

AirPods

Fun Fact: AirPods can connect to an AppleTV as well as some non-Apple products.



2020

The Hope for Normal Life

Fun Fact: COVID-19 is the US's leading cause of death, even more than cancer and heart disease.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The original Rudolph was almost named Rollo or Reginald.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Need a tree topper? Use popsicle sticks to make your own snowflake.



JOKE OF THE WEEK: What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Solve this rebus puzzle.

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Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 18

- GAUDY Holiday
- JHGBB @ Baltic (4:00/5:00)
- JHBBB @ Baltic (6:00/7:00)

Saturday, December 19

- GBB @ Entringer v. Madison (1:00/2:15)
- Wrestling @ MVPCS Tourney in Plankinton (9:30)

Tuesday, December 22

- GBB v. Dell Rapids (6:15/7:30)

Tuesday, December 29

- GBB @ Tea (4:00/6:30)
- BBB @ Tea (5:15/8:00)

Thursday, December 31

- BBB @ Entringer v. Deubrook in White (1:00/2:30)

Saturday, January 2

- Wrestling @ Webster (9:30)

Monday, January 4

- JHBBB @ Parker (4:00/5:00)
- JH/JV Wrestling @ MCM (5:00)

Tuesday, January 5

- JHGBB v. DRSM (5:00)
- GBB v. DRSM (6:15/7:30)

Worth Mentioning

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs. Coburn and family on the birth of their baby girl. Gracyn was born Wednesday, December 16.

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 1 Day Break starts tomorrow and runs through January 3—winter break!

Christmas emoji songs

by Lacey Lumpkin
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Find your holiday spirit

by Rebekah Roth
staff writer

Christmas Word Search

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- LIGHTS
- STAR
- SANTA
- SNOWFLAKE
- GIFTS
- BELLS
- ORNAMENTS
- REINDEER
- RUDOLPH
- CANDY CANES
- TINSEL
- MISTLETOE
- GINGERBREAD
- SNOWMAN
- TREE

Cleveland baseball looking to change mascot

by Lacey Lumpkin
staff writer

After 105 years the Cleveland Indians are “moving forward” and changing their name.

Some Native Americans claim that the Indians’ name and Chief Wahoo are “racist.”



The iconic look of Chief Wahoo was retired by the Cleveland Indians after the 2018 season.

Terry Francona, the Indians manager said, “I’ve been thinking about it and been thinking about it before we put out that statement,” Francona said. “I know in the past, when I’ve been asked about, whether it’s our name or the Chief Wahoo, I think I would usually answer and say I know that we’re never trying to be disrespectful.”

Terry Francona also said, “And I still feel that way. But I don’t think that’s a good enough answer today. I think it’s time to move forward. It’s a very difficult subject. It’s also delicate.”

The Cleveland Indians are still unsure of their new name. They are hoping by 2022 their new name will be released.



It’s a Christmas miracle

COVID vaccine made available in the US this week

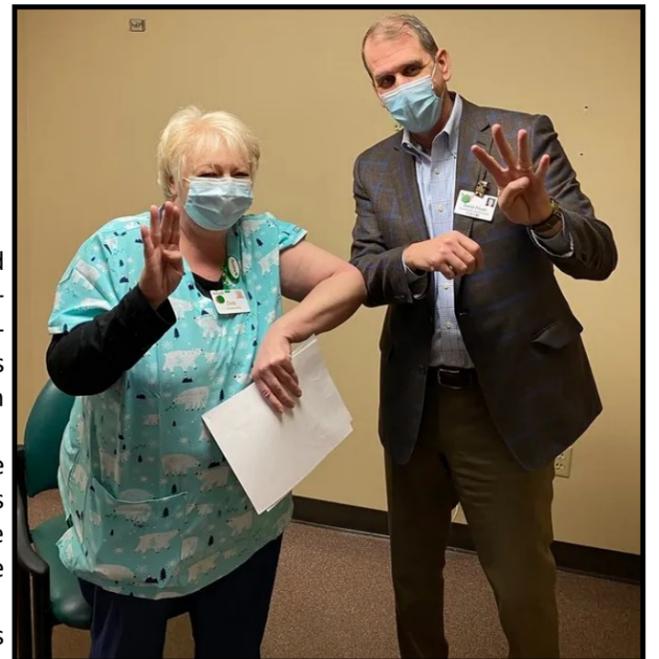
by Peyton Hove
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Since the beginning of March, the United States has been hoping and praying for a vaccine to fight the fatal pandemic that is sweeping the nation and the world for that matter. As many schools, Garretson had to shut down on Friday the 13th because of the pandemic.

Their prayers have been answered with the first wave of vaccinations being given across the country. Health care workers across the U.S. were among the first Americans to receive the vaccine on Monday, December 14.

In South Dakota, Avera received 2,925 doses of the Pfizer vaccine Monday morning. The front-line health care workers for Sanford, received 3,900. These were distributed to the emergency rooms, intensive care units working in COVID-19, and long-term facilities throughout the week. The second round of doses will be delivered in two to three weeks.

A second vaccine by Moderna will arrive in South Dakota next week, which is estimated being 14,000 doses. Also, the second round of Pfizer, 7,800 doses, are set to be delivered within



Deb Stransbury was the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at Avera Health on December 14.

about three weeks.

According to Keloland, there is a three phase approach of vaccine distribution.

- **Phase 1:** “Potentially Limited Doses Available”
- **Phase 2:** “Large Number of Doses Available, Supply Likely to Meet Demand”
- **Phase 3:** “Likely Sufficient Supply, Slowing Demand”

“Throughout Phase 1 and Phase 2, South Dakota’s three primary health care systems- Avera, Sanford, and Monument Health- will provide the vaccination services to “priority populations.” These would include front line workers, long-term care facility residents, people with underlying medical conditions, and people 65 years of age or older.

COVID-19 vaccines will be limited in supplies for the public. The goal is for everyone to easily get the vaccine as soon as large quantities are available, the spring of 2021 is the goal.



Graphs and data provided by the South Dakota Department of Health and updated as of December 17.

Answers to emoji songs

1. “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”
2. “Blue Christmas”
3. “Sleigh Ride”
4. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
5. “Santa Baby”
6. “Santa Claus is Coming to Town”
7. “Silver Bells”
8. “I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas”
9. Frosty the Snowman
10. “Silent Night”

Holidays on hold?



by **Camas Johnston**
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This year has been very eventful between COVID fires tornados and the people marching about the ,

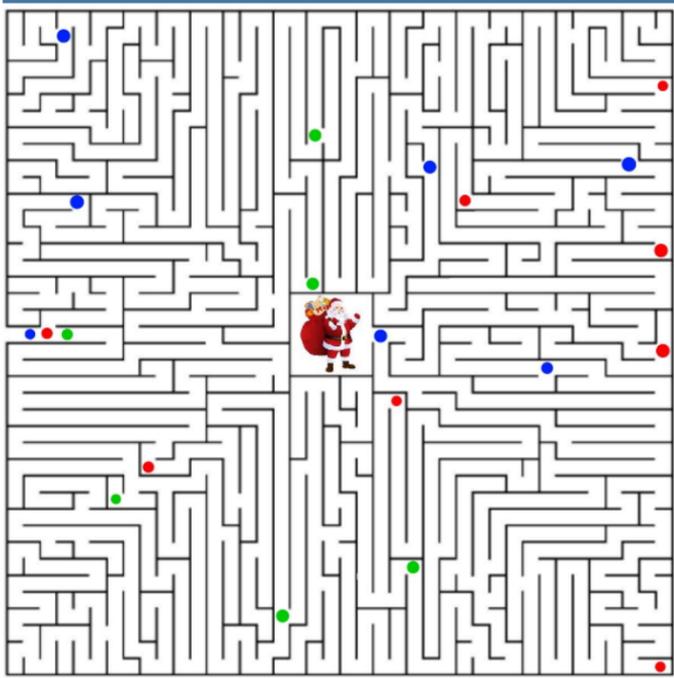
but thankfully the holiday events are not on hold. There have been quite a few parades around Garretson and the holiday events are not over yet.

Sioux Falls is doing an amazing lights arrangement at Falls Park. Falls Park is covered from tree to tree in lights.

Also in Sioux Falls there is a Lights Display on Lotta Drive. If you want to go check this unique lights display the address to go see it is 311 West Lotta in Sioux Falls according to KelolandTV there are over 17,000 lights and many blowup decorations.

In Brookings there is a holiday light competition. This event is located at the brookings chamber of commerce and many other businesses and homes. You can go to the brookings Chamber website to find the voting map and maybe even vote for your favorite house.

Garretson is doing a few events as well such as decorations around town and Light up the Park. Light up the Park is taking place at Splitrock Park and will be open until December 28th.



Help Santa!

by **Oliviyah Thornton**
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Quickly! the Grinch locked Santa away in a maze and stole all his magic flying dust. He has to deliver presents soon. Help him navigate through the maze and pick up his magic dust along the way.

All I want for Christmas...

by **Peyton Hove**
staff writer



Alexa D—Senior
"Muscle pounders because I get so sore."



Autumn G—Sophomore
"An Apple Watch because when I walk I want to track my steps."



Sebastian D—7th Grader
"My own iPad because I like to have an iPad."



Leslie L—Staff
"A safe and healthy holiday with my friends and family."



Kaylin L—8th Grader
"Candles because they smell good."



Tayson S—Junior
"A box of Special K cereal because it tastes so good."



Morgan P—Junior
"A weighted blanket because I get really cold at night and I think it would help."



Alyssa G—6th Grader
"My own laptop because I can watch Netflix and do my homework on it."



Norinda S—Staff
"I don't need anything, but I really want to be able to get my whole family together."



Peyton H—Senior
"New Sorel boots so I can wear them around campus next year."



Rebekah R—Sophomore
"Merch from Harry Styles, 1975, and Wallows because I really like them and want to support their music."



Oliviyah T—Junior
"The book *The Octonnumi*. It is really cool and it's about things I'm interested in."



Camas J—Freshman
"Harry Potter stuff because I love Harry Potter"



Lacey L—Freshman
"I want a new pair of spurs because I need them."



Caleb W—Freshman
"A dirt bike because they are cool."

Garretson athletic update

by **Rebekah Roth**
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With wrestling and both basketball teams having practices, meets, and games scheduled within similar time frames, it can be difficult to find information on each individual team. These next few paragraphs summarize information about previous and upcoming meets or games for wrestling, girls basketball, and boys basketball.

Wrestling

On December 15, Garretson won their first home duel 45-18, which was against the Chester area. This was the first team win of the year, putting Garretson at 1-3. Next up is the MVPCS Tournament on December 19 in Plankinton at 9:30 AM.

Girls Basketball

With a 4-0 record, the girls basketball team is off to a commendable start. The Blue Dragons beat Canton in the last game with 70-54. The next game is a home game against Madison on December 19 at 2:30 PM.

Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team lost this last game, leaving them with one win and two losses overall. The recent game was on December 15 against Canton, and the Blue Dragons lost 44-54. On December 29, the team will have their next game, which will be a doubleheader, against the Tea Area Titans at 8:00 PM.



Mrs. Buchholz—Staff
"I want swing dance lessons with my husband because it looks like so much fun and I wish I was better at it."