



It's American Education Week. Take time to thank someone who has made your school experience more enjoyable.



# Veterans day gives opportunity to honor those who served

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Every year since November 11, 1919, we honor veterans for their sacrifice and commitment to our country. This year marked the 100th annual Veterans Day nation wide.

On Monday, November 12th, Garretson School put on a community Veterans Day Program. This program consisted of music by the band and choir, a presentation by elementary kids, and readings by high school students to honor those who served and are currently serving.

Sophomore, Cody Erickson, has experienced life with a parent in the Military first hand. "This definitely made my life different, we had to move multiple times in short periods of time," stated Erickson. "There was one time I remember in particular that my dad was deployed for two years," said Erickson.

Mr. Ruml, a fourth grade teacher in Garretson, made the courageous decision to join the National Guard last spring. Ruml said, "The decision was definitely not easy, especially with a wife and daughter, but I did it to serve my country and community." What inspired Ruml most was the will to want to serve and the benefits that come along with it.

The meaning of Veterans Day isn't the same for everyone. Ruml said, "After joining the guards, the meaning of Veterans Day has a lot more meaning and I appreciate it so much more." He feels this way because he now knows generally what those who fought went through.

Veterans Day and Memorial Day both honor our armed forces. The difference is Memorial Day honors the lives lost in our nation's war, and Veterans Day honors everyone who served in the military.

Garretson middle and high school students share emcee honors for the annual Veterans' Day program, organized by Bob and Liz Bennet.

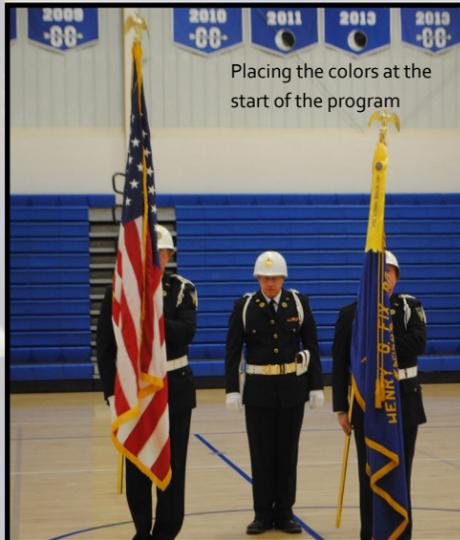
The middle school choir students and elementary students each performed musical selections. Elementary students acted out a selection from a book that focused on impactful people in US history.



Elementary's patriotic musical performance



Mr. Ruml chose to join the National Guard



Placing the colors at the start of the program



Elementary students played different roles of important people in American history

Justin Stoterau received a certificate commemorating his opportunity to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Also receiving certificates were Aliah Lymon, Malia Johnson, and Peyton Hove.



The middle school choir performed a song for the Veterans' Day program. Starting off the song were Raegan Altman, Grace Hove, and Sydney Olson.



## This Week's Need to Know

### FACT OF THE WEEK:

To produce just one pound of honey, a bee needs to visit two million flowers.

### LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK:

When watching something on your phone, prop it up on sunglasses so it doesn't slip down.

### JOKE OF THE WEEK:

Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?"

### BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK:

What can't be used until it is broken?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, November 16

- PTO Movie Night – Hotel Transylvania 3 (7:00)

### Saturday, November 17

- Fall Formal @ Legion (8:00)

### Monday, November 19

- FFA @ Menno (4:00)  
- MS/HS Choir Concert (7:00)

### Wednesday, November 21

- No School

### Thursday, November 22

- No School  
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING

### Friday, November 23

- No School

### Monday, November 26

- Basketball practice starts

## Worth Mentioning

### Choose Kind

- November Precept: "Have no friends not equal to yourself."  
- October Precept: "Your deeds are your monuments."  
- September Precept: "When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind." - Dr. Wayne Dyer

**Thank you** to those who have served our nation in one way or the other. Veterans' Day was a great reminder of the sacrifices you make for the greater good.

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# FFA performs well at district contest

*Two teams and individual qualify for state competition*

Sports teams aren't the only ones who can qualify for state competitions. Multiple programs have seen success in the past including oral interp, the one-act, and FFA.

Garretson's chapter members competed in the district competition earlier this week, advancing two teams and one individual to the state contest at the beginning of December.

The Ag Sales team placed first. The team consisted of Jacob Schmidt, Evan Bly, Isaiah Robinson, and Hayden Stoterau.

Market plan also advanced to state with a second place finish. Garretson participants are Kennedy Houghton, James Nussbaum, and Keisha Veldkamp.

Individually Tessa Pederson took first place in extemporaneous speaking.

Other groups to compete were the Parliamentary Procedure team who finished third (Pederson, Bly, Houghton, Schmidt, Caeden Bunde, and Brady Malsom), Conduct of a Chapter Meeting, placing third (Madison Decker, Drew Pederson, Logan Bly, Autumn Gaspar, Anna Jones, Sarah Welch, and Jenna VanHolland), the Ag Communications

team finishing fourth (Alex Stephenson, T. Pederson, Nobel Nothstine, and Madison Decker).

Other Individuals competing were Decker and Cody Erickson in Broadcasting, Arianna Omine and Houghton in Job Interview, Ella Nelson in Extemporaneous Speaking, and T. Pederson and D. Pederson in Public Speaking.

Running for district officers were Decker, Schmidt and T. Pederson. Pederson was selected for reporter.

The state competition for these leadership development events will be held December 2 and 3.



Eight Garretson FFA members (two teams, one individual) advanced to state based on their finishes at the district contest this week. Photos by Ms. Alysia Kientopf

# Wild fire out of control

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Every year more than 100,000 wildfires burn 4 to 5 million acres of land. On Nov. 2018, Mother Nature has come down hard into Big Bend, California. There is a wildfire called Camp Fire that has been turning forests and structures into ashes.

No one knows what the cause is of the wildfire, but the conditions that should be met in that is a dry underbrush, combined with winds and hot temperatures are perfect for the ground for fires to ignite. It is also making it difficult for firefighters to make any ground on containing the flames.

With the death toll rising to more than 60, this is the worst wildfire in the U.S. and the deadliest ever for the state of California.

The devastation of Camp Fire is only compounded as another fire, the Woolsey Fire is burning up another area of the state. Between the two fires, more than 230,000 acres have been burned; this includes both rural and urban areas.

Even if homes are not affected, air quality has been severely lessened due to the massive burning. People are encouraged to find respirators or masks and limit outdoor activities.

Wildfires are most common in the spring from when the snow melts until foliage fully appears. Fall can also be a time of heightened concern when foliage begins to drop. Since its start on November 8, this wildfire could last more than five weeks.

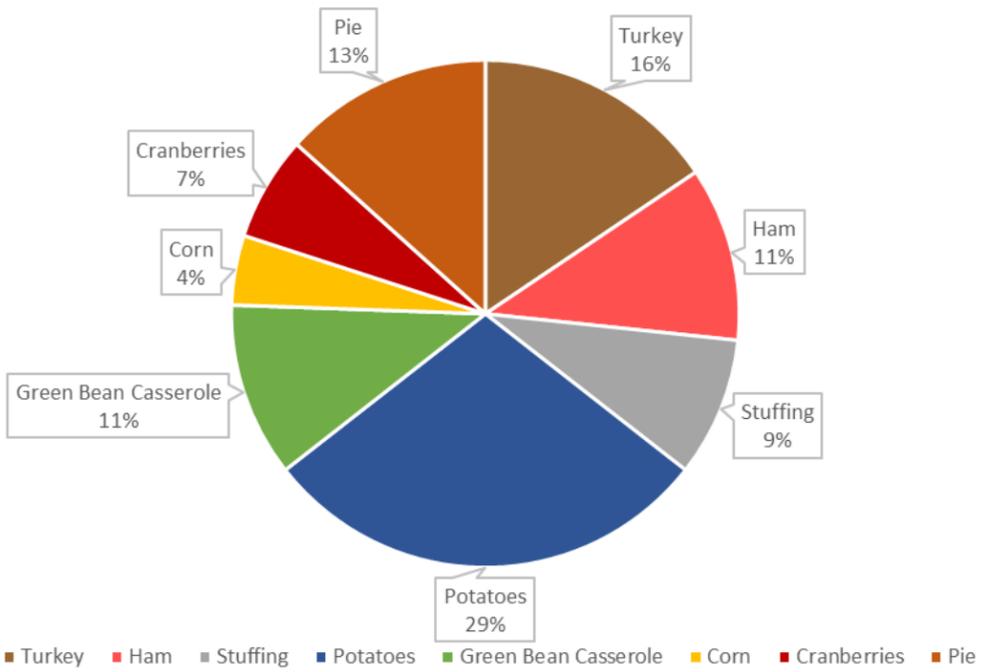
South Dakota is able to have something similar happen if the conditions are met. Just last year there were multiple fire outbreaks that required extra support to contain. Black Hills National Forest Central Zone Fire is doing a project that will establish and maintain a mosaic of vegetation conditions over the project area and it will also lessen the severity and extent of future wildfires.

# Student Opinion Poll *Favorite Thanksgiving food*

Students were asked which food they were most looking forward to eating this Thanksgiving.



Potatoes came out on top. Ap"peel"ing to the most because of their variety of preparations (cheesy, scalloped, mashed, baked, etc).



# RIP to a legend

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"There will never be another Stan Lee. For decades he provided both young and old with adventure, escape, comfort, confidence, inspiration, strength, friendship, and joy," tweeted Chris Evans (Captain America) on November 12 when he found out about Stan Lee's death.

Stan Lee, a legend in the Marvel Universe, creator of Hulk, Spider-Man, and the X-Men, died on Monday, November 12th in the Los Ange-

les hospital from pneumonia.

He was born in New York City on December 28, 1922, to Romanian-born Jewish immigrants. He started as an office assistant at Timely Comics in 1939 and became a part-time editor for the company in the early 1940s. Working as a writer and illustrator, Stan Lee served in the army during World War II.



In the early '60s, Lee was asked to create a series for Marvel Comics (Timely Comics' new name). This series would be competing against their rival DC Comics' hit "Justice League of America."

With lots of writing influencers and with artist and co-creator Jack

Kirby, the Fantastic Four was born in 1961. Following the success of the Fantastic Four, new characters sprung from Lee and his Marvel unit, including Hulk, Spider-Man, Doctor Strange, Daredevil, the X-Men, and much more.

Marvel Comics continued its popularity through comic books and expanded to TV shows and the big screen. Marvel movies have turned into a popular franchise. One of the things Lee is known for is his cameo appearances in every Marvel movie.

"I owe it all to you,,,"Rest in Peace Stan..." tweeted Robert Downey Jr. (Iron Man).

R.I.P. to a legend. We'll miss you Stanley Martin Lieber (Stan Lee).

# Oral interp season comes to an end

*Two Garretson orators selected as alternate to state competition*

by **Jayden Clark**  
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The Garretson Oral Interpretation Team finished their season Tuesday, November 12, with their final meet in Brookings for regional competition.

Junior Angel Larson placed sixth in the humorous category, siblings Kara and Luke Ross placed fifth in duet, freshman Morgan Moritz placed fourth in storytelling, and junior Noble Nothstine placed fourth in poetry. Moritz and Nothstine's fourth place finishes

earned them each an alternate spot at the State Oral Interpretation competition for their divisions respectively. Last year, graduated senior Sylvia Larson and Nothstine had qualified for state.

Moritz, who is finishing just her first year of oral interp, said, "I am pretty satisfied with this season, and it was overall a good first season." Moritz's goals for next year include winning a competition, qualifying for state, and having fun. She accomplished two of these goals, and was

points away from accomplishing the third.

Oral interp coach, Mr. Terwee, said, "I am pleased with the improvement from the competitors."

Moritz said, "I did win my second meet with a Superior Plus. I almost made it to state but was just a couple points off. I had a fun though. It was a good experience." Moritz's goals for next year include winning more meets and qualifying for state. She is really looking forward to competing more next year.

The oral interp season

was cut short this year for Garretson participants, and for many other participants in schools around the region, due to various conflicts, ranging from football games to All-State Choir. Terwee stated, "I wish we could've got another meet or two in, but there were just too many conflicts."

When asked what he would say to anyone considering joining Oral Interp, Terwee said, "We have lots of fun with it, and if you enjoy performing you would really enjoy it!"

# Wrestlers hit the mat

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The Garretson wrestling started practices this week, working for a hopefully successful season.

There is lots of hype for the wrestling season with many of the boys working towards their goal of making it to state. Though they lost perennial state qualifying contenders Jack Konechne, Chayce Schleuter, and Keaten Wagner to graduation, there is still lots of potential for a successful season.

Johnson was a win away from a state berth last year. Fellow senior Hayden Pierret is looking to make his fourth consecutive trip to state.

Dakota Johnson is excited for the season because this year there will be a lot of new people on the roster. There will be good senior leadership and he believes the season will be successful.

With high hopes for this season and a solid team, though mostly young, there are a few teams that will stand in their way. According to Johnson, those teams will be McCook Central-Montrose and Canton, considering the C-Hawks have won the past two years at state.

The weight class that the Garretson wrestlers will struggle the most is the middle class which is weighing around that 140 to 160 pound area. The Blue Dragons are excited about the season and are ready to see what it has to offer.

## Senior Spotlight

### SENIOR PROJECT:

Building a deck

### ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Football, Basketball,  
& Baseball

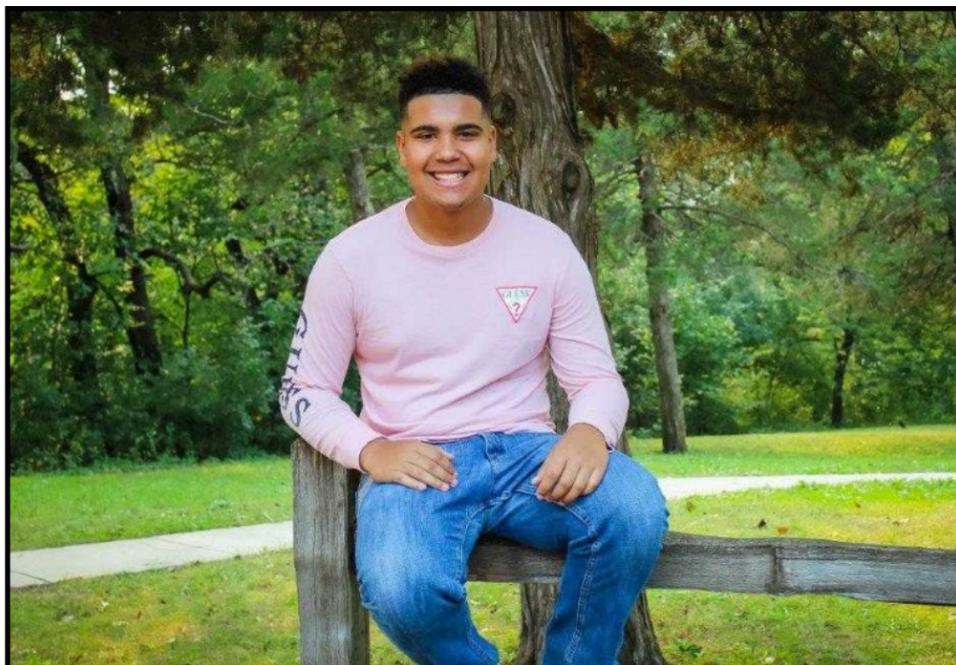
### WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:

Me and Ms. Gloe getting into arguments about sleeping in study hall

### PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Attend LATI for mechanics

### Savonne Grotewold



## Trump at it again

*Heated press conference, questions lead to more discrepancies between president and media*

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On November 7, a press conference was held at the White House about the recent mid-term elections. Jim Acosta, reporter for CNN, was questioning President Trump about the congressional elections. Acosta was interrupted by a White House staff member who was trying to grab the microphone from Acosta after Trump ask him to be banned and thrown out from the White House. Because of these actions, compounding on others, Acosta is suing Trump.

Hearing that Trump is getting sued might either be a surprise or not due to all the times he has been in the news controversially ever since presidential campaign run in 2016.

Trump said that Acosta was violating procedure and being rude to the White House due to Acosta asking about the midterms and how Trump feels about migrants coming into the country. In that same instance, Acosta

brought up Trump's campaign ad showing people jumping walls and fences which made Trump heated and asked for him to stop talking.

During Acosta questioning Trump, some believe Acosta was attacking the president verbally, talking about how far the migrants are away from the states. Trump then asked for him to sit down after he said, "How about you let me run the country and you run CNN," but Acosta didn't stop asking the question which led into a staff member trying to grab the microphone from Acosta.

One of the First Amendments is the Right to Free Speech in the United States. CNN and Jim Acosta think Trump might've violated Acosta's rights by taking away his credentials because of his questions.

The lawsuit has been postponed for awhile and there is a hearing today. Jim Acosta will be getting his press pass back today.

## Management change for Premier Center

by **Nobel Nothstine**  
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The monumental manager, who directed bookings at the Denny Sanford Premier Center and oversaw the facility since its opening four years ago, is no longer employed with the company that manages the event center.

Old General Manager Terry Torkildson's employment with SMG, which manages the 13,000-seat entertainment venue as well as the Sioux Falls Arena and Convention Center, Sioux Falls Stadium, and the Orpheum Theater downtown, was terminated this Monday for reasons unbeknownst to the public. The Denny Sanford Center has been an essential location in Sioux Falls since it opened, and this managerial change will affect visitors, performers, and the city itself.

Terry Torkildson helped bring in some of the biggest shows and artists in the US, including Metallica, KISS, Imagine Dragons, Paul McCartney, and comedian Jeff Dunham. Not much is known about Torkildson's replacement, Les Crooks, but the community will be watching closely, as he has big shoes to fill.

With Torkildson's career spanning 30+ years, he drifted from Iowa (Iowa State Center, the Fischer Theater, CY Stevens Auditorium, Hilton Coliseum, Cyclone Stadium, Veteran's Auditorium in Des Moines, and the Des Moines Civic Center) to Sioux Falls in 1992. Heading the Denny Sanford operations since 2014, it's opening year. He brought in bookings to the venue that regularly earned it annual industry award nominations for event ticket sales and attendance.

Torkildson's absence is the second recent staffing change at the Denny Sanford. In July, the venue lost their assistant general manager, Chris Semrau, as he was relocated to Oklahoma City.