



Blue Ink



President contracts COVID-19

Despite personally battling, Trump has not changed stance on pandemic

by Rebekah Roth
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On October 2, this last Friday, President Trump disclosed that he had contracted the coronavirus. This carried repercussions around the globe, leaving the world in shock due to a world leader catching the potentially lethal virus.

USA Today reports that there was a major spread of the COVID-19 illness at the Rose Garden announcement of the Supreme Court nominee. It is believed that this is where Mr. Trump first came into direct contact with the virus.

President Trump is not the first world leader to become infected with this virus; Prime minister Boris Johnson of Britain and President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil had also fallen victim to COVID-19 before. President Donald Trump however, is much more vulnerable at the age of 74.

First Lady Melania Trump was also infected by the coronavirus, and several foreign leaders have wished both her and Mr. Trump a healthy

recovery. Fortunately, Vice President Mike Pence and democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden tested negative.

Although, many critics have little sympathy. They believe that since Mr. Trump minimized the threat of the virus, discouraged simple precautions, and didn't take any precautions himself, it's at the fault of his own. These points do hold a certain degree of relevance. President Trump held campaign rallies with little social distancing and very few masks. He even mocked democratic nominee Joe Biden for wearing a mask at the presidential debate.

President Donald Trump was rushed to the Walter Reed medical center upon discovering that he had tested positive. According to CNN's live updates, Mr. Trump has experienced two episodes of transient drops in his oxygen saturation during his battle with the virus, and was given a steroid. His physicians had stated that he would be discharged by last Monday at the earliest, and that Monday evening is exactly

when he was released and returned to the White House.

Despite his eagerness to arrive back at the White House, President Trump may be having troubling symptoms, according to his doctors. Mr. Trump was treated with experimental therapies unavailable to almost anybody else, and until he is no longer carrying the coronavirus, he is still in uncharted territory.

Mr. Trump's return to the White House offers some concerns. While he is intended to remain isolated in his personal residence, this may not prevent staff from coming into contact with the COVID-19 illness which has already started to spread throughout the White House.

President Donald Trump has begun working once again. However, there are questions about how to proceed with the next presidential debate. Joe Biden has stated that if the President is still infected with COVID-19 that there shouldn't be a second debate. Yet, Mr. Trump plans on continuing with the schedule for the next debate.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: KFC, known for it's secret 11 herbs and spices recipe, only follows 11 people on twitter: the 5 spice girls and 6 guys named Herb, keeping with the 11 herbs and spices.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Copy and paste your essay into Google Translate and listen to it. It is the easiest way to find mistakes

JOKE OF THE WEEK: How do you make a skeleton laugh?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Solve this rebus puzzle.

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, October 8**
- XC @ BEC in Volga (4:00)
 - JHVB @ Canton (4:00/5:00)
 - VB @ Canton (5:00/6:15/7:30)
- Friday, October 9**
- No School—Teacher In-Service
 - FB v. Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan (7:00)
- Monday, October 12**
- No School—Native American Day
- Tuesday, October 13**
- JHVB @ MCM (4:00/5:00)
 - VB @ MCM (5:00/6:15/7:30)
- Thursday, October 15**
- XC @ Regions at SFC (4:00)
 - JHVB v. Tea (4:00/5:00)
 - VB v. Tea (5:00/6:15/7:30)
- Friday, October 16**
- FB v. Sioux Valley (7:00)

Worth Mentioning

Congratulations to soccer on their successful season. The Blue Dragons narrowly missed out on state playoffs, being overtaken by St. Thomas More by 0.077 points on the last day of play.

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 1 Day Next break is tomorrow, October 9 through 12 —staff in-service and Native American Day.



USA Today reports those who tested positive for COVID-19 at the Rose Garden announcement of the Supreme Court nominee. The photo also shows who was not wearing a mask at the event.
Credits: USA Today

First coronavirus postponed event hits home

The Blue Dragon volleyball team was ready to take advantage of their opportunity to get back in the win column on Tuesday night after two tough losses to Parker and Elkton-Lake Benton.

This week Tuesday, Garretson was supposed to host a tough Dell Rapids St. Mary's team in Dragons' Lair; however, on the afternoon of game

day, they received word that the game needed to be rescheduled as someone on the St. Mary's team had tested positive for COVID-19.

While the makeup date and time has not been finalized. Garretson is wishing the Cardinals a speedy and safe recovery and look forward to a healthy competition whenever that may be.

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Adding to your horror movie watch list

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No matter how you decide to celebrate Halloween, there is something for everyone, one being movies. Horror films have been around since 1896 and have continued to improve on scaring people every Halloween. Even in movies, there are different genres for everyone to enjoy from the more family friendly kind to thrillers, slashers, mysteries, monsters, sci-fi, etc. Breaking it down, I bring you the top 5 recommended films to watch for Halloween.

Classic Horror Films

These are for the people who rather sit down and enjoy something they probably have seen before or can remind them of a memory or two. Coming in as the top two is *The Shining* and *Nightmare on Elm Street*.

In *The Shining*, a writer travels to a Hotel in hopes to break his writer's block and brings his family along, but their story quickly towards sour when their son starts having stronger visions and the father begins to lose his mind. Classic many horror fans have watched, and if you haven't, it may lack in the scary department but makes up for in filming and storyline.



Nightmare on Elm Street can be categorized under slasher films and follows a group of teenagers as they must stay awake as long as they can because once they fall asleep Freddy Krueger, the killer in their dreams, will hunt them, and death in the dream world will also kill them in the real world. Nancy, the main character, must find a way to save her friends but the

more she digs into the past, the more she finds out about her not so innocent town. Filled with a few jump scares and Freddy Krueger's signature catchphrases and jokes, it makes for a fun and enjoyable film to watch along with the ones that come after.

Other movies that would be worth a watch would be *Halloween*, *The Silence of the Lambs*, *Jaws*, *The thing*, *Alien*, and *Scream*. These may not be the scariest films out there but they're classics and with their storyline and use of characters, they can all make for some very interesting and entertaining stories.



Newest Releases

If you don't want to watch some classics, there is some more recently released. *Antebellum* was released in 2020 and it follows a young author, Veronica Henley, who is thrown into a terrifying reality and she must look into the past, present, and future before it's too late. It's a horror

-thriller.

Another recent release in 2020 was *Death of Me*. A couple of heads on vacation but it quickly turns dark when the two find a video of the other killing them. They began to try and unravel the mystery surrounding the weird video. If you are one who enjoys mystery horror, this one will probably be more your taste.

Other recently released movies that seem to hit well among fans were *Follow Me*, *Sputnik*, *Baba Yaga: Terror of the Dark Forest* and for the ones who rather have a more comedy-based horror, *The Babysitter: Killer Queen*, seems to be a good option.

Horror movies that will make your skin crawl

Another horror thriller, *The Ruins*, follows a group of friends on vacation, who just hope to get away from it all, quickly find themselves in danger as they venture into the jungle and come up with an archaeological dig. They quickly find themselves thrown into a dangerous reality where they must fight to stay alive and survive the Carnivorous vines attacking them.

If that isn't creepy enough for you, then if you haven't already, another honorable mention would be *The Human Centipede*. A creepy franchise revolved around connecting people's gastric systems.

The first film centers around two girls on a road trip through Europe. Their pleasant road trip quickly ends when their car breaks down in Germany and they are forced to take shelter. When they awake, they find themselves in a nightmare. A psychotic German surgeon stands over them as they awake in a makeshift hospitable. The surgeon is now finally able to pursue their fantasy of connecting humans via their gastric systems.

If you can manage to get past the first film, then there are two more that await you and they don't get any better or even lighten up on the gross, skin-crawling atmosphere.

Other honorable mentions are *Rec. 1* (a Spanish film), *The Invisible Man*, *Martyrs*, *Wrong Turn*, *Session 9*, and *the Nun*.

No matter how you decide to spend your Halloween night, if horror movies are a part of your agenda, hopefully, these mentions help add to your watch list and make this Halloween the scariest one yet..



Oral Interp

Season goes virtual due to COVID-19

by **Camas Johnston**
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Oral Interpretation is back on for another year, but things will be different. Oral interp is going online this year. Normally meets are in person being held by other schools, but due to the pandemic and difficulties that may come from it, speakers will record their pieces and judges will watch the recordings.

"You would perform your piece every round. After that a judge would give you a score. There are three rounds normally. And then the meet sometimes would have a finals round," Erika Brown, the advisor of the oral interp team, said.

The categories of oral interp are storytelling, serious, duo, poetry, humorous, non-original oratory, and readers theater. Students involved may be in up to two different categories per meet.

"Because of COVID oral Interp is going online and virtual. To keep kids potentially bringing COVID to any of the meets. With so many kids from so many schools it would make contact tracing very difficult," Brown said.

This year oral interp is using the national speech and debate association website.

"We will upload videos of kids performing different pieces, judges will watch them and give corrections and critiques. It is a very different year this year. The art of oral interp is the live presentation, and to view the art of the presentation live. I think it will still be effective as an art form," she said.



Soccer less than one point short of playoffs



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Soccer's season came to a close on the night of September 24 when they played Sioux Falls Christian. Although they beat SFC 3-2, they unfortunately did not make it into the playoffs. The soccer team was .077 points off from making it into the playoffs.

"Point .077 of a point was so devastating. We always kept the mindset we were going to make it and so we practiced until we found out. We definitely thought we had it in the bag, but it just didn't happen" stated Kaycie King, the team's only senior.

Soccer has made it into the playoffs the past two years, but this year St. Thomas Moore moved ahead of them in seed points and took the final spot for playoffs. Only

the top six teams make it into playoffs, and St. Thomas Moore had 39.077 points and Garretson, .077 of a point behind, had 39.000.

The team ended their year with a record of 3-7-2.

Two of those wins were against West Central and Sioux Falls Christian. This is the first time Garretson soccer has beat either of these teams. Both WC and SFC made it into the playoffs and are currently seated first and fourth respectively.

"Since my freshman year, I've been through several coaches. Our coaching staff has changed completely." The current coach is Coach Amber Williamson. She teaches third grade and has been the head coach for two years. Coach Williamson stated, "I feel the soccer team is truly a family. They are a fantastic group of athletes with more potential than they know."

King, the team's only senior, plans to attend Dordt University or University of Nebraska Kearney to hopefully play soccer.

What’s a debate?

Chaotic performances on both sides stuns US

by Peyton Hove
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Those who watched



Scan the QR codes for TikTok videos that erupted after the first presidential debate

the 2020 Presidential Debate between President Donald Trump and Vice President Joe Biden all agreed on one thing: hot mess. The debate lasted 90 minutes on Tuesday, September 29 and was moderated by Fox News anchor, Chris Wallace. During the debate, Trump went a little too far and Biden missed opportunities.

When asked their thoughts on the debate, all high school staff members agreed that it was an embarrassment to our country with men acting like children. “If I wanted to watch two kids fight, I would’ve gotten my own boys together in the living room and watched the same thing,” said English teacher Mr. Hughes.

Multiple topics were attempted to be talked about including the Supreme Court, white supremacy, COVID 19, and tax returns. However, with constant arguing and interrupting it was hard for the American people to hear what our future leader had to say about the serious topics going on in our country.

“What I got from the debate was that we have two gentlemen who were very childish; two gentlemen that in no way shape or form had an interest in talking about the issues. Their goal was to bad mouth, belittle, try and point out that their opponent was a liar with no truth behind their words. I just saw one guy try to bully the other, and I saw another guy get swallowed up in it all and play the same game,” stated Mr. Kevin Steckler.

According to New York Times, their biggest takeaways included:

1. Trump trampled over everything.
2. Biden, at his strongest pivoted to the camera-away from Trump.
3. Trump would not condemn white supremacy or urge his supporters to to stay calm.
4. Biden rebuffed the leftist label, where he emphasized “I am the Democratic Party.”

While most people wanted to walk away having good knowledge about their future president, and feel comfortable and safe about how the country is going to be in the hands of one of the candidates, instead the public got almost the complete opposite. People walked away with negative comments made by the candidates including:

- “Will you shut up man?” -Biden
- *towards extremist group Proud Boys, “Stand back and stand by.” -Trump
- “You’re the worst president America has ever had.” -Biden
- “There’s nothing smart about you.” -Trump

Before the next presidential debate, last night Vice President Mike Pence and Senator Kamala Harris got after it during the Vice Presidential Debate. Mr. Steckler hoped for the feeling of comfort if one was to take over the title of the President. The debate overall was much more civilized than the previous one. Each candidate was able to express their beliefs without interruptions, however both of them made it clear that they were the one speaking and weren’t going to allow interruptions.

The next debate is set for October 15 and Triston Rekstad expressed, “I am hoping to hear more about the topics being addressed, not their opinions on each other. I want the candidates to be able to talk without getting interrupted.” Caroline Hoskins also added to the topic , “I hope the next debate is more civilized overall.”

As of right now, the debate is still set for next week. However, with President Donald Trump diagnosed with COVID, it may change. When the next one does come about, the American people hope the candidates will be more civilized and professional. In view of that fact, as an American citizen Mr. Steckler exclaimed, “America is the laughing stock of the free world right now.”



President Donald Trump and Vice President Joe Biden are set to debate again (hopefully more civilized) Thursday, October 15 Picture from Yahoo News: <https://>

Game day dress up themes

Tuesday: VB @ McCook Central-Montrose—NEON NIGHT
Thursday: VB v. Tea—PINK NIGHT

Senior Spotlight

Kennedy Houghton



Activities Involved In:
FFA, 4-H

What Will You Miss Most:
I’ll miss the “home-y” feeling

Best Part of Senior Year:
Knowing that it is my last year of high school

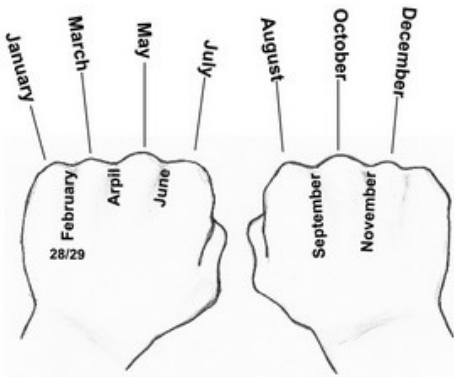
Plans for Next Year:
Go to Lake Area Tech for Animal Reproduction and Management

Class of 2021

Quick Human Body Tricks and Hacks

Little things that can help you in school and life

- Multiplying by 9:**
- Use your hands. If you are trying to remember a quick 9x7, use your hands. Hold your hands out in front of you and going from left to right, count to your seventh finger. Put that finger down. You should have six up a space and then three up. That will give you the answer of 63. This trick works for up to 9x10.
- Nose size:**
- Your body matches up in unique ways. If you put your thumb up against your index finger, whatever is left of your index finger is the same size as your nose. This is also close to the same size as your pinky finger.
- Months of the Year:**
- Use your knuckles. If you are trying to figure out which months have 31 days in them and which ones don’t, your knuckles will do the trick. Make a closed fist with both hands. Start with the knuckle below your pinky to represent January. Then the dip in between is February, the next raised knuckle is March, the dip is April and so on. All of the raised knuckles will give you the months with 31 days.
- Shoe size:**
- Your foot is the same size as your forearm, measuring from elbow to wrist. It looks huge but it’s true. Just try it.



Blue Ink Birthday Shout Outs

Happy birthday to the following Blue Dragons!

- **Madden Lardy**, senior, (Oct. 16) - Favorite birthday gift: “My Volkswagen Beetle my grandma gave to me for my 13th birthday

If you want a birthday shout out—complete the google form sent out to you at the beginning of September

