



**WINTER 2017-18  
UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**Circus  
2/26/18 @ 7:00**

**Early Dismissal  
2/28/18 @ 1:00**

**Blood Drive  
2:00—5:00  
3/7/18**

**Elementary Play  
3/9/18 @ 7:00  
3/10/18 @ 12:30**

**Pre-K  
Registration  
3/15/18  
Call the school  
to make an  
Appointment**

**Family Reading  
Night  
March 15**



**Galeton Rotary Shows GASD Support in Multiple Ways**

By Eva Olofson

On January 11, 2018, Galeton high school students from eleventh grade participated in a controversial writing topic contest sponsored by the Galeton Rotary Club. In this contest presenters had to use The Four Way Test which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor. In this test writers were answering if their topic was the truth, if it was fair to all concerned, if it would build goodwill and better friendships, and finally, if it was beneficial to all concerned. The four way test has to prove what they were stating or believed in and was good. There were many great presentations and reports written.

Mrs. Graber reviews the premise of the four way test and encourages students to participate in the competition. In the competition Aidan Locke placed first; Eva Olofson placed second, and Marika Lechler placed third. Overall, it was a great experience for all students involved to step out of their comfort zones and put together something that took hard work.

In addition to the contest, the Galeton Rotary also made a donation to principal, Clyde Pierce, on the Night of Giving, January 25, 2018. The school appreciates the support the rotary has shown the students and the school.



# News

## Teen Conference

By Rae-Ann Hall

The 7th and 8th graders and some teacher chaperones went to Northern Potter on Friday, November 17 for the Annual Teen Conference. Many students from other schools attended as well.

There were many activities the students could pick to attend during the teen conference. These sessions are informative about issues teens face or possible future careers. Lunch was included for the students and teachers. The students were able to interact with students from other schools that were all the same age.

At the beginning of this years conference there was a magician. He told students about his life, and showed magic tricks along with his story of his life. He even let some volunteers from the audience help with the tricks.

I went to the conference, and I had a great time. The first session I went to was "Healthy Relationships;" there I learned about good and bad types of relationships. Then for the second session I went to "Positive Body Image;" there I learned to feel good about myself.

After the second session all the students went to the seats in front of the stage to listen to a band. While the band was playing students talked with other students or just listened to the music. This years band was called "Marshmallow Overcoat". They played many songs; some of their own, and some covers that some students sang along with.

I interviewed Addison Hershey to see how she felt about the conference. I asked her how she liked the opportunity to interact with other students. She said, "I had a good experience of communicating and learning more about other students and the topics we were covering. Also, it was a fun day with my friends."

Overall the conference is very fun. I'm very thankful that the schools make this happen.

## Possible ASL Class at Galeton?

By Danielle Claycomb

The deaf community is one I hold close to me because my great grandma is deaf, and so is my friend Rebekah Quinn. My grandma doesn't know sign language because she was never taught it. She reads lips, which is difficult because some words are hard to decipher when reading lips. Rebekah was born deaf and has always communicated in sign language. It's hard for me to talk to her though because I don't know as much sign language as she does.

I've talked to Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Rohrbaugh about starting an ASL class, and they are both open to it. The only problem with this idea is finding a teacher for the class. Mrs. Rohrbaugh and I talked about the online class, but it's not as interactive. If it was a class though, it would count as a credit or half credit, depending on how often the class met.

We also talked about maybe having a club because we have enough students here that know sign language, and they could teach it, as long as they are willing to take on that responsibility. Either way, I hope an ASL class will be available to us in the near future.

Photo submitted by:

Danielle Claycomb



# GHS SPORTS

## JV/Varsity Boys Basketball

By: Shelby Gardner

The Junior Varsity and Varsity Boy Basketball season is coming to an end. The boys worked hard this season. The team has a new coach this year, Josh Shuemaker. The team has done well under his direction.

“He’s the best basketball coach I’ve ever had.” says Joel Griffen a junior on the team. When I asked the coach how he liked coaching, he said, “I enjoy coaching these boys, they work hard and they are fun to be around.”

At the start of the season Coach Shumaker said, “I feel that we have a good shot to beat every team we play and go to districts and make some noise.” Ty Stover, a freshman, said, “I think we are starting off better than ever, and it will only get better from here.”

When asked, Jake Cochran and Ty Stover said turnovers and teamwork were some weaknesses of the team. They said some strengths would be defense and shooting. Jake said presses are another thing the team could improve on.

Chris Mashula and Julian Martinez are the only Seniors playing on the team this year, so there will be a lot of experience returning for next year’s season.

The Boy’s season record as of 2/8/18 was 5-11. In the conference they are 5-9.



## Galeton Girls Basketball

Galeton Lady Tigers JV and Varsity basketball team is coached by Andrew Macensky and assisted by Willy Shadle. They are experienced coaches that have coached the girls for a very long time. The girls were off to a great start this season with the varsity taking a win at the annual Williamson Tip Off Tournament and the JV taking second place. The varsity also attended the Mansfield Christmas tournament and took third place.

The only senior, Makaya Shadle, started her season off by reaching the goal of one thousand career points in an away game at Coudersport. They may have lost the game, but Makaya’s thousandth point was definitely the highlight.

The girls work hard and work well as a team. They stay very determined as they practice everyday of the week. The girls all love the game, and it shows in how they play on the court and at practice. The team is 10-10 overall and 5-9 in conference. They are competing at districts.



# Elementary News

## Elementary play

Shayla McKinney

The GASD elementary play is on March 9th and 10th; the the Friday show is at 7pm, and the Saturday show is at 12:30 pm. Mrs. Dimon and Miss Green pick the play each year. The play this year is called "The Aliens Are Coming! The Aliens Are Coming!", and play practice is Monday through Thursday every week.

The play is about a young brother and sister who are trying to keep their business going. There is a convention being held, and everyone wants to book a room. The place is filled right up. All of the sudden strange things happen, and people say they were abducted by aliens. Everyone worries that the aliens are coming to get them. If you want to know more about what happens make sure you come to the play!

They wanted to do this play because they never did a play about aliens, and it sounded really funny. The play's main characters are Peggy Albright, Mayor Mintweed, Doug, Captain Davis, the aliens, and Sheriff Chickamauga.

Miss Green and Mrs. Dimon said, "Why go to a movie when Galeton has the best actors?" They also said the hardest part about the play is when the kids don't come to practice, and the best part is when the kids talent is shining on the stage opening night. A lot of time and commitment is put into the production of the play by Miss Green and Mrs. Dimon. They think that it would be nice to have more free time, but they would miss the kids too much. Students should join the elementary play because it is a lot of fun, and it gives them an opportunity to experience the stage!

## Snowflake Dance

Article and Photo By Mikayla Schott

This year for the fourth through sixth graders, the elementary ROAR committee and teachers decided to put on a dance. They called it the Snowflake Dance. To put the dance together it required the participation of the staff at GASD, the ROAR committee members, and the parents of all the students involved

When I talked to Miss Valenti she said that a lot of the faculty and staff helped. Mr. Ruef and his staff helped with the music and set-up of the tables. Mr. Ogden helped put up the ropes for the snowflakes. Mrs. Stuckey decorated the photo area. Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Doud chaperoned. Mrs. Seibert gave them the snowflake decorations. Without these people the dance would not have been possible.

The parents of the students also played a big roll in the dance. When I talked to Miss. Valenti she said that Mr. and Mrs. Schott donated balloons and that Mrs. Schott had wonderful ideas for decorating and put a lot of time and work into the dance. Miss Valenti also wants to give a big thanks to all of the ROAR teams parents for all of their help and support.

The parents and staff did an outstanding job of helping out with the dance; however, the ROAR committee had the idea. Miss Valenti said that her ROAR team did an outstanding job of planning and organizing this event.

The ROAR committee, their parents, and the faculty and staff all worked together and because of that the dance was a huge success. Miss Valenti said that she would absolutely have another dance.

