



Patriot Pride Today

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

April 3

- Good Friday
- No School

April 5

- Easter

April 6

- Easter Monday
- No School

April 7

- 2:00 pm TR @ Ipswich
- 5:30 pm 5th & 6th VB @ Redfield
- 5:30 pm 3rd & 4th VB @ Redfield

April 8

- FFA State Science Fair

April 9

- State Art
- 12:00 pm TR @ Estelline
- 5:15 pm 3rd & 4th Scrimmage
- 6:00 pm 4th – 6th VB vs Miller

April 10

- Friday in Session
- State Art

Celebrating Women

By Kayla Fasching, 11th Grade



Barbie has represented in over 200 careers, showing girls that they can be anything they dream of.

This March, our school and the entire world are celebrating Women's History Month to recognize the achievements that women have made and their impact throughout history. From art and sports to science and politics, women have definitely helped shape the world that we all live in today.

Women, such as Rosa Parks, who stood up for equality, and Marie Curie, who made very important discoveries in science, show just how much courage and determination can make a difference. Their actions have helped create many more opportunities for the future.

Women's History Month is more than just looking at the past and appreciating historical figures, though. It's also about recognizing the women we have around us and what they have done for us. Even in our schools and the local community, women lead, teach, and do a lot for everyone. They continue to make a difference every day.

When we learn about these accomplishments, we are able to better understand how important equality and respect are. This month truly reminds us that every single individual can make a difference, no matter who they are or where they come from.

Dream Vacation: Italy

By Laina Puffer
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Many people are taking vacations over spring break for a little break from school. My dream vacation is in Italy.

Italy is called “The Beautiful Country”. There are so many places to go on adventures. Hiking, zip-lining, and sightseeing are a few main things to do in Italy.

One big thing that I want to go to Italy for is their unique cuisine. They have pastas, and pizzas which were created in Italy. There are many different varieties of pizzas and pastas that I would like to try.



“The Beautiful Country”: Italy

It is also a very beautiful place to sightsee. There are beautiful places such as the Coliseum, The Florence Cathedral, and the leaning tower of Pisa.

This is my dream vacation in Italy. Where there are beautiful things to see and eat.

Spring Cleaning

By Keilee Schone 10th grade

Spring cleaning is coming up soon in every household, to set up for the summer season. As the temperature rises people start to open their windows and doors more often. Dust starts to collect and so does the junk you didn't want to put away during winter. Here are some tips for a good spring reset.

First, clean the refrigerator and freezer. This prevents harmful bacteria and mildew from contaminating your food. Second, rinse out all the garbage cans to wash the stench away.

Third, store all the clothes that won't be worn during the summer and spring season.

Fourth, deep clean the floors, couches, and seats. Lastly, wash windows and screens so the outside is visible.

With a plan spring cleaning can feel like a blast. Now everyone will be all set for a fun filled summer.



Cleaning supplies for spring cleaning.

Spring Pet Responsibilities

By Madisen Watson, 11th Grade

Spring is here! It is the perfect time for pet owners to refresh their routines and focus on responsible care. As temperatures rise, pets spend more time outdoors, making supervision and safety more important than ever.

Owners should ensure their pets are up to date on vaccinations and protected against fleas and ticks. Fresh water, proper shelter, and regular exercise are essential for keeping animals happy and healthy during the warmer months.

Spring cleaning also means removing any harmful items from your yard and home that pets could easily ingest or get hurt on. Additionally, it is important to check fences and leashes to prevent pets from wandering off.

Take time to take care of your pet this spring.



By taking these simple steps, pet owners can make sure their animals stay safe, happy, and healthy all season long.



Image of a traditional Easter dinner.

Food for Easter

By Jocelyn Wagner, 11th grade

Many families will be preparing Easter food for the upcoming holiday on April 5th. Most are likely to stick to traditions, while others are branching out and trying new recipes.

Many traditional main course dishes are cooked ham and roasted lamb. Side staples include scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, deviled eggs, and spring salads.

There are a variety of desserts to pick from, but some popular sweets include carrot cake, fruit tarts, or even simple cupcakes, topped with bright vibrant colors.

You also can't forget about the kids favorite, candy filled eggs and giant chocolate easter bunnies.

While some families are keeping to the traditional route, others are trying brunch styles. Choosing dishes like pancakes, quiches, and fresh fruits. Others are experimenting with healthier options, such as including more vegetables and lighter main dishes.

Whichever type of meal your family chooses to prepare, Easter is a time to get together and spend quality time with your loved ones.

Prom Prep

By Olivia Fasching,
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Prom is coming up fast, and people are starting to get ready for it. It's supposed to be one of the best nights of high school, but honestly, it can also be kind of stressful. The biggest thing is finding something to wear. Whether it's a dress or a suit, everyone just wants something they actually like and feel comfortable in.

Then, there is all the extra stuff like shoes, jewelry, and hair. Some people go all out and book appointments, while others just get ready at home. It really just depends on the person.

A lot of people make plans with their friends about where to eat before and where to take pictures. That part is actually really fun and gives everyone something to look forward to.

Getting ready for Prom? This checklist covers everything from outfits to reservations so you don't forget a thing



Even though prom prep can feel like a lot, it's really just about having a great time. Things might not go exactly as planned, but it will still end up being a night you remember.

How to Catch a Leprechaun

By Tess Bixler, 11th
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Looking to catch a leprechaun next St. Patrick's Day? Here are some good ways to attract them!

The Rainbow Slide: build a colorful slide with coins or glitter at the bottom and wait for the Leprechaun to slide down!

The Mason Jar: have a jar with a ladder attached, and top the jar with coins and wait for the Leprechaun to fall in!

The Lego: set up a lego house with a bunch of green, make sure to add gold coins too!

The Leprechaun Bait: have a bowl of lucky charms and on top put a gold coin and wait for the Leprechaun to get hungry!



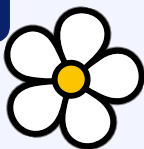
The Sticky Trap: have a bowl with green slime in it and on top put a gold coin and wait for the leprechaun to get stuck!

The Leprechaun Hat: place a stick to hold the hat up half way and, underneath, put some lucky charms and wait for the Leprechaun to get stuck!

Now that you know some fun ways to attract a Leprechaun go catch one!

First Day of Spring

By Danika Jacobs, 11th Grade



With the warmer weather, that means the first day of spring is arriving. March 20th, 2026 was the first day of spring this year. With spring coming up, people are getting ready for the warmer weather, track season, fishing, and boating.

Warmer weather means enjoying more time outside with friends and family. This can be done by doing activities like fishing, boating, and just hanging out. Spending time outside has been shown to reduce stress and make people have better attitudes. It is also a way for people to not be stuck inside all day and enjoy the day just a little bit more.

During this time, track is starting which means competitions. This also means meeting new people. Track is a great way to have a better social life and to get to meet some great people. It isn't just about competing, it's about enjoying being around other people and being able to have a great opportunity.

Calving Season

By Sydnee Stoner, 12th grade

Spring brings new life to South Dakota, and with it comes calving season, one of the busiest and most exciting times of the year for the livestock farmers. As March rolls in, calving season is in full swing. The farmers prepare to welcome all newborn calves by making sure both cows and calves receive the care they need during these critical first days.

During this season farmers must carefully watch their cows and be ready to help if any problems occur. This means and requires long hours and constant awareness and attention. Calves can be born at any time of the day and night. Once they are born the farmers make sure the newborn calves are healthy and receive the proper nutrients they need right after birth, which they need for survival.

Even though calving season can be very stressful and tiring, it is also very rewarding for the farmers. Seeing all the healthy calves brings joy and reminds the farmers of why their work is so important. Calving season is just not about hard work, it's also about hope, growth and the new life.



In this picture, a farmer is helping a newborn calf stand and stay close to it's mother during the calving season.

Sudoku Puzzle

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Sudoku Answer Key

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4	7	1	5	3	9	6	8	2
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