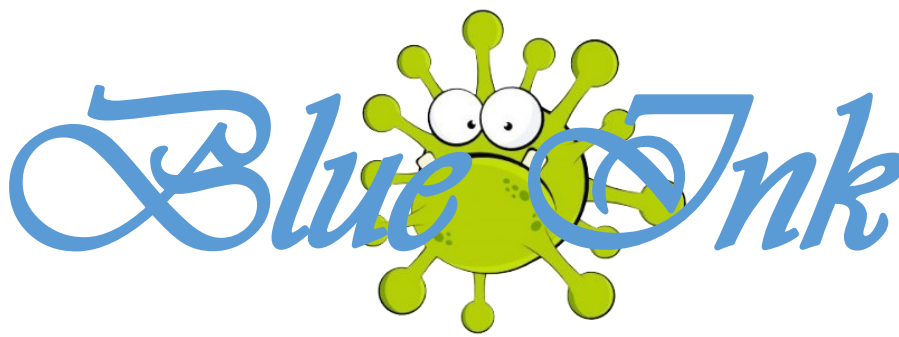


Gov. Kristi Noem has suggested schools stay closed through May 31. Restaurants and shopping centers have also adjusted hours to curb spread.



Branching out to Rae's Greenhouse

by Nobel Nothstine
senior writer

Rachel Hanisch is a citizen of Garretson who's branched out this season, and decided to open a greenhouse right on the outskirts of town, where 485th avenue and Dow's street meet. The Blue Ink reached out to ask her a few questions regarding this new business.

Q: How long have you been thinking about creating a greenhouse?

A: Honestly, this is going to sound a little crazy, but the idea really only came to mind mid-February. I had a dream one night that I opened a greenhouse. The next day, I couldn't stop thinking about it and the more I thought about it, the more I thought, "I think this is a good idea." I rolled the idea around for a while and had some contacts with my current job that allowed me to learn more about what I was possibly getting myself into. At one point early on, I even thought to myself, if it goes terribly or for some reason or I don't like it, it is only for 6-8 weeks! You can do anything for 6-8 weeks.

Q: What experience do you have with gardening and greenhouses?

A: When I was younger, I had a relative that owned a greenhouse in my hometown. I would help around the greenhouse and generally saw how they operated. Also, when I was going to school at SDSU, I worked for the Biology department, specifically a plant physiologist. He had a greenhouse that we utilized to grow plants, for experiments.

Q: Is this going to be a permanent structure?

A: The greenhouse is only temporary. I plan to be open from May 1 until mid-to end of June. Once everyone has their gardens planted and their flowers growing...I'm done for the year.

Q: What was the inspiration for this business idea?

A: Inspiration. Well, I suppose it is twofold. I love gardening, flowers, all things spring and summer. I have gardened all my life, even when I was in college, I rented a

community garden spot in Brookings. But it was that love coupled with the fact that while I enjoy being a lawyer, I don't necessarily plan on practicing law the rest of my life. The attorney I work for is soon to be 73 years old, and while he is sharp as a tack...he won't be practicing forever. Once he is done, I'm done. I thought this might be a good opportunity to see if this is something that could "fill the void" in years to come.

Q: Do you have any partners?

A: No partners, just me, my handy husband and my children.

Q: What will you be specializing in?

A: This year, I will be selling annual flowers and garden vegetables. I will have bags of soil too. In order to sell to sell seed packets, seed potatoes, or any perennials, like landscape plants, you must obtain a special license from the state. I didn't obtain that license this year. Maybe next year.

Q: Have recent events (coronavirus) caused any second guessing or issues in getting your business set up?

A: Yes, I had many sleepless nights wondering if I should put this plan on hold for a year. I had already purchased the greenhouse structure by the time COVID got serious here in South Dakota, but I thought, maybe I should just store the greenhouse for a year and try this adventure next year. I vacillated so on what the right decision was, and while I am not sure there is a right or wrong answer, I ultimately think it came down to finding a level of comfort. I learned enough about how to "be safe" when around others, and I am going to do my best to operate a greenhouse according to the CDC guidelines. I think people are looking for activities to occupy their time at home this season. I would argue that gardening is one of the best hobbies you can practice.

In this trying time, it's important to support small businesses in Garretson - including Rachel Hanisch's soon-to-be venture, Rae's Greenhouse. Rae's Greenhouse will open next Friday and is located in a pop up by Nordstrom's storage facilities on Dows St.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: On this day in 1184 BC, the Greeks entered Troy using the Trojan Horse

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Got a knot in your shoelace? Stick two bobbypins through it and pull.

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

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why did the golfer where two pairs of pants?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: It's at the center of Gravity and can be found in Venus but not Mars. What is it?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 24

- No School—Online Learning
- Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones

Monday, April 27

- No School—Online Learning

Tuesday, April 28

- No School—Online Learning

Wednesday, April 29

- No School—Online Learning

Thursday, April 30

- No School—Online Learning
- Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones

Friday, May 1

- No School—Online Learning
- Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones

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" pictures for the yearbook that would be great! It can be screen shots of work, struggles you've had or major successes! Be creative.

New treatments for COVID-19

by Hayden Olofson
senior writer

Covid-19 is the pandemic virus of 2020. For many people the virus acts just like the flu, with symptoms of fever, body aches, cough, and trouble breathing. However as the medical field learned more about the virus, they found out there is a need for more specific treatment than they would use for the flu. One of the newest treatments is Plasma Treatment.

Plasma counts for 55% of our body's blood. It's the yellowish liquid of our blood which carries the blood cells and protein. People that have recovered from the virus have built up antibodies to help get immune to the virus. If these people volunteer to donate their plasma to hospitals it would be helpful to sick patients to hopefully make their immune system stronger.

The hope of the plasma treatment is to make the hospital stay shorter and symptoms less severe. This is such a new treatment for this virus, it takes time so set up and find enough recovered people willing to donate.

After that, the plasma has to be screened and matched to the right patient. This is not an approved treatment but many believe it's worth trying instead of dying. People all around the country are already trying this treatment.

Although there are no approved medications yet for the virus we hope there will be success in these treatments or drugs soon. Plasma treatment was used successfully for SARS and H1N1. It will be a while before the doctors get the data back after treatment and can count this as a win or not.

PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID ILLNESS

CLEAN HANDS OFTEN

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

AVOID CLOSE CONTACT

- Avoid close contact with people.
- Stay at home as much as possible, except to run essential errands or to seek medical attention.
- Put distance between yourself and other people. Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.

WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVER

- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES

- Remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

CLEAN AND DISINFECT

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT ILLNESS IS TO AVOID BEING EXPOSED TO THIS VIRUS.

JOKE: Just in case he got a "hole in one"

BRAINTEASER: The letter V

The Last Dance

A documentary reminder of Jordan's greatness

by **Nika Sapunar**
staff writer

The long wait is finally over. Michael Jordan's 10-part sport documentary about Chicago Bulls during the National Basketball Association (NBA), aired on ESPN, during the season of 1997-1998 and it is going to airing two episodes every Sunday for five weeks. The series was announced by ESPN in 2018, and the first two episodes aired on Sunday April 19th.

We all know, that the documentary centers around the legend that is Jordan, and some players shared their thoughts that he is one of the greatest players ever. Jordan is willing to donate all the proceeds from the 10-part documentary to charities, which is estimated between 3 and 4 million dollars.

All that set up central tension of season 1997-1998 was the main thing for this documentary, but its doesn't stay there. In first two episodes, Hehir men-



tions several successful basketball moves to motivate pre-Jordan Bulls and then to Chapel Hill.

The premiere of The Last Dance was moved from June to Sunday, April 19th, it was announced on Good Morning America in response to fans asking for more programming while everything is

on hold because of coronavirus pandemic. This anticipates Jordan's and the Bulls NBA dynasty with averaged 6.1 million views, which makes The Last Dance the most-viewed ESPN documentary ever, and it will be available outside of the US on Netflix too, it will be released every Monday at midnight central standard time.

The fans were glued to the tv to relive the moments of Jordan's career and first time ever seen footage of behind the scenes, but that's not the best part, fans stated that they were also loving the soundtrack to the episodes. Jordan is doing this to make sure the world remembers him and his team the right way.

Let's hear from you

by **Kylie Uhl**
senior writer

What are you enjoying about quarantine and what do you miss most since this started?



Drew Pederson, freshman:
I'm loving the wonderful weather and being able to be alone and having some personal space, but I miss hanging with my friends and being able to see them everyday and being able to go places.



Jenna VanHolland, freshman:
I really like that school only lasts about 2 hours instead of 7 and I get to enjoy being outside. I definitely miss seeing my friends everyday



Morgan Pierret, sophomore:
I'm enjoying the sun since it's been nice out and not having to spend all day on homework, but I miss seeing my friends and everyone at school everyday.



Eli Reed, sophomore:
I am most enjoying just the piece and quiet, and working on my own schedule. One thing I miss is my friends.



Kaycie King, junior:
I really like the fact that my schedule is much more relaxed and school doesn't feel as hard and stressful. I really miss sports and 5th period pottery.



Devin Leedy, junior:
Enjoying the sleep and missing seeing people at school everyday.



Austin Top, senior:
I'm enjoying nothing because all I do is go to work and come home. I miss my friends having a full day of doing stuff and talking to people.



Kendra Kleven, senior:
I am enjoying the freedom and not being in school all day but I miss the interaction with my classmates.

How long 'til the economy recovers?

by **Mason Hofer**
senior writer

During this Coronavirus Pandemic, the economy has hit an all time low, comparable to the economy during the Great Depression. The Economy is dangerously close to crashing, but due to the country beginning to reopen, it is beginning to recover. But a not of people are left with the question, "How long until the Economy fully recovers?"

Mark Zandi, Chief Economist at Moody Analytics stated that it could take until the mid 2020's for the economy to fully recover.

With 22 Million plus jobs lost so far, unemployed will surge to 15%, this will be the highest

unemployment rate since the great depression. Under the Trump Administration, the unemployment rate was at 3%, an all time low for the country.

Due to the money being sent to small business, it should not take long for the unemployment rate to go back down, also construction will be one of the first jobs to fully reopen, and they will need to higher extra employees to catch up on lost work.

The main thing is lower class households will struggle to catch up on debts created during this time. While not having a job, you still need to pay the bills, when there's no income, you go into debt.

Zandi has stated that until there is a cure,

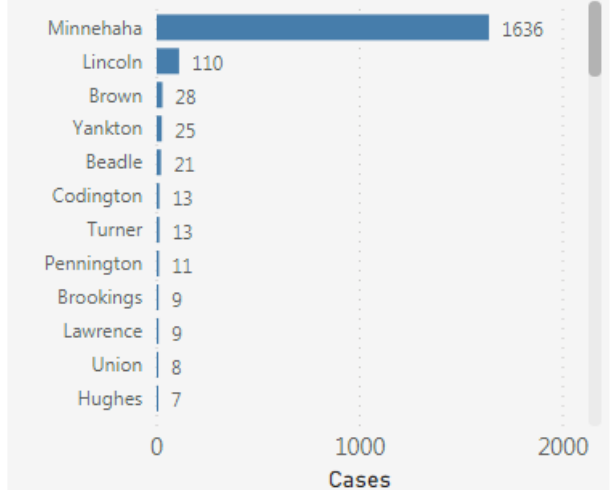
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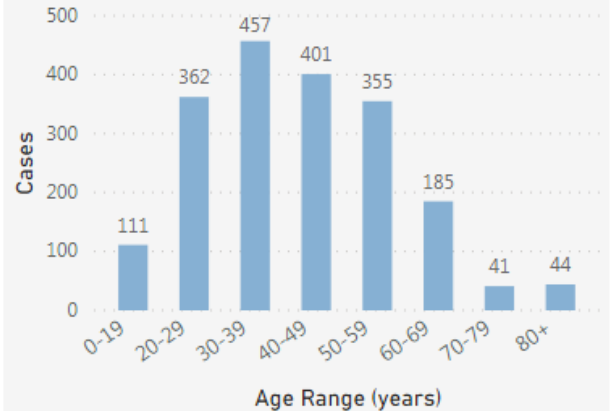
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Cases by County of Residence



Cases by Age Range



COVID-19 DEATHS IN SOUTH DAKOTA BY COUNTY

| County of Residence | # of Deaths |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Beadle | 2 |
| McCook | 1 |
| Minnehaha | 5 |
| Pennington | 1 |

(looking to be around mid next year) the economy will experience a slow sluggish growth. Even if a vaccine is found next year, the economy will not be full swing back to normal until mid-decade.

Random facts—Part 1: The Ocean

by **Kylie Uhl**
senior writer

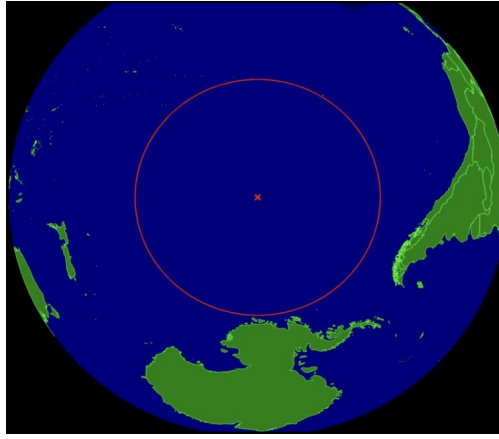
As a tribute to Earth Day that was earlier this week, let's learn a little more about the deep blue sea

Point Nemo

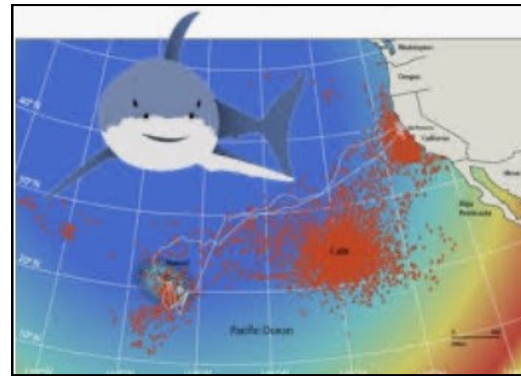
Point Nemo is the location that is farthest away from land and is in the Pacific Ocean. From this point one would be roughly 1,000 miles away from the nearest form of civilization. The people in the air national space station are actually closer to Point Nemo than any person on land.

The only things that live there are small microorganisms and bacteria. That's because this location is known as a sub gyre that forces out all sorts of nutrients.

This place is also where some countries, including the USA, dump their old space stations and rockets. Since nothing can really live there, it's just a mechanical garbage.



Point Nemo is the geographic location furthest from any land mass. It is found in the Pacific ocean. Point Nemo is named after Captain Nemo from Jules Verne's novel *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. And in Latin, Nemo actually means "no man."



Great white cafe

This place is located off of the coast of California, where hundreds of great whites go to give birth, mate, and feast.

Since the overload of great whites many stay away from the waters is the spring is when the cafe is most populated and many ocean scientists go there during that season to tag and

track great whites.

Sea food, not

The hawksbill sea turtle is currently on the endangered list so eating one isn't a good idea. But even if they weren't protected, eating one would still not be a good idea because their flesh actually absorbs all the toxins they eat. That includes algae and jellyfish.

The barracuda is a large saltwater fish and is known for not being friendly not only in the movie *Nemo* but in real life.

The barracuda eats fish that eat toxic algae and the barracuda's flesh absorbs that toxin. Even if you cook them the toxin will still remain in the meat of the fish and will kill you.



Above: The barracuda was the fish responsible for the horrific tragedy at the beginning of *Finding Nemo*, leaving only an injured Nemo and Marlin.

Below: A picture of an actual barracuda



The vast caves have caused many sea creatures to get lost and eventually run out of fresh air. Their skeletons are littered in the meandering caves.

Turtle cemetery and whirlpool

The turtle tombs caves are located in the Indian Ocean. It is a set of underwater caves that have countless sea turtle skeletons and even dolphins skeletons. The animals end up getting lost in the caves looking for food and run out of oxygen.

Corryvreckan Maelstrom permanent whirlpool is locked off of the coast of Scotland. This whirlpool can get over 650 feet deep and is extremely powerful. Like any other whirlpool it will pull down deep into the water and suffocate you.

Controversy in Kansas churches

by **Nobel Nothstine**
senior writer

Two church pastors have filed a lawsuit against the Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's executive order to include churches in the state's 10 person public gathering limit.

The pastors have stated their issues aren't that churches are in the "mass gathering" category, but instead that "(the order) has exemptions for 26 types of secular activities, including bars, restaurants, libraries, shopping malls, retail establishments, and office spaces." Their overall argument is that the executive order singles out churches and doesn't consider whether social distancing, hygiene, "and other efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 are practiced."

The lawsuit against Kelly includes each individual church's efforts to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines. This includes spreading out seating to follow social-distancing rules, keeping doors propped open so people don't touch doorknobs, discouraging handshaking, offering face masks, and suspending the passing of offering plates.

It also accuses the executive order of violating the first amendment, targeting the right to assemble, freely exercise faith, and free speech. The fourth count argues that it is also a violation of the Kansas Preservation of Religious Freedom Act.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt also spoke out on the issue and claimed that criminalizing 10+ attendee church gatherings violates the state and country's constitution. In the first state case, the legislative coordinating council voted 5-2 to overturn the executive order. But, Kelly filed suit back against them and on April 11, the Kansas Supreme Court made a ruling in Kelly's favor, thus upholding the executive order.

A week later, on the 18th, a U.S. District Court of Kansas judge issued a temporary restraining order against the part of Kelly's order that limited church gatherings to 10 or fewer people, a ruling that paves the way for in-person religious services without violating the constitution. The order requires the two included churches to follow the health protocols the churches started before the limitation on gatherings. A list of 24 additional protocols the churches need to follow, including attendees checking body temperatures before attending and having a single point of entry and exit on opposite sides of the building, were also added.



Senior Spotlight

Austin Napoli



SENIOR PROJECT:
Working on my car

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
None

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
No one

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Marines

Senior Spotlight

Lexi Richter



SENIOR PROJECT:
Plan a trip to 14 NFL stadiums, take the trip, and make a scrapbook of it

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Volleyball stats

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Friends and Family

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Attend Faust Institute of Cosmetology

Positives in this pandemic

Special ways to celebrate seniors amid novel circumstances to end the year

The spring is a time of optimism, hope, and a burst of new energy. This year was no different...for a while. On Friday, March 13 at 3:26, the seniors stepped out of Garretson High School and have not been back in official learning business since.

Despite missing out on some traditional milestones. This pandemic has opened up some new opportunities to celebrate.



The senior class got a little surprise in their yard. While finding something unexpected in the yard typically isn't something wanted, this time it was pleasant. The Junior Class and First Bank and Trust sponsored yard signs for the graduating class of 44. Pictured is Kenzie Northrup in front of her new yard decoration.

Photo submitted by Kenzie Northrup

To honor the class of 2020, on April 16, the fourth month of the year 2020, (4+16=20) at the 20th hour and 20 minutes (8:20 p.m.) people were encouraged to drive by the football field and honk in support of the seniors. Garretson joined many other schools around the state in doing this but took it one step further. A fireworks display organized by JR Hofer and a parade of the Garretson Fire Department and Ambulance capped off the celebration.

In addition, seniors received a yard sign surprise courtesy of the junior class and First Bank & Trust.



Above: The seniors gathered together in the parking lot of the athletic complex right before the celebration began. Pictured are Jacob Schmidt, Madi Nordstrom, Nadalie Johnson, Rachel Kindt, Riley Altman, Aftyn Heitkamp, and Malia Johnson.

Left: The parking lot filled up to show their support for the Class of 2020. Pictures courtesy of Aftyn Heitkamp

Notre Dame in flames a year ago



by **Kylie Uhl**
senior writer

It took 200 years to build and went up into flames on April 15, 2019; 856 years old, Surviving two world wars, plagues, and so much more the Cathedrale Notre- Dame de Paris is one of the most historic symbols of France.

The Cathedral was built between the 12th and 14th centuries but sadly a year ago on Wednesday the ca-

thedral burned. It was said the fire was started by some bad electrical work. The fire blazed for about 15 hours over the course of two days.

Since the accident the Notre Dame has been working on the design of the beloved church. It has been estimated, however, that reconstruction of the church could take 20 years or more with a rough cost of 112 million dollars. They are expecting to start reconstruction this July as of now, but may that may change due to COVID-19.

Star accused of stealing designs

by **Nika Sapunar**
staff writer

Jeffree Star is being called out for allegedly copying the packaging concept for his popular Blood Loss collection. Earlier this year, Jeffree had a release of highly anticipated collection. However few beauty enthusiasts are accusing the beauty guru of stealing the eyeshadow pallet's look from Lorac's 2014 The Royal Box, which featured products for entire face.

When Star revealed the eyeshadow palette, fans were in awe of its beauty. But little did they know that the Lorac came u with the same packaging back in 2014. It is also to be noted that Jeffree Star mentioned during the Blood Lust reveal that he also chose the hexagon box in order to protect the specific shadow shapes from



breaking.

Not to mention that in the past he claimed that Kylie Jenner copied his packaging back in 2017. He called her out on tweeter and in his youtube video he called Kylie skin a "complete joke" and "money grab". Not just that, but he was well-aware of Lorac's the Royal packaging, as the product appears in Shanes Dawson's The Ugly Side of Beaty Word, video featuring Jeferee Star.

For now Lorac has no response to this.

Senior Spotlight

Rachel Kindt

SENIOR PROJECT: Plan and host a painting event

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Soccer, football cheer, basketball, track, NHS, and FCA

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST: Sports. Seeing my friends every day. My family.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend Grand Canyon University majoring in biology with pre-med intentions

