



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

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From high school into the real world, graduation day approaches

The class of 2018 has their final week of high school next week, and there are mixed emotions

by **Peyton Sage**
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While the rest of the high school's last day of school is next Friday, the seniors will finish off on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Friday morning, the senior class will return to the school to practice their graduation ceremony which will be held the following afternoon.

Graduating high school leaves students with a whirlwind of emotions. Many feeling sad, many feeling happy, and many feeling torn between the two.

Carmen Bohl, who has been a student here since kindergarten, is one of the many seniors feeling sad to see high school end. "I've known my classmates for over 12 years so we've all formed an irreplaceable bond. I'm going to be a mess at graduation because it will all be too re-

al."

Erik Hanson, who started school at Garretson his 8th grade year, is happy that the end of high school is near. "I'm not going to lie, high school was fun outside of school and during the sports season, but I'm more excited to go out and start my college career and have that independence."

Of the many students feeling mixed emotions about graduation, Mark John Vandersnick is one of them. He started school at Garretson

his freshman year, but easily made high school some of his best years yet. "I had a lot of fun in high school and I'll have a ton of stories to tell because of it; but I'm really glad that it's over because I'm ready to tear it up at SDSU."

The Garretson High School will officially say goodbye to their graduating seniors on May 19th at 1PM and their graduation parties will follow soon after.

Good luck to the Class of 2018!



Class of 2018. Keaten Wagner and Andrea Vargas are not pictured.

Car caution a priority with summer heat

The heat can be enjoyable but comes with dangers too

by **Heather Huether**
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It's getting to the time of the year where the sun is out and the cars are hot. Driving around and being outside in the sun is a nice feeling, but not for the animals and children trapped inside steaming hot cars.

Each year thousands of animals suffer from heat strokes and suffocation because they are left alone in hot vehicles. Even with windows cracked the temperature inside the vehicle can rise from 80 degrees to 112 in less than thirty minutes.

Sophomore Kendra Kleven has 2 dogs and they love to go on car rides with her. "I bring my dogs on car rides about twice a month, and they love it. Whenever I go inside I leave my dogs in the vehicle. I crack the

window a couple inches and I try to hurry back out."

A recent petition states that leaving animals alone in a vehicle can be very dangerous and in hard conditions can be considered a form of animal abuse. If an animal is seen stuck inside a vehicle ASPCA is saying NOT to break the window. Instead the witness should locate the owner. If the owner can not be found they at to call 911 and wait by the vehicle until authorities arrive.

Children are also affected by heat strokes during the summer. Each year about 37 kids die from heat stroke because they are stuck inside of hot vehicles. NoHeatStroke.org has been collecting data since 1998 and since then the highest deaths per year occurred in 2010 when 49 children died. The lowest was 5

years later in 2015 with only 24 child deaths from heat strokes.

Many of the hotter states have the most deaths from 1998-2015: Texas (100), Florida (72), California (44), Arizona (30), and North Carolina (24). As of 2017 there was a total of 19 states that had laws saying it was illegal to leave children alone in a vehicle. According to CNN 87% of the victims trapped inside of the vehicle are 3 years old or younger.

Many states including South Dakota have a Good Samaritan Law: this makes it legal for a person to save a child who is stuck inside of a hot vehicle if needed, as long as it is in good faith. The Good Samaritan Law does not apply to any animals in a vehicle, in those cases it's better to call 911 and wait for authorities to arrive.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: Geckos can turn the stickiness on their feet on and off.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Put a picture of the item you need to remember as the background of your phone.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What do musicians do when they lose the beat?

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 11**
 - JV Golf @ Chester (10:00)
 - 5th Grade Field Trip to Good Earth State Park
- Saturday, May 12**
 - 5th-8th Grade Solo/Ensemble contest
- Sunday, May 13**
 - Mother's Day
- Monday, May 14**
 - Pre-K Promotion & Family Day (9:45/2:15)
 - Golf @ Sioux Valley (9:00)
 - 3-5 Field Day (12:00-3:00)
 - School Board Meeting (5:45)
 - Athletic Banquet (7:00)
- Tuesday, May 15**
 - Last Day of PreSchool
 - MS/HS Vocal Music Concert (7:00)
 - K-2 Field Day (12:00-3:00)
- Thursday, May 17**
 - Track @ Region 3A Meet in Dell Rapids (1:00)
- Friday, May 18**
 - Graduation Practice (8:30)
 - Last Day of School (Dismiss @ 1:30)

Worth Mentioning

Club Baseball plays in super regionals next Wednesday.

Semester Test Schedule will look like the following:
 Tuesday: 1st and 3rd
 Wednesday: 5th and 7th
 Thursday: 2nd and 4th
 Friday: 8th and ICU

Student Insight

Favorite Movie

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"My favorite movie is Love, Simon. It's relatable because everybody has that fear of what people think of them. And, it's 2018 so people need to get over themselves." Bella Peters, Sophomore

"The Greatest Showman, because of the music." Tara Petersen, Freshman



"Honestly, the Star Wars movies because it's like old times but futuristic at the same time." Lana Braswell, Senior

"Dead Poets' Society or Aquamarine." Caitlyn Trower, Senior



"42, because it's about baseball." Savonne Grotewold, Junior

"Back to the Future 2, because it's the best movie ever made." Ian Dopenberg, Freshman



Summer Crossword

L V J V R Z N S G S Q N T S S
 Z E W W U R F A U N O R H K M
 L N M E R L I N W I I U M K I
 F X M O O K G D T E L K W N T
 O N N W N L O A Y L D M I W E
 S U E E A A C L U C K Z S H S
 B R L S E A D S R I O W F T N
 S D S Z V R T E G S V O H Y U
 Y E A U A K C V X P D U Q U S
 S S M R W K B S I O V V D G L
 A S E E C A W Q N P T O H O I
 R F I J R M Y J K U E S O Y E
 S E O T I U Q S O M S P M V K
 Q B A S E B A L L B T F W S T
 G N I P M A C G T F W I K Q V

BASEBALL
 CAMPING
 FLOWERS
 HIKING
 LEMONADE
 MOSQUITOES
 POOL
 POPSICLE
 SANDALS
 SUNGLASSES
 SUNSCREEN
 SUNSET
 VACATION

Kanye controversy

The rapper's return to social media may have not been a good move



by **Sylvia Larson**
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The famous rapper Kanye West has been making waves recently, after reactivating his controversial twitter account. He's been the center of controversy many times in the past, but his brand has always continued to grow – leading people to believe that he exaggerates his opinions to get media attention for his up-coming albums.

Kanye is no stranger to bad press. In 2005, he was quoted as saying that AIDS is a man-made disease. He has an extensive history of getting mad at awards shows and magazines for not praising his work, and in 2011, he compared himself to Hitler, saying "I walk through the hotel and I walk down the street, and people look at me like I'm... insane, like I'm Hitler."

Recently, West made comments citing slavery as a "choice." He told MTV "When you hear about slavery for 400 years ... For 400 years? That sounds like a choice."

Senior Zeb Johnson, a fan of West's music, believes that Kanye's music should be disconnected from his opinions. "I've also come to grips with his idiocy, and I do not support him as a person, while I still enjoy his music," he stated, "I am disappointed in his most recent comments. He has surpassed his previous actions, and has reached a new level of ignorance. It seems like he is willfully ignorant of politics, and is just spewing words based on what his instincts are."

That brings up a good question on where the line is to stop supporting someone. Is West's victim blaming enough to get him off the air for good? Some radio stations seem to think so. More than a few notable stations have pulled Kanye from their air, and others have just refused to play him until this controversy blows over.

It is theorized that West gets a little bit controversial whenever a new album is in the works, but it is unclear whether or not his recent comments are specifically to garner attention..

Senior Spotlights

Mark John Vandernick



SENIOR PROJECT: Raised and released pheasants

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Baseball, Football, Sending it

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST: Getting good rest in class

FUTURE PLANS Study electrical engineering at SDSU. And finding the true meaning of "Doing it for State."

Clayton Bonte



SENIOR PROJECT: Forging a knife

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Football, NHS, Navy DEP

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST: I'll miss hating the iPads

FUTURE PLANS: I'll be in Charleston training for the Navy.

Trump backs US out of Iran nuclear deal

Future is uncertain after questionable move by Trump

by **Isaiah Miles Mader**
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President Donald Trump backed the United States out of the Iran nuclear deal which was established in 2015. The deal was formed by the P5+1, which is U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China, and Germany. Trump said on Tuesday that he was re-imposing sanctions on part of Iran's oil sector which was part of the original deal, forcing the U.S. to completely pull out.

Trump has held a disapproving view of the Iran deal since its establishment and stated he would put an

end to it if he won the election. Countries around the world pleaded with the U.S. President to stay in the agreement, but Trump tuned them out.

Trump said, "We cannot prevent an Iranian bomb under the decaying and rotten structure of the current agreement therefore, I am announcing today that the United States will withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal."

Even with the U.S. pulling out of the deal, it is not instantly ended since the other five countries are remaining part of it and keeping their sanctions off. Iran announced

on Monday that they would stay in the deal and continue to comply with the restrictions. The backing out could also have adverse effects on allies such as Israel who are not on good terms with Iran.

The removal of the U.S. from the Iran deal has come with negative feedback from countries and their leaders. Nobody is certain of what Iran will do meaning this move could lead to their development of a nuclear bomb, leaving the U.S. with two options. Let Iran build a nuclear bomb, or start a war in an attempt to stop it.

Hawaiian and Super Volcanoes

by **Mason Hofer**
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Panic has spread through Hawaii due to the risk that its most active volcano, Kilauea, has a high risk of "explosive eruptions."

Drone footage showed a streak of lava slithering its way through forest land and heading toward a town called Pahoa. Due to this the Governor of Hawaii has declared a mandatory evacuation, of civilizations in the area, including Leilani Estates, Makamae, Ho'okupu, Kaupili, Mohala, and lower Leilani Streets.

About 1700 residents live in these towns and are being forced to evacuate, but over 10,000 people live in vicinity of the volcano. The Governor of Hawaii requested the aid of National Guard to help with evacuations. They are now using a nearby community center as a shelter for people who are evacuated.

Last week there was a small eruption at the volcano, and earthquakes spread through the island, the highest magnitude it reached was magnitude 5. On Thursday, the eruption started in the late afternoon, lava burst and splashed for about two hours. The eruption damaged lots of trees but no severe damage to civilizations.

After the eruption things have been on cool down and there hasn't been signs of another eruption, but scientists have told residents to monitor the situation closely if that were not the case.

It is very well known that an inactive supervolcano lies underneath the national park of Yellowstone. But, this inactive volcano may not stay inactive for very long. The world's tallest geyser keeps erupting, this is odd because it rarely erupts.

The eruptions dispersed about 200 to 400 cubic meters of water each explosion which is about 10 times more than Ol' Faithful.

Before these eruptions the last time it had erupted was September, of 2014. These are signs that could lead to the eruption of the supervolcano that lies under Yellowstone, even though it is not predicted to erupt for about 1000 years.

The odds of this volcano erupting in any given year is about 730,000 to one. If this volcano were to erupt, ash would be spread everywhere within about 500 miles of Yellowstone. It would put South Dakota in about 4 inches of grey ash, this would destroy all of our crops.

After the explosion, it would disperse of tons of gasses, out of these gasses, sulfur dioxide is one of them. Sulfur oxide is a gas that can block the sun and cause the earth to cool down, it is also very damaging to our atmosphere. Scientists are monitoring this volcano very closely for any signs of this explosion.

Golf fills schedules, multiple meets

by **Greg Arana**
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There have been multiple golf meets this week and there's only two left. A week ago the Varsity golfers had their Big East Conference meet and on Monday, May 7, the JH golfers went to their Big East Conference (BEC). Tuesday, May 8, four golfers traveled to the Colman-Eagan golf invite. The next day a couple golfers went to the MCM meet.

At the varsity BEC the girls team finished 5th with a total score of 316. Freshman, Peyton Hove, placed 5th for the girls with a score of 92 only four strokes behind first place. The boys also finished 5th with a score of 275. Senior, Isaiah Mader, finished 5th with a final score of 82 only three behind first place.

Mader said, "I feel like there's always room for improvement but overall the season hasn't been too bad.

With two meets left and State coming up in June Mader added, "We still have some areas to improve, but I think we all have a good chance at making State if we play how we should."

The JH girls placed 1st at BEC with a score of 150 and the JH boys finished 4th with a score of 148. At the Colman-Eagan meet the JV boys placed 4th with a score 398. Freshman, Sam Konechne, finished 15th



Isaiah Mader lines up his putt in recent action. He's had a successful year, coming in 5th most recently at the BEC in Sioux Valley.

overall with a score of 119.

At the MCM meet on Wednesday Freshman, Peyton Hove, placed 5th for the girls with a 90 and 7th grader, Cooper Long, placed 9th with a 93.

From rarely having a practice at the beginning of the season

to having a meet left and right it's seems like the golfers have had an overall good season. They hope to do good in the next two meets and possibly make it to State.

Senior Spotlight

Erik Hanson

SENIOR PROJECT:
Filming a school promotional video

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Basketball, Track

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Lunch
Conversations

FUTURE PLANS:
Attending McDonald's University

