



The inaugural fall formal is tomorrow night at the American Legion for all high school students.

# Blue Ink



## Talk saves lives: suicide awareness and prevention assembly

*Flanagan presents to student body as part of her senior project*

by Peyton Sage  
staff writer

Senior Jaden Flanagan presented her senior project on Wednesday to the middle school and high school. Flanagan's project is raising awareness about the growing rate of suicide due to unspoken mental illnesses.

"I think it really opened people's eyes about the increase in numbers of suicide," Flanagan said. Suicide is the 10th leading



Jaden's personal connection was just one reason why she chose to educate people on suicide awareness and prevention for her senior project.

Photo by Isaiah Miles Mader

cause of death in America, and the 2nd leading cause of death in ages 10-44.

Flanagan's intention was not to sadden her audience, but to talk about a highly sensitive subject to show its affect on people everywhere.

Her presentation also fit in well with the middle school's current action plan to end harassment by hanging up anti-bullying posters, as bullying is a growing problem along with suicide, and often one of the factors in why people commit suicide.

Jaden Flanagan's senior project showed that the more suicide is talked about, the more it can be prevented, because even one suicide is far too many.



Jaden and her mentor Angela Drake have visited multiple schools in the area to educate students on suicide prevention and the stigma that goes with mental health issues.

Photo by Isaiah Miles Mader

Over 44,000 people die from suicide each year in the United States. Globally, someone commits suicide every 40 seconds. Flana-

## Time to hit the mats

*Garretson wrestling season underway this week with some veteran, some new faces*

by Mason Hofer  
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Wrestling season officially started practices Monday, November 13 after school.

With the loss of a few seniors and other wrestlers, just like every year some new grapplers will be brought up to the test.

New wrestlers this year are sophomores James Widrig and AJ Carver and freshmen Isaiah Robinson and Parker Schlenker. But stepping into the shoes of three veteran wrestlers who graduated last year must be earned.

"We will fill those spots with

athletes that lived in the weight room all summer long and we will also be utilizing our new athletes when they are comfortable and ready to perform at that level," said head coach Francis Ruml.

The wrestlers are in good hands as they have experienced coaches to guide them to success. Coach Ruml has been in Garretson for three years and Coach Bohl 25 years.

"I'm hoping that we can fill all of our weight classes. We have some veteran wrestlers that I am hoping to get some leadership out of to help our younger and less experienced wrestlers. If we

maintain a healthy lineup, we will be a tough team to compete against," said Coach Ruml.

Garretson returns all three of their state qualifiers from last season: Hayden Pierret, Chayce Schleuter, and Keaten Wagner. Although these grapplers may be wrestling in different weight classes this year, that does not take away from their skill and intensity when stepping on the mat.

Pinning Canton, Beresford, Bon Homme, and Philip as the toughest competition this year, Coach Ruml has confidence in his squad, "We have a group of athletes that are not afraid to fail. They are hungry to wrestle tough opponents and that is a great quality to have when you have nothing to lose."

### This Week's Need to Know

**FACT OF THE WEEK:** According to Roto-Rooter, the day after Thanksgiving is the busiest for plumbers.

**LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:** Like fluffy mashed potatoes? Add a little baking powder.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** What sound does a turkey with a limp make?

**BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:** Unscramble this anagram to reveal a fact about turkeys.

LEGS TO BOMB

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

### Upcoming Events

**Friday, November 17**

- PTO Movie Night—Cars 3 (7:00)

**Saturday, November 18**

- Fall Formal @ American Legion (8:00-11:30)

**Tuesday, November 21**

- PreK-5 Music Concert (7:00)

**Wednesday, November 22**

- No School—Thanksgiving Break

**Thursday, November 23**

- No School—Thanksgiving Break

- HAPPY THANKSGIVING

**Friday, November 24**

- No School—Thanksgiving Break

**Monday, November 27**

- BBB Practice Begins

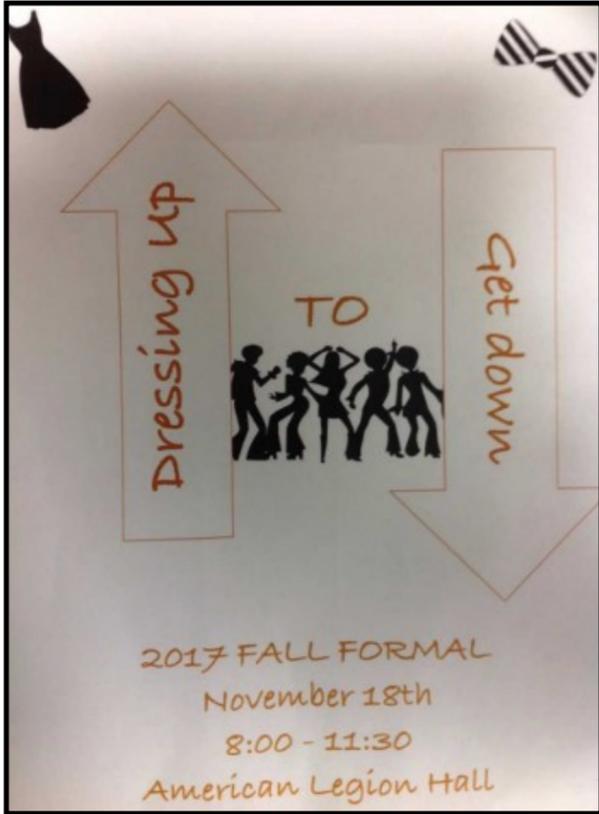
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### Worth Mentioning

**Cars 3** is showing tonight at 7:00. The Garretson PTO is hosting a family movie night in the old gym. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy. Along with offering a free movie, the PTO is providing popcorn at no cost to all in attendance. The only things needed are something to sit on and a beverage in a closed container.

**Two-day week** next week. School is in session Monday and Tuesday and then there is a five-day hiatus until you have to come back on Monday, November 27.

**Thanksgiving** looks to be above average. The seven-day outlook projects highs in the 50s..



## Dressing up to get down

*GHS' first ever fall formal slated for tomorrow evening at the Legion*

by **Peyton Sage**  
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The fall formal takes place tomorrow evening at the Legion from 8:00 to 11:30, doors close at 8:30. Many boys and girls already have their dates and outfits picked out, along with plans to go out to eat beforehand. Many others, however, are being more nonchalant by going stag or with a friend, and getting things ready last minute.

Garretson High School student council

members will begin setting up the decorations Friday after school, then bring in the beverages and snacks on Saturday before the dance begins.

There will be a photo backdrop for dates and friends to take pictures, a separate sitting area from the dance floor where WOW! Entertainment will DJ, and plenty of people to have a good time with.

Because this is Garretson's first formal for all of the people currently in high school, the student council encourages everybody to show up and make the most out of this event.

The formal is free, so the students of Garretson High and their "plus ones" might as well have the time of their lives!

## Nothstine qualifies for state

by **Heather Huether**  
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On Tuesday the Oral Interp team traveled to SDSU in Brookings, for the regional competition. Three students competed to qualify for state in their category.

Nobel Nothstine finished in second in poetry, landing her a spot at state. Nothstine qualified last year but did so in Non-Original Oratory.

"I'm definitely excited and happy to go to state again. It was a great experience last year," said Nothstine. She furthered, "Last year I got a feel of how many people are going to be here, and what the judges are really looking for. So I definitely think I have a step up going this year again."

Also competing was Sylvia Larson who earned second alternate, 5th place, in humorous at regionals. Sister duo Angel Larson and Sylvia Larson got 6th in duet.

Advisor Mr. Terwee reflected on the season, "The highlight of the year for me has been how many different people obtained superior ratings at various contests," said Mr. Terwee.

Despite graduating some solid interpers this year, Lana Braswell and Sylvia Larson, there is a promising group of young fine artists including a strong sophomore class that includes Nothstine, Larson, and Kara Ross.

Nothstine will travel to Aberdeen for the state competition on December 2.

## Black Friday, crazy deals just around the corner

by **Greg Arana**  
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Black Friday will take place on November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving. This is traditionally the day where stores start to see profits, flipping from the red to the black.

It is estimated that this year the average shopper will spend upwards of \$950 and the total amount of money spent will be around \$682 billion.

In 2016 there were around 137 million people that went Black Friday shopping, and that

number is estimated to rise significantly this year.

Many stores hire seasonal workers to help manage the holiday rush; it is estimated that stores will hire between 500,000-550,000 people this year.

or some stores Black Friday starts on Thursday at 6pm or even before that but other stores like to stick with the traditional midnight openings.

For the one's that don't want to be elbow to elbow with people they can go shopping on Cyber Monday which takes place on November 27th.

## NHS gathers items for local food pantry

*Over 40 work to help those who are less fortunate*

by **Isaiah Miles Mader**  
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Last night, the National Honor Society cruised the streets of Garretson with a goal of getting food donations to supplement the supply of the local food pantry. The idea arose when NHS advisor, Mrs. Howe, heard of the shortage of items at the food pantry and thought this would be a great way to help and support our town. She said, "I think it is important to do things outside of the school and help out the community."

NHS members collected everything from toiletries to canned goods. The crew of about 40 students split off into small

groups, each with designated areas of town to stop at as many houses as possible. And with the winter months setting in, the need is greater than ever.

Senior Mikayla Bottelberghe who helped with collecting food said, "Even though it was freezing cold outside, I knew this was for a good cause and I really enjoyed talking to the people I met at the door and it was amazing to see how generous the people really are. It was overall a really

good experience because not many people will bring food to the food pantry, so by us going out and collecting things was very helpful and a fun time."

With the help of the community, NHS gathered over 35 grocery bags full of food and over a dozen bags full of toiletries. In addition to the products, the GHS NHS also made a monetary contribution. All of this will be donated to the Garretson Food Pantry.



These students traversed the town of Garretson last night, gathering food and other daily necessities to donate to the local food pantry. Their efforts resulted in over 50 grocery bags worth of food, paper towels, and other toiletry items.

## Thanksgiving Food Student Opinion Poll

*Results show no love for Turkey as favorite Thanksgiving food*

