



March Madness has started and the upsets are already busting brackets. Congrats to Tayson Swatek for being the only one in Garretson's Pride Pool to correctly pick St. Peter's (15) over Kentucky (2).

# Blue Ink

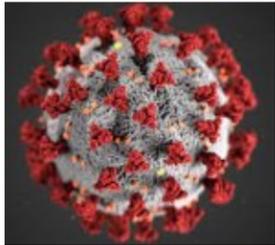


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## 2020 went more viral more than anyone thought it would...

*Reflecting on two years of dealing*

by **Madison Prellwitz**  
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2020...a year to forever remember. Have you ever wondered why it's called COVID-19? The first ever positive test of the virus was in China at the end of 2019, just before our new year. So is it really 2020 that was the terrible year? Or was it just warning us on those last days of 2019?

The first ever positive test for COVID in the US was a test taken in January 2020 in Washington state. From then, things only went downhill. After those positive tests, the virus spread from there. Now we are in the beginning of 2022, how has it changed two years later?

Three GHS members were asked how the pandemic affected during this span. Junior Preston Bohl said, "When it first hit I mean it was nice to have the time off but I missed track, that really sucked." Bohl also mentioned, "I'm glad to be back. I like the social aspect of school."

Unlike Bohl, teacher Jake Heumiller had a different view of quarantine in 2020. "You know I'm kind of an

introvert so quarantine for me was pretty alright, but obviously there are some things I missed like seeing all my students."

Although 2020 seemed like the worst year ever because of the coronavirus, others saw the brighter side of the rainbow. "The best part for me was I spent more time with myself, and with my family; we all got closer," said sophomore Hannah Frewaldt.

Along with Frewaldt, Heumiller stated, "It gave me a new perspective on different changes that can happen in the world."

There were obviously good and bad things about covid. Maybe you spent more time with your family and appreciated the time to yourself. Or maybe you hated not being with friends and being able to go anywhere without a mask. Either way this pandemic has showed "Everything you have don't take for granted, cause you

could lose that."- Heumiller.



Masks became an everyday necessity during the pandemic and are still in many's back pockets although they are not mandated as they were even a year ago.



## Ukraine and Russia

by **Addi Kratochvil**  
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The Ukraine and Russian war has been going on for over three weeks now. Russia has lost all humanity by bombing hospitals filled with women and children, communities that have innocent families, and making them leave to save their own lives.

The Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelensky has sent out an ultimatum of life or death to Russian troops "If you surrender to our forces, we'll treat you the way people are supposed to be treated. As people, decently. In a way you were not treated in your army. And in a way your army doesn't treat ours. Choose."

Ukrainian forces have retreated

back due to their losses, Russia is gaining more ground with limited weapons and soldiers. They're pleading for other countries to help them defeat Russia.

The United Nations chief said that Russia's war on Ukraine has held "a sword of Damocles" over the economy of all nations. especially the ones with poor economic values which are struggling with the uprising in prices for food, gas, oil and so many other necessities.

## Which Disney sidekick are you?

*A non-scientific quiz created by the journalism class*

1. What do you like to do when you go out with friends?
  - A. Hiking
  - B. Gaming
  - C. Go out to eat
  - D. Shopping
  - E. Whatever your friends decide

2. What color best describes your personality?
  - A. Neon
  - B. Blue
  - C. Yellow
  - D. Red
  - E. White



3. What do you carry with you all the time?
  - A. Chapstick
  - B. Charger
  - C. Money
  - D. Band-Aids
  - E. Nothing



4. What is your favorite movie genre?
  - A. Adventure
  - B. Comedies
  - C. Romance
  - D. Thriller
  - E. Kids Movies



5. What type of shoe best fits your personality?
  - A. Tennis Shoes/Hiking Boots
  - B. Slippers
  - C. Berks
  - D. Slip on shoes (Hey Dudes)
  - E. Slides/Crocs

6. If you go to a gas station, what drink are you getting?
  - A. Energy drink
  - B. Gatorade/Bug Juice
  - C. Water
  - D. Milk
  - E. Tea/Hot Chocolate

7. What is your go-to type of music?
  - A. Blues
  - B. Current Pop
  - C. Country
  - D. Classical
  - E. 2000s Pop

**JOKE:** A "flour" garden

**BRAINTEASER:** Tuesday, Thursday, Today, and Tomorrow

### This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** Snails take the longest naps of any creature in the animal world, some naps last up to three years!

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Put glow in the dark paint or tape on your phone charger so it is easy to find in the dark.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What is a baker's favorite kind of garden?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** Name four days of the week that start with the letter T.

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

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, March 20**

- First day of Spring!

**Monday, March 21**

- First Day of Track & Field Practice  
- BEC Honor Band @ Beresford

**Tuesday, March 22**

- Regional Science Fair @ SDSU  
- FFA @ Howard CDE (10:00)

**Thursday, March 24**

- FFA @ Flandreau CDE (10:00)  
- All State Band @ Brookings

**Friday, March 25**

- All State Band @ Brookings

**Saturday, March 26**

- All State Band @ Brookings

### Worth Mentioning

**YEARBOOKS** are now available for purchase for the 2021-2022 school year. Order yours now! Just \$30. You can place your order online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) or through Mrs. Buchholz at school.

**4TH QUARTER** started earlier this week. This is your last quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. End it on a high note with Blue Dragon pride in your efforts in your classes, activities, and interests!

**COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 27 Days**  
Our next break is Friday, April 15 through Monday, April 18 for Easter break. School resumes Tuesday, April 19.



# Up and rising

*Gas prices continue to cause a pain at the pump*

by **Natalie Kuhnert**  
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## SOUTH DAKOTA AVERAGE GAS PRICES

	Regular	Mid-Grade	Premium	Diesel
Current Avg.	\$3.978	\$4.074	\$4.459	\$4.664
Yesterday Avg.	\$3.981	\$4.082	\$4.464	\$4.676
Week Ago Avg.	\$3.946	\$4.068	\$4.418	\$4.601
Month Ago Avg.	\$3.384	\$3.470	\$3.808	\$3.744
Year Ago Avg.	\$2.854	\$2.934	\$3.294	\$3.165

Nobody is happy about the up and rising gas prices. The gas prices in Sioux Falls have gone up 26% in the last year. 87 octane is the cheapest gas one can get in Sioux Falls and is averaging \$3.59 a gallon. Most people find themselves paying over \$50 for a full tank of gas.

With imports being closed for our oil transfer in the U.S. due to COVID, the cost of gasoline has been skyrocketing. Also because of the bombing by Russia and word of WWII, the U.S. decided not to use Russia as an import. Imports being shut down for various reasons has caused gas to be harder to get which has resulted in the people paying over \$3.50 a gallon, which is average across the nation.

One year ago today the average cost for regular gas was around \$2.11 per gallon and today a year later, gas prices have risen to \$3.59 a gallon. This year's gas prices

are rumored to set a record for highest gas prices ever. Then all those truck drivers running a diesel find themselves paying over \$4.50 a gallon.

Some Garretson students' opinions and thoughts on this incline show that no one's happy. Junior Austin Palmlund drives a truck and said, "The only reason they're skyrocketing is inflation but it is a little bit of a pain trying to cover over \$100 a tank of fuel". Palmlund fills up about once a week and covering that cost weekly is getting to be difficult.

Junior Matthew Gilbert's is very displeased about these prices. Gilbert claimed, "The gas prices kinda suck because it's expensive to drive anywhere." Gilbert also said it's about \$80-\$85 to fill up his tank.

The Garretson students' thoughts mirror the public's on these gas prices and nobody's happy about it. Gas prices are predicted to only go up higher as we progress in the year. This summer gas prices are rumored to raise up to \$7 a gallon.

# Bobby Jones gets real...

by **Adi Fink**  
staff writer

### Bobby Jones Extra Facts

- Most common question he's asked: "Do you drive a Bugatti?" No, he doesn't
- Shoe Size: 14
- Cologne: Sauvage Dior

On Monday, March 14 Bobby Jones came into our school giving the middle and high school students a message that our actions have long-term effects. Regardless of our actions, we have to think about our school and the people in it. We need to consider how our actions are affecting us as well as others.

Bobby Jones is an inspirational speaker that goes around the United States spreading his message about "the big picture" and his personal experience about actions having consequences and where he stands today.

After a rough start that was compounded by a lack of academic effort paired with alcoholism and multiple chances, Jones shared how he started speaking to students. When he got sober and eight months later someone asked him to help his high school coach's

nephew and then his coach asked him to speak to his football team

about it. He his message was posted on Facebook and a few more people asked him to come speak.

At this point he was thinking this is what he was meant to do. A few months later he got connected with an organization in Minnesota and that helped him open his way to a public school. He loves doing it and he just started from there.

When asking him to sum up his message from the assembly, Bobby Jones said, "Are you counting the cost of choice and are you living big picture?"

In addition to being a motivational speaker Bobby Jones also has other hobbies such as starting his own podcast, pursuing a rap career (under the name Bobby Buggatti), and he plays a little bit of Xbox and he binges Netflix. "I'm a Netflix type of guy."

## Quiz Results

*Which Disney sidekick would you be?*

by **Blue Ink Staff**  
staff writers

If you got mostly **A**, you are Pascal the Chameleon from *Tangled*. You may be quiet but that doesn't stop you from being adventurous. Your loyal faithfulness to your friends is undoubtable and you aren't afraid to stand up and defend your friends either.



If you got mostly **B**, you are Tow Mater the tow truck from *Cars*. You are goofy, friendly, outgoing, and loyal. You have no problem trying new things, and you want to give your friends those same opportunities. You love making others happy and people appreciate how you embrace your own uniqueness.

If you got mostly **C**, you are Flounder the yellow fish from *The Little Mermaid*. You are a great friend but maybe a bit of a nervous nelly. People may categorize you as a "Worry Wart" as you are a little hesitant to jump into new situations. But that doesn't take away from how much you care about your friends.



If you got mostly **D**, you are Mushu the Dragon from *Mulan*. You love to give advice and definitely are there to protect your friends, but ultimately you let them make their own decisions and you will support them, but not be afraid to say, "I told you so."

If you got mostly **E**, you are HeiHei the Rooster from *Moana*. You are totally fine just going the flow, finding your own fun and enjoyment along the way. Your laidback, relaxed attitude is a welcome addition to any situation.



## Senior Spotlight

*Madi Decker*



### ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

- NHS
- Soccer
- Youth Group

### WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:

Mr. Hughes and the Kindergarten class that I TA for (Ms. HV).

### PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Attend Rhema Bible Training College for two years, then GCU or BHSU for elementary education



## Senior Spotlight

*Mya Long*

**ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:** Basketball, Football Cheer, National Honor Society, Youth Group

### WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:

To be in the student section cheering on my brother

### PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Attend SDSU to major in Business and Entrepreneurship



**CLASS OF 2022**

## Weekly Breakfast and Lunch Menus

*The food to fill your bellies for the upcoming weeks:*

*Menus subject to change*

### Current Count



54

### BREAKFAST

- Monday, Mar 21:** Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza or Cream Cheese Mini Bagels
- Tuesday, Mar 22:** Waffles with Syrup or Cini Minis or Iced Long John
- Wednesday, Mar 23:** Glazed Doughnut or Warm Apple Frudel
- Thursday, Mar 24:** Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy or Cini Minis or Long John
- Friday, Mar 25:** Fresh baked Cinnamon Roll or Cream Cheese Stuffed Mini Bagels

### LUNCH

- Monday, Mar 21:** Pizza Pasta Bake or Popcorn Chicken Bites
- Tuesday, Mar 22:** Soft Shell Beefy Tacos or Fish Nuggets
- Wednesday, Mar 23:** Macaroni & Cheese or Baked Pork Fritter
- Thursday, Mar 24:** Mega Meatball or Oven Roasted Hot Dog
- Friday, Mar 25:** Personal Meat Lovers Pizza or Fresh Baked Ham & Turkey Sub