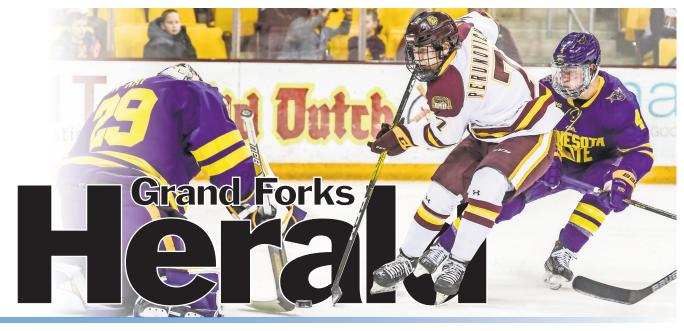
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# N.D. sees highest single-day jump

### By Jeremy Turley Forum News Service

BISMARCK — The North Dakota Department of Health on Monday, April 13, announced 23 new cases of COVID-19, the illness caused by coronavirus. The figure represents the highest single-day increase in cases

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Minnesota's coronavirus numbers stabilize as Gov. Walz moves to extend the peacetime emergency through May 13, **PAGE A6** 

in mid-March.

There are currently 13 residents illness in North Dakota. hospitalized with the illness.

since the state's outbreak began became the state's eighth casu- which encompasses Fargo and alty from the illness Sunday. West Fargo. The county's total The total positive tests for The man, who the department is now up to 116 — about 35% of

up to 331, however 127 people health conditions, was the ill- double the amount of any other

Nine of the new cases Mon-A Ward County man in his 50s day came from Cass County, the virus in North Dakota is reports as having underlying the state's total and more than

have recovered from the illness. ness' youngest victim of the county. Only two of the new cases come in people 60 years or older.

Six new cases were also announced in Mountrail County, an emerging "hotspot" for the virus. Over the weekend,

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# **GF** bus driver gets reprimand, but will get to keep job

### By Joe Bowen Grand Forks Herald

A Grand Forks bus driver has been reprimanded but will keep his job after a video of him confronting passengers circulated last month amid widespread coronavirus worries.

City Administrator Todd Feland on Thursday, April 9,

issued a letter of written reprimand to Richard Gehl, a Cities Area Transit driver who spent several minutes on March



23 shouting at a

handful of passengers. Another passenger recorded the mostly one-sided exchange and posted a video of it to a Grand Forks-area Facebook page. Gehl was put on leave



Hugo's cashier Cathy Lindenberg, right, gives Marilyn Holweger her receipt as she checks out Monday, April 13, at Hugo's on 32nd Avenue South in Grand Forks.

after the incident.

In the video, Gehl accuses the passengers of putting him at risk "for no legitimate reason at all" and forcefully reminds them of widespread suggestions to stay home to prevent the virus' spread.

According to the woman who filmed the exchange, who gave a statement to a bus service administrator while the driver's discipline was being considered, Gehl believed three passengers had been drinking and wanted them to get alcohol another way. He also asks them where they were going, the witness said.

In the Facebook video, he does not directly accuse them of drinking, but does appear upset that they have "go get a damn bottle of booze" and suggests that some people use the bus out of boredom while most parts of everyday life are on hiatus.

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# Essential work

### Hugo's workers proud of jobs, despite long hours and anxiety about pandemic

By Adam Kurtz Grand Forks Herald onated masks and customer appreciation help Hugo's Family Marketplace employees, among those essential workers on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic, get through anxious days on the job.

Hugo's staff, about 750 people in the region, are

putting in more hours to keep up with heavy in-store traffic. It isn't just restocking shelves. It's the stepped-up cleaning regimen, new policies about keeping distance and other changes to their work environment. These things combined with the everpresent threat of contracting COVID-19 weigh on employees' minds.

It isn't all doom and gloom, though. Torrie Enget, store director of Hugo's Family Marketplace on 32nd Avenue South, said customers have been saying thank you and expressing their appreciation to staff members. It goes a long way to putting their minds at ease.

"When you get that reinforcement from the

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customers, it makes them feel good about coming to work, even though they might be anxious about it," Enget said.

Enget said some customers have donated cloth, homemade masks for store workers to use. In fact, most of the masks employees wear are homemade, as supplies have

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# Former nurse charged with stealing narcotics

Case first to be prosecuted by the state's Medicaid **Fraud Control Unit** 

#### **By Hannah Shirley** Grand Forks Herald

A former nurse at a long-term care facility who has been charged with stealing narcotics from her patients is the first person to be prosecuted by the state's new Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Charlotte Kay Reilly, 32, of Crystal, N.D., has been charged with 11 counts related to the alleged crimes: two felony counts of reckless endangerment with extreme indifference, nine felony counts of theft of a prescription NARCOTICS: Page A7

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and one misdemeanor count of theft valuing less than \$500.

According to court documents, Reilly allegedly committed the thefts from March 2017 to Nov. 21, 2017, while she was a licensed practical nurse at Borg Pioneer Memorial Home in Mountain, N.D., where she was responsible for administering prescribed narcotic pain medication to residents in her care.

Reilly was fired from the home on Nov. 21, 2017, after it was concluded that she was diverting prescription pain medication from residents and using over-the-counter pain medications as substitutes, according

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