



Gov. Kristi Noem has suggested schools stay closed through May 31. Restaurants and shopping centers have also adjusted hours to curb spread.

Blue Ink



Hoppy Easter

by Grace Panning
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This upcoming Sunday is one of the world's most famous holidays, Easter. Since most of our family plans have been shut down due to this pandemic. But you can still have an Egg"cellent Hunt in the comforts of your own backyard or home p. People around the world are still planning on having family hunts. And it doesn't take much more than store bought candy or homemade goods to do so.

The weather for Sunday, April 12th is 32 degrees. With a slight chance of snow/sleet. You might want to stay inside this Easter, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy yourselves. You can still color and decorate boiled eggs, as well as hunt indoors. Other family traditions include 1 big Easter basket full of self care products or candy for each kid. Or tie-dying shirts pale pink, light blue, purple, and light green for each family member. If you don't have any resources like this you can still play family games with each other. Like sequence, UNO, or monopoly.

Just because we are in Quarantine and it won't be nice outside doesn't mean you still can't have a family reunion. Grab your laptop, phone, or iPad and get on a zoom or Skype call with your relatives. You might have to teach Gram and Gramps how to work it, but it's all about the family time. Hope you have a Egg'stra Special Easter!



Photo from: <https://www.staffords.com/happy-easter/>

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Peeps were invented in 1953 and it took 27 hours to make one. Today it takes just 6 minutes.



LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: A paste like mixture of salt and vinegar will help remove Easter egg dye from your fingers.

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Home = doma (doh-mah)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What's a bunny's favorite type of music?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Unscramble these Easter words:

- gesg
- ndayc
- nbuyn
- bektsa
- olcecotha
- lejyl sbane

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 3**
 - No School—Online Learning
 - Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones
- Monday, April 6**
 - No School—Online Learning
- Tuesday, April 7**
 - No School—Online Learning
- Wednesday, April 8**
 - No School—Online Learning
- Thursday, April 9**
 - No School—Online Learning
 - Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones
- Friday, April 10**
 - No School—Easter Break

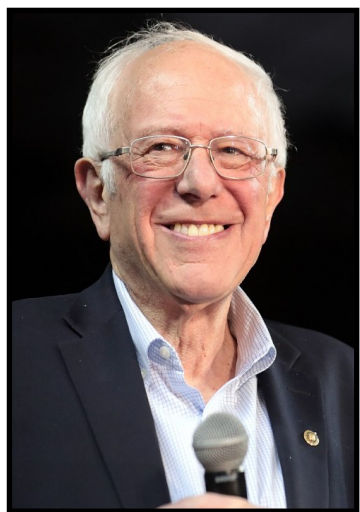
Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO RETURN: Next fall???

Governor Kristi Noem recommended to keep schools closed through the remainder of this academic year. This decision also includes spring art and athletic contests.

YEARBOOK REQUEST This is a unique experience that we have right now. If any students want to contribute "online learning" pic-

Sanders drops Presidential bid



Much like his 2016 campaign, Bernie Sanders pulled the plug on his presidential bid after reaching the final two as many of the supporters showed favor to his opponent. Sanders' decision now clears the way for an uncontested nomination of Joe Biden as the democratic presidential candidate.

Photo from Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernie_Sanders#/media/

by Parker Schlenker
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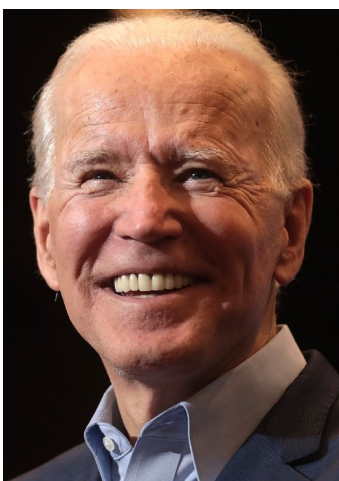
like health care and climate change which he felt Sanders wasn't doing a good job at.

Although those issues are central to Sanders's policy, as well as in recent days, as Sanders began to consider dropping out more seriously, his aides started to talk and tried to find common ground with the Biden campaign.

Shortly after Sanders spoke and announced his dropping out on Wednesday, Biden made a statement thanking his opponent while acknowledging the need to draw Sanders's loyal political fan base into his path. "I'll be reaching out to you," Biden wrote. "You will be heard by me."

He also stated, "And to your supporters, I make the same commitment; I see you, I hear you, and I understand the urgency of

what it is we have to get done in this country."



Although a "late comer" to the race for the democratic nomination, Biden drew strong support and became the clear frontrunner in the latter stages of the primaries. It is all but official that Joe Biden will be the democratic candidate to face President Donald Trump (republican, incumbent) in the upcoming November elections.

Photo from Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe_Biden#/media/



Where there's smoke, there's fire

by **Kylie Uhl**
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The Garretson Volunteer Fire Department responds to one of the many calls they received this week, either in town or to help out other local communities.

Photo provided by Kylie Uhl

Tuesday afternoon was a busy day for Garretson firefighters but not just Garretson. Other neighboring communities's firefighters had some excitement as well.

Late morning on Tuesday, Renner experienced a structure fire that needed equipment and staff help from Baltic and Crooks and only needed staff help from Brandon. This fire was said to start out as a grass fire and expanded to an old barn that had propane tanks near the barn and old vehicles.

Shortly into the afternoon the Garretson firefighters were called to the north side of town to handle a chemical spill. The spill happened when a CHS fertilizer tank was leaving and broke open when hitting the train tracks just before the entrance to Split Rock. Spilling gallons of fertilizer across the street.

Next there was a fire call in Hartford due to a power line fall. The firefighters were called to make sure there was no fire started when the line fell.

Around 5 o'clock that evening Garretson was called to assist the Valley Springs fireman due to a grass fire just west of Valley Springs that also caught a barn on fire.

There was a structure fire later in the evening, around 7:30. However this time in Dell Rapids and this blaze was a more contained fire and didn't require extra assistance.

First animal in US gets corona

by **Nika Sapunar**
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The 4 year old female tiger, named Nadia, is believed to be the first known case of animal infected with COVID-19 in the US, in Bronx Zoo, New York City. It is believed that Nadia, along with the other six big cats at the zoo, have been infected by an asymptomatic zookeeper. The cats started showing symptoms, including a dry cough, late last month after exposing them to the employee.



there is no evidence they can become sick or spread the disease.

It was advised by The American Veterinary Medical Association and the federal Centers for Disease Control and prevention have recommended to people ill with the coronavirus should limit contact with animals. Callie said that test was different for animals that it was for people and was carried by a veterinary school laboratory. Staff that will funder work with cats will wear infection-protected garb.

"This is the first time that any of us know of anywhere in the world that a person infected the animal and the animal got sick," said Paul Callie, the chief veterinarian at the zoo. The zoo said that test results were confirmed by the National Veterinary Service Laboratory in Iowa. The zoo said it is not known the virus will develop in animals like tigers and lions because some species can react differently to every infections.

Nadia, her sister Azul, as well as two Amur tigers and three African lions who showed symptoms, are expected to make a full recovery, said the zoo. They isolated pets tested for coronavirus elsewhere in the world, but experts have stressed

There have been some reports outside the U.S. of pet dogs and cats being infected after close contact with people inflicted with COVID-19. Hong Kong agriculture authorities came to figure out that dogs and cats can not pass the virus to human beings but animals still can get it from humans.



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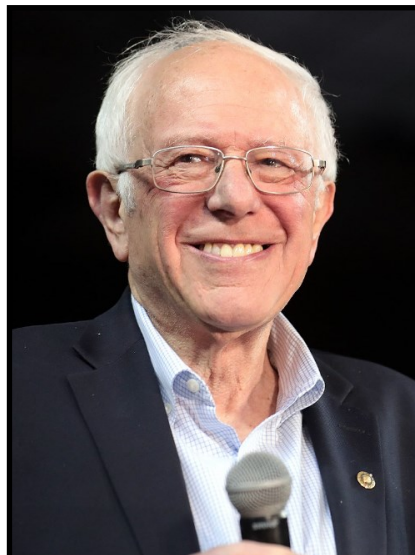
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Local COVID-19

Update *Data from SD Dept of Health*

Updated April 9

COVID-19 IN SOUTH DAKOTA	
Number of Cases	447
Ever Hospitalized*	27
Deaths**	6
Recovered	161

*Cumulative persons who have been hospitalized to date.
**The Department does not report deaths until a certified death record has been filed. By law, a death record must be filed within 5 days of the date of death.

SD COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF COVID-19 CASES

County	Total Positive Cases	# Recovered
Aurora	1	1
Beadle	21	19
Bon Homme	3	1
Brookings	6	5
Brown	14	9
Charles Mix	2	1
Clark	1	1
Clay	6	3
Codington	12	10
Corson	1	0
Davison	3	3
Deuel	1	1
Fall River	1	1
Faulk	1	1
Hamlin	1	0
Hughes	4	3
Hutchinson	2	2
Jerauld	1	0
Lake	2	0
Lawrence	9	8
Lincoln	33	15
Lyman	2	1
Marshall	1	1
McCook	2	1
Meade	1	1
Minnehaha	274	48
Oglala Lakota	1	0
Pennington	7	5
Roberts	4	3
Spink	3	2
Todd	1	1
Turner	5	1
Union	3	1
Yankton	18	12

TV shows & movies to watch during lockdown

by **Mason Hofer**
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As coronavirus has completely overtaken the media and journalism world, it may be hard to keep up with all the content that is being pushed out. Here are some quick headline updates to keep you informed on the situation.

In London, a shortage of masks occurred at Norwick Park Hospital, and three nurses were forced to wear bin bags rather than the proper equipment. All three nurses tested positive for COVID-19 shortly after.

The United States is now responsible for 1/3 of the worlds total coronavirus cases. The United States also has more deaths than any other nation with 16,600 total lives lost.

Murder rates are the lowest they've been since 2004 in Chicago, Illinois. New Orleans has also gone nearly three weeks without a murder case. The killers are all bundled up inside watching netflix like the rest of us.

The country of Yemen just got its first COVID-19 case, a 73

year old man. He is currently receiving treatment. But, due to Yemen being a war-torn country, over half of its health facilities have been destroyed in bombings. Yemen could be in deep trouble as it is reported that over 24 million citizens need humanitarian assistance, and most of them are on the brink of starvation. They would be very vulnerable if they contracted the virus.

It is now required to wear a face mask when leaving the house in Las Angeles. Businesses can deny entry of customers not wearing masks.

Doctors in Russia are now able to accurately diagnose COVID-19 solely on symptoms.

37% of citizens believe the impact of Coronavirus will leave the United States in recession, 36% believe it will be a temporary downturn, 23% believe it will be a depression.

Barber Shops are now deemed essential in Japan.

New York is running out of morgue space, and is shortening the amount of time they will have a body before they bury it.

Streaming services were our best friends anyway but now they are one of our few options of entertainment

Pros and cons of online learning

by **Parker Schlenker**
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Pros:

- Students don't have to drive or ride to school
- More technology based
- Students get to sleep in longer
- Everything the student needs is right in front of them
- Students can eat and drink at any-time
- Students may feel more comfortable learning at home
- Students can get one on one learning through email and Zoom

Cons:

- Students have to teach themselves some things
- Students have to motivate themselves to do their online work
- Don't have a normal daily routine
- Hard to keep track of assignments
- Limited social interaction
- Have to have good time management
- Don't have the school environment

Tips:

- Manage time wisely
- Keep notes and reminders
- Minimize distractions in your work-space
- Establish a daily routine
- Make the most of your resources
- Start on track stay on track
- Stay positive



Boys and Girls State

by **Hayden Olofson**
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Boys and Girls State is a way to have fun learning about government during your high school career. These programs teach students about that legislature, court, and the function of the state government. This is a great opportunity to show your patriotism while getting a better understanding of the way government works at multiple levels.

Boys State students are selected by the local American Legion. Girls State students are sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary. Out of all the states in our United States 49 out of 50 participate. Each state chooses a college to host the week-long program where students meet new friends and begin learning.

Several of my classmates attended during 2019 including Aftyn Heitkamp. She shared a little bit about her time at Girls State.

Q: What group were you put in when you got there?

A: I was in the city of Minneapolis, and in Brookings County

Q: Did you run for any positions?

A: I was apart of the city council for Minneapolis and was a state delegate and a member in the choir

Q: What did you learn?

A: I wouldn't say I learned specifics but I learned a lot about how government worked on many different levels.

Q: What were some of your favorite experiences?

A: I liked meeting everyone and making new friendships, the dance was pretty fun, and the inauguration day when they chose the governor.

Q: Would you recommend others to go?

A: I think if anyone can go you should because you gain friendships and learn about government that should be something you know throughout your entire life.

Each year students have the opportunity to apply for Boys and Girls State. If you are chosen to represent your town at State I suggest you take up that offer. Not only can it be a fun time, the information you learn will make you a better citizen.

This year Garretson is sending 11



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SOUTH DAKOTA

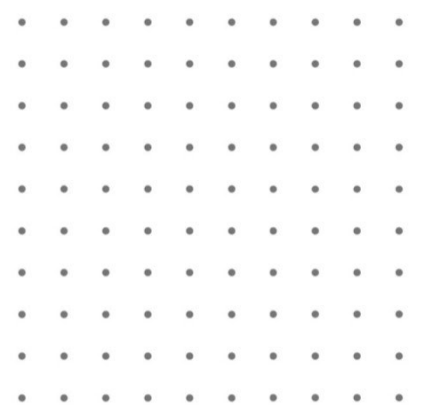


students thanks to the generous support of the Garretson American Legion and Auxiliary.

The six boys who were selected to attend were Sam Konechne, Caeden Bunde, Evan Bly, Rave Uhlich, Brady DeBates, and Matthew Rattenborg. Boys state was scheduled for June 1-5 at Northern State University. However due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the South Dakota American Legion just sent out a press release earlier this week announcing the cancellation of the 2020 boys state session.

The five girls chosen to represent Garretson at the University of South Dakota in the beginning of June are Madden Lardy, Mattea Fiegen, Molly Hulscher, Lizzie Olson, and Caroline Hoskins.

DOTS & BOXES



Player 1	WINNER	Player 2

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