

- **St. Patrick's Day** – Thursday, March 17th
- **1st Day of Spring** – Sunday, March 20th
- **Office closed on Good Friday** – April 15th



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Be *Cautious* of Email Attachments!

Why can email attachments be dangerous?

- **Email is easily circulated** – Forwarding email is so simple that viruses can quickly infect many machines. Most viruses do not even require users to forward the email— they scan a users' mailbox for email addresses and automatically send the infected message to all of the addresses they find.

- **Email programs try to address all users' needs** – Almost any type of file can be attached to an email message, which gives attackers more freedom in sending viruses.

- **Email programs offer many "user-friendly" features** – Some email programs have the option to automatically download email attachments, which immediately exposes your computer to viruses within the attachments.

How to protect yourself and others in your address book:

- **Be wary of unsolicited attachments**, even from people you know. Just because an email message looks like it came from someone you know does not mean that it did. Many viruses can "spoof" the return address, so if possible, check with the sender to make sure it's legitimate before opening any attachments.

- **Keep software up-to-date.** Install software patches so attackers can't take advantage of known problems or vulnerabilities. Many operating systems offer automatic updates. If this option is available, you should enable it.



- **Trust your instincts.** If an email or email attachment seems suspicious, don't open it, even if your antivirus software indicates that the message is clean. At the very least, contact the sender to make sure it's legitimate before you open the attachment. If something about the email or the attachment makes you uncomfortable, don't give in to your curiosity.

- **Save and scan any attachments before opening them.** If you must open an attachment before you can verify the source, take the following steps:

1. Update the signatures in your antivirus software.
2. Save the file to your computer or a disk.
3. Manually scan the file using your antivirus software.
4. Open the file if it's clean and doesn't seem suspicious.

- **Turn off the option to automatically download attachments.** Many email programs offer the feature to automatically download attachments. Check your settings to see if your software offers the option, and disable it.

- **Consider creating separate accounts on your computer.** Most operating systems offer multiple-user accounts with different privileges. Your emails can be read on an account with restricted privileges. Some viruses need "administrator" privileges to infect a computer.

- **Apply additional security practices.** You may be able to filter certain types of attachments through your email software or a firewall.

February 2022 New Directory Listings:

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Ceroll Auto 698-1227



March Madness! High School & College Basketball

Venture Communications, in cooperation with South Dakota Public TV (SDPB) and SDN Communications, is again partnering to bring you coverage of these **high school** basketball tournaments:

- Boys State B Tournament
March 17-19 ... Channel 399
- Boys State A Tournament
March 17-19 ... Channel 400
- Boys State AA Tournament
March 17-19 ... Channel 401

To access all high school game times and team standings throughout the day, go to sports.sdpb.org.

The 2022 NCAA men's tournament begins on Sunday, March 13th with Selection Sunday airing on Venture Digital TV Channel 3, CBS. Tournament play for the NCAA men's basketball tournament will begin March 15th. Venture Digital TV will bring you coverage of the tournament on the following networks:

- TNT – Channel 78
- Tru-TV – Channel 54
- TBS – Channel 76
- CBS – Channel 3

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