

Prom is this weekend with Grand March taking over the gym tomorrow night. Look in this week's issue for more info.

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## Be the Change Week

*Kindness displayed, focused on this week, shouldn't end today but continue throughout life*



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April 3rd-6th Garretson had its first "Be the Change" week. The week was full of many different activities and was open to both middle and high schoolers. The week was focused on giving back to the world and caring for others.

The week was a follow up to when the middle schoolers did their challenge day. Plus with all the school shootings it was time for things to change. Mrs. Pliska said "We knew we wanted to do something and with the school shootings down in Florida we heard student voices, and wanted to do something about it."

The week was set to encourage people to stop waiting for things to change, and to start making them change yourself. The week was full of ways to show random acts of kindness. The goal is for students not to just show love and support this week, but to continue it for the rest of the year and even after that.

On Tuesday there was an assembly which showed that mean words hurt and instead of saying insults we should say things to build people up,

not tear them down. With the shooting in Florida the student council wanted to make that the theme of the week. They decided Tuesday would also be a good time to give out 17 compliments.

Wednesday students were encouraged to smile and say hi to 17 people they don't usually talk to. Thursday students put up sticky notes on peoples lockers and on posters to encourage others and to give out compliments throughout the day.

The week ended 17 blue and white balloons being released in memory of the Stoneman Douglass shooting. Middle and High school students had the opportunity to sign a balloon and the student council members will then release them into the sky. Friday also was the prize drawing. Students who completed all the tasks for the week, and turned in their challenge cards will have their name put in a drawing for prizes.

Be the Change week was led by both middle and high school student

council members, and a big help came from Peyton Sage, Sylvia Larson, Mrs. Pliska, Mrs. Gloe, and Mr. Long. In an interview Mrs. Pliska said "Instead of walking out we agreed that it would be better to do some more positivity led opportunities."

Many people hope to get all sorts of positive outcomes from this week. Mrs. Pliska said, "I'm hoping to have positive change in the school and students reaching out to each other and feeling good about themselves."

Be the Change week has pushed many people to love one another and to be more caring. Hopefully it will be able to last more than just the one week.



## A prom night to remember, and the moment students have been waiting for

*Fancy corsages, elegant boutonnieres, an evening of dancing...that's right; it's prom*

by **Peyton Sage**  
staff writer

April showers bring May flowers, but April also brings prom night! Tomorrow afternoon, prom goers will begin getting ready for a night full of rustic romance. Girls will get their hair and makeup done, and the boys will get dressed up to the nines.

By 5:00PM, everyone and their dates will be showing up to their dinner reservations at Minerva's, Crave, Olive Garden, or any of the other five-star restaurants in the Sioux Falls area.

Around 6:30PM, juniors and seniors will gather in the gym for class photos, and grand march will begin at 7:30PM, where the girls and boys will show off their lavish dresses and 3-piece suits.

After grand march, students will have half an hour to take pictures with family and friends, and then the 8 hours of fun begins!

Students will hit the dance floor for approximately 3 hours and show off their astonishing moves (or lack thereof), and then watch the great Danny Nehok hypnotize some suitable contestants until 1:45AM.



If prom attendees are still full of energy, they will bounce around in inflatables, participate in a casino-like game night, and stick around to win some cool prizes! At 4:00AM, students will either head home to get some much needed sleep, or head out for an early breakfast.

All in all, prom night is seemingly the most exciting night of high school, and the Garretson High School hopes that everyone makes it a night to remember

### This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** On *Scooby-Doo*, Shaggy's real name is Norville Rogers.

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Squeeze a lemon or lime into shampoo to stop frizzy hair.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Why can't you give Elsa (from *Frozen*) a balloon?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** Arnold Schwarzenegger has a long one. Michael J. Fox has a short one. Madonna does not use hers. Bill Clinton always uses his. The Pope never uses his. What is it?

*Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.*

### Upcoming Events

**Friday, April 6**

- FFA CDE @ Lennox

**Saturday, April 7**

- Prom: Grand March (7:00)

**Monday, April 9**

- School Board Meeting (5:45)

- PTO Meeting (6:45)

**Tuesday, April 10**

- Track @ Fighting Cougar Invite in Salem (3:00)

**Friday, April 13**

- Middle School Dance (7:00)

- K & 1st Grade Field Trip @ Children's Museum in Brookings

**Saturday, April 14**

- Track @ Jesse James Invite (9:30)

### Worth Mentioning

**Congratulations** to Ryan Fick for taking first place in the Garretson Pride Pool for March Madness. Ryan correctly predicted three of the final four teams, including both Villanova and Michigan to make the final. Ryan was one of four student to predict Villanova as the champion.

**Garretson School Board** approved the calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The first day of school will be August 23. The school calendar is now available on the school website or can be accessed via this [link](#).

**JOKE:** Because she will "Let It Go"

**BRAINTEASER:** Last Name

# The sixth mass extinction is already here

*The threat to earth's species is at an all time high*

by **Isaiah Miles Mader**  
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As Earth's population is steadily increasing, the amount of species living among us is doing the complete opposite. There are currently around 8.7 million species on the planet but as Earth spirals into its sixth mass extinction, and the biggest since dinosaurs existed, this number could drop by as much as half. Although mass extinctions are a natural occurring event, this is the first time it has been directly caused by humans.



nothing is done to protect the species, by mid century 30%-50% of all species would cease to exist.

The Earth is averaging a growth of 83 million people per year which is helping to shrink the habitat and resources available to other species. Humans are also majorly polluting the globe in every possible way: land, air, and water. Another rising trend is the introduction of new animals that often times kill of the native species because the invasive species has no natural predators. People are also causing extinction by over hunting animals for game or for the large sums of money some can bring on the black market.

These statistics could produce even harsher results due to the technology driven younger generation who don't get very much exposure to wildlife. A UN chief said, "We are moving to a more virtual world. Children today haven't a clue about nature. Children have not seen apple trees. In Algeria, children are growing up who have never seen olive trees. How can you protect nature if you do not know it?"

Partial list of South Dakota's threatened and endangered species as provided by the SD Game, Fish & Parks. For a complete list, click on this [link](#).

Birds:	
Name	Scientific Name
American dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>
Esquimo curlew	<i>Numenius borealis</i>
Interior least tern	<i>Sterna antillarum athalassos</i>
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>
Whooping crane	<i>Grus americana</i>
Rufa Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>

Mammals:	
Name	Scientific Name
Black-footed ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>
Gray wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>
Northern long-eared bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>
Northern river otter	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>
Swift fox	<i>Vulpes velox</i>

Humans are not creatures who often put other things in front of them, but this is exactly what needs to be done with the Earth's species. If people do not change the daily and routine things which are harming species, the future will look drastically different than it does now.

High school science teacher Mr. Furness agreed, "Animals have a very hard time adapting, we have to give them conditions to adapt in order for them to survive."

The best way for change to happen is for governments to pass new regulations for the benefit and protection of wildlife. There was conservation movement back in the 1990s, but nothing ever came about. Environmentalists are now urging countries to act briskly before it is too late, saying that a loss in biodiversity will mean humans suffer as well.

Our planet is in the middle of a world changing event, this mass extinction will alter the rest of Earth's history unless changes are made. The threat to the Earth's species is all too real and could pose serious difficulties for the future if serious conservation efforts are not made quickly.

## Word Morph

by **Heather Heuther**  
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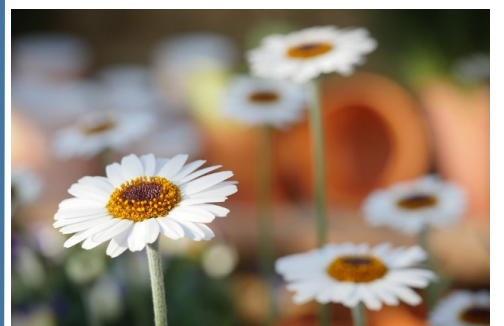
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# Nova secures second national title in three years

by **Mason Hofer**  
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A No. 3 seed Michigan Wolverines met with the No. 1 seeded Villanova Wildcats in the NCAA March Madness Championship game on April 2nd at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Nova cut down the final nets in this blow-out with a final score of 79-62.

Villanova came into the National Championship feeling confident, as they should. Nova just came off of a record-breaking game, hitting the most three pointers ever in an NCAA game, lasering in 18 shots from beyond the arc. The Wildcats also scored an average of 127 points per 100 possessions, which was the highest in the NCAA this year.

Villanova did not start this game looking like the high caliber offense they had been, Nova started 1-9 from beyond the three-point line, and Wisconsin was showing no signs of slowing down, starting 8-12 from

the field and taking a demanding lead early in the game.

But, something clicked on Villanova's end midway through the first half; after this Michigan shot 3-16 in the first half and the Wildcats overcame a 21-14 deficit. The score at the end of the first half was 37-28, Villanova with the lead.

From there, Nova did not slow down, not giving the lead back to Michigan for the rest of the game. Michigan could not keep Nova off the glass as the Wildcats had more than double the Wolverines' offensive rebounds. Those second chance buckets were a critical factor in Nova's second half success. Other than rebounds, the stat lines don't look too much different, except for shooting percentages. Michigan could not stop chucking up threes, shooting a horrific 3-23 from deep.

This was Villanova's second championship in the last three years, they are showing no sign of slowing down after this season. With the great coaching that the Wildcats have, who is going to stop these

