



JH teed off the season on Monday with a meet on their home course. Five JH golfers medaled. JH golfs on Monday for the BEC

Blue Ink



Students honored at academic awards banquet



New members inducted into NHS, scholarships awarded, and Boys and Girls State representatives announced at annual celebration

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Garretson held their annual National Honor Society and Academic and Fine Arts banquet on Monday to recognize high school students achievements throughout the school year. This event was organized by Mrs. Howe who has spearheaded NHS for over 20 years.

The evening honors both NHS members and academic letter winners, while also awarding some graduating seniors who plan to continue their education. Separate awards are given out for citizenship and volunteer service. The Girls' and Boys' State representatives are also given out: Garretson is sending three girls (Emily Erickson, Sam Gonzalez, and Kylee Greenhoff) and four boys (Dakota Johnson, Ben Konechne, Brennan Mudder, and Carter Stephenson) to the 2018 event.

Kids who averaged a 3.5 GPA through the first three quarters receive an academic letter for their first year and an academic pin for each subsequent

year they meet these standards. NHS, on the other hand, requires a 3.0 cumulative GPA, involvement in three school or community activities, and no school violations.

Twenty-four new kids received an academic letter, while 32 new kids were inducted into NHS. National Honor Society promotes scholarship, leadership, service, and character, striving to show praise to the students who exemplified these throughout the year.

Senior Jack Konechne said, "It's nice to be recognized for all the hard work put in throughout the school year." Konechne is a four year NHS member and academic letter winner.

Sophomore Malia Johnson who has been a NHS member for two years agreed saying, "It feels good to

be rewarded for your grades and seeing that hard work really does pay off."

The night is also a time to award local scholarships to graduating seniors who are looking to further their education. This year over \$25,000 was given out along with two full tuition awards to technical schools through the Build Dakota Scholarship; those were awarded to John Christian and Chayce Schleuter.

The Academic Awards Banquet serves as a nice reminder that their effort in school doesn't go unnoticed and that GHS values kids who work hard. Academics are a huge priority at Garretson and events like these can motivate students to put in the extra work which will help them later in life.



Colorful display of youth, energy, talent at elementary music concert

Color coordination, props, and extra instruments delighted audience

Kindergartners through fifth graders embraced their creativity in putting on last night's concert. Under the direction of choir/music director, Ms. Kelby Robinson and band director, Mr. Nick Sittig, the musical stylings of the youngest Blue Dragons engaged the full house.

After a strong start by the fifth grade band who played seven different selections, the rest of the elementary joined in for the choral portion of the program.

Based on the book, *The Day the Crayons Quit*, each grade dressed in a different color. Songs also corresponded with the crayon theme including "Yellow Submarine" "Purple Rain" and "Rainbow Connection."



This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Today is known as Star Wars day: May the 4th be with you.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: When making tacos, put the cheese on first. It will melt and make a protective layer that keeps the shell from breaking apart.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What is a thesaurus' favorite breakfast?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Which word is written incorrectly in the dictionary?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 4

- Kindergarten Round Up
- Golf @ BEC-Volga (9:00)
- Howard Wood Relays (All Day)

Saturday, May 5

- Howard Wood Relays (All Day)
- Track @ Parker (9:30)

Monday, May 7

- JH Track @ BEC-Beresford (3:00)
- JH Golf @ BEC-Beresford (11:00)
- Track @ Dell Rapids (2:30)
- Golf @ SD Classic-Mitchell (9:30)

Tuesday, May 8

- Golf @ Colman (10:00)
- FFA Banquet (7:00)

Wednesday, May 9

- Golf @ MCM (9:00)

Thursday, May 10

- Track @ BEC-Volga (2:00)

Friday, May 4

- Kindergarten Round Up
- Golf @ BEC in Volga (9:00)

Worth Mentioning

Club Baseball has been on a tear, winning its last three games, all of which have been shutouts. They are back in action tonight in Tea and back at home on Sunday at 2:00 against Canton.

Golf has a hectic schedule. JV got their first meet under their belt on Tuesday in Baltic with JV and Varsity golfers; Cooper Long took 9th overall. Varsity was at the DRSM invite on Wednesday. On the boys side, Isaiah Mader finished 3rd & Rave Uhlich took 9th. Peyton Hove (7th) and Malia Johnson (9th) medaled for the girls.

The Golden State killer

by **Greg Arana**
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The Golden State killer from 40 years ago was finally arrested this week. Joseph James DeAngelo is a 72 year old ex cop that killed and raped dozens of California residents some decades ago. He was taken into custody on Tuesday morning for his crimes that span from 1976 to 1986.

He was surprised when police showed up at his house unexpectedly. They placed him under arrest with no incident but wanted them to take care of the roast that was in the oven. DeAngelo was home alone at the time of the arrest. DeAngelo lives in Citrus Heights Sacramento County which is the same county he started his crime spree in.

Colleen Fernandez a woman in DeAngelo's neighborhood said, "We walked by that house all the time...but we never saw him. I'm just thankful he got caught." Fernandez continued, "It's huge for this community. Even though it was 40 years ago, people still remembered. I was just a young woman. It was frightening. You'd definitely lock your doors and your windows," she said. "You had a buddy system. I worked at a restaurant -- I made sure somebody walked me to my car."

DeAngelo's reign of terror is said to include 12 murders, about 50 rapes, and a handful of home burglaries. The crimes spanned from the Sacramento area in Northern California all the way down to Orange County in Southern California.

Nobody in his neighborhood or his many supermarket employees had ever expected the 72 year old to be the Golden State Killer. From his actions in the stores, no one would have ever suspected him but with a DNA test the cops knew it was definitely DeAngelo.

Senior Spotlights

Caitlyn Trower



WHAT/WHO WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Soccer & Sophomore Friends

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Attend York College for an undecided major

SENIOR PROJECT:
Write my own song

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Track, Soccer, Color Guard, Choir, Cheerleading, Oral Interp

Andrea Vargas

SENIOR PROJECT:
Creating a traditional Mexican meal

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
It will be a great year



Athletes have been busy

Despite having a slow start to the spring sports season, in the past week Garretson is back into routine and looking good.

In track, the Blue Dragons long distance runners continue to perform well. Preston Bohl (3200m) backed up a 2nd place finish at the Jesse James Invite with 1st place in Baltic on Tuesday. In the one mile at Baltic, Devon Leedy, Cadyn Ock-

enga, and Sam Schleuter finished 4th, 5th, and 6th respectively. All shaved their scores from the Jesse James Invite last Friday where they placed 3rd, 4th, and 7th. Trevor Fiegen took first in both the Garretson and Baltic meets in the High Jump, reaching 6'0".

Track's next meet is the Howard Wood Relays and the Parker meet (in Lennox) this weekend.

Royal events spark interest across the pond

Between a new prince's birth and an upcoming wedding, the spring has stirred lots of commotion

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There's been a bit of commotion in Westminster Abbey this last few days.

Queen Elizabeth II turned 92 last week. Even into her ninth decade of life, she's still kicking as much as she was in her 20s. Talk of who will succeed her is basically fiddler fodder at this point, because her health is still good and her own mother lived well into her 90s. When she does, inevitably, kick the can, her son, Prince Charles, will take the throne. It is theorized that the queen will move all of her monarch duties and step out of the public eye (but remain queen) when she turns 95.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (William and Cate) welcomed their third child, a swaddled baby boy, into the family this week. He was officially born on April 3 at eight pounds seven ounces. At the time of printing, the name has not yet been announced. The baby is fifth in line for the throne, and the first boy in British history to not pass his older sister in the line of succession. Charlotte is the first girl who won't be overtaken in the line by a younger brother. That's thanks to the Succession to the Crown Act of 2013, which changed tradition so that the gender of a royal born after October 28, 2011 does not give that person, or their descendants, precedence over anyone else in determining the next king or queen.

According to William, the baby is doing well and sleeping a lot.

In other royal news, the wedding between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle is coming up soon. It was announced the other day that William will be the Best Man, which everyone expected. The ceremony is being kept 'small', and since Harry is the second child, he isn't required to invite political leaders from across the country. There was a bit of drama surrounding that recently, due to the fact that the Obama's are personal friends of Harry's, but since he didn't want to invite Donald Trump or the prime minister of Great Britain, it seems the Obamas have decided not to attend to keep waters neutral. As a royal, Harry is required to be politically neutral. The wedding is May 19th.

The luck of the Blue Dragon

One hole-in-one just wasn't enough for G-Town, events that may happen once in a lifetime happened within a week

by **Mason Hofer**
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Garretson recently had one of the most perfect weeks in town history, not because the week went by fast, in the sense of the sports world.

The week kicked off with senior golfer, Ike Mader hitting a hole in one, no not in mini golf, but in a actual meet. A hole in one is something that most people may never see in a lifetime of golfing with the odds of an amateur golfer hitting one is roughly 12,500 to one, but remember that Garretson is having a perfect week. Mader aced hole #8

on River Ridge, the benefit of his home course. Eighth grader Tayson Swatek decided he wanted a part of the fun and hit a hole in one during practice three days later. Swatek drained it on hole #5. River Ridge didn't have any holes-in-one through the entirety of all last season, and then there were two within the first two weeks of being open.

As if two holes-in-one in one week wasn't enough for Garretson, sophomore Lucas Fitzgerald threw a perfect game on Wednesday's club baseball game against Sioux Falls Christian. Fitzgerald pitched the whole game and threw just 86 pitch-

es: not a single battle reached first.

"It's a pretty good feeling knowing that I didn't let anyone get on base" said Fitzgerald. A perfect game is definitely something he will never forget, especially considering that this is only the third perfect game a South Dakota high school pitcher has ever thrown. "I feel like there is more to come, because I'm only a sophomore, but it's going to be hard to top that performance."

The luck of the Blue Dragon has definitely been something to be reckoned with recently, so for you adults out there, you might want to get a lottery ticket.