



# HYANNIS LONGHORNS



*Staying in the loop with Hyannis Area Schools*



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## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

*By Juliana Merrihew*

Hyannis Public Schools ushered in the new school year with a back-to-school night on Tuesday, August 15th. Students and their families arrived at 5 pm to enjoy a dinner of freshly grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Chips, watermelon, and drinks were also served. For dessert, people could go out the east door and get free snow cones! It was the perfect end-of-summer celebration.

After the meal, students toured the school, checked out laptops, talked to teachers, and reunited with their friends. At 6:30, Mr. Hawk and Mrs. Rice led a sports meeting in the gym. They explained school policies on eligibility as well as the expectations for the sports year. To close the evening, the volleyball and football coaches held parent meetings. The end of summer can be tough, but the Hyannis school year got off to a great start at the back-to-school night with snow cones and watermelon!

## BIRDS EYE VIEW

*By Travis Hawk*

It is hard to believe how fast the summer went by, but we are so excited to be back in session for the 2022-2023 school year. I hope everyone has had a chance to stop by and see the updates to the school and how amazing the new flooring looks.

The fundraising efforts through the Community Improvement Fund helped make purchasing new lecture hall seats more affordable as over \$35,000 has been raised so far for this project. The new seats are scheduled to be installed prior to the Christmas Concert towards the end of the 2nd quarter.

If you have an elementary student, you will notice the extra steps we have taken to provide a safer environment for drop-off in the mornings. If possible, we would like to eliminate students running through the parking lot. We have the parking lot cleared now, so it is possible to drive the "loop" and drop off your child while you stay in the car. When you pick up, please make sure your child stays by you as you walk back to the car. We have had some close calls of children running out ahead of their parents. When driving through the parking lot, please be extra slow and cautious and prepare for a little one to dart out at any time.

To follow school safety expert recommendations we really only want adults and guests entering the building if they come in the Main Entrance on the East side of the building. This enables us to know who is in the building and to better protect the children. Also, to follow school safety recommendations we would prefer the drop-off occur outside of the building and not before 7:45.

I want to thank our community for the amazing support of our school system. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to educate the children of this great community, largely because of the outstanding support we get from parents and other patrons of the district. I hope you all can come out and support the Longhorns as September will be a busy month of activities! Go Longhorns!!!

## FAMILIAR FACE IN A NEW PLACE: MRS. DAVIS

*By Juliana Merrihew*

Hyannis Area Schools is excited to welcome Amanda Davis as the new sixth-grade teacher this year! Although this is her first time teaching full-time in Hyannis, it is not her first time in the classroom. Mrs. Davis has been a substitute teacher for multiple school districts and worked as a 4-H Youth Development Agent for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Missouri, and Kansas State University. These experiences allowed her to develop multiple skills needed to manage a classroom.

Mrs. Davis has also served in the army and later completed her Bachelor's Degree from Kansas State University. In 2017, she moved to Hyannis with her husband Tim Davis, and their children Kaylee and Cash.

When asked what her favorite part about teaching is, Mrs. Davis said it was definitely her students. "I have learned SO much from them, and about them! I hear from them daily funny jokes and "very" interesting stories! I am excited to come to class each day to see what I will learn about next!"

Mrs. Davis contributes so much to the school and we are excited to have her officially join the Hyannis Area Schools family!



### **1 + 1 = MRS. JONES**

*By Emily Gentry*

We first saw Mrs. Jones last year as Mrs. Hannah Ferguson's substitute, but this year she is taking on a new role as the 7-12 math teacher. Mrs. Jones grew up in Wheatland, Wyoming. She received her associate's degree in Ag Business and Pre-Med in Riverton, Wyoming. She then received her Bachelor of Science and Business at the University of Wyoming. She is now at UNK working on earning her teaching certificate.

Mrs. Jones first started teaching because she enjoys working with kids and teaching them things they never knew before. What she enjoys most about teaching is when a kid is struggling, and they finally understand, and it clicks in their brains.

Mrs. Jones is looking forward to teaching this year, and we are excited to have her here as this year's new math teacher.



### **MEET MS. LAUER**

*By Gary Brennemann*

We welcome Ms. Lauer to Hyannis Area Schools as our new fifth-grade teacher. Ms. Lauer was born in Columbus and then moved to Ainsworth at a very young age. Ms. Lauer studied at Hastings College, where she earned a degree in psychology. She is currently studying at Chadron State College for her Elementary Education Degree. Ms. Lauer says she became a teacher because she loves helping students become the best they can be. She also enjoys watching them grow and become successful each year. Ms. Lauer enjoys fishing, traveling, and riding horses in her free time.



### **WELCOME MS. KRAUSE**

*By Jorja Grover*

Taylor Krause is starting here at Hyannis with a bright smile! Ms. Krause is the new First-grade teacher. She is from Akron, Colorado where she went to elementary school through high school. Ms. Krause graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 2017 then returned home and taught first grade for four years in Akron, CO. She has one cat named Hank. She is not married or has any children. Her favorite color is light blue. She says she loves teaching, and she especially loves teaching math! Ms. Krause has two siblings, an older brother, and an older sister. Before she started teaching, she was a child protection caseworker for a year after college and decided that she wanted to be a teacher. One fun fact about her is that her go-to comfort show is, and will forever be "Friends".



### **NEW GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: MRS. LEE**

*By Ami Evans*

Veronica Lee is our new guidance counselor this year at Hyannis. She lives in North Platte, about 2 hours from us, making it a long drive to come to spend the day with us. She has taught for eight years and was a sub at Stapleton, Nebraska, for the last three years. She is still going to school; she has been going to college since 1991. She has about 4 degrees and is still going to Chadron State College. Mrs. Lee told me that she was excited for this year at Hyannis. She is excited about the new kids and how welcoming Hyannis is. She said she wanted to be the guidance counselor for Hyannis because she had a rough childhood and didn't want other kids to experience that. We are excited that Mrs. Lee is here to share this year with us. We are glad to have you!





### **SAY HELLO TO LAUREN HOLLENBECK!**

*By Ben Connell*

This year we are welcoming Lauren as the new Administrative Assistant at Hyannis!

Lauren Grew up in Mullen, Nebraska, where she attended elementary and high school. She then attended college at The University of Nebraska Kearney. There she studied Natural and Social sciences and received a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies. She now lives in Bingham, NE.

Lauren has been working in education for eight years. Before coming to Hyannis, Lauren was employed at Mullen Elementary as the K-5 Administrative Assistant.

Lauren is very excited for this year at Hyannis. She is eager to learn many roles in the Hyannis School system and is anxious to get started and find success here in Hyannis. Lauren has always loved education and stated her reason for working in schools always has been the kids.

Lauren is looking forward to this school year, and we are excited to welcome her as a Hyannis Longhorn!



### **INTRODUCING MRS. SPURLIN**

*By Jax Ayer*

Mrs. Spurlin is one of the newest additions to the Hyannis High School faculty. She has recently moved from Lincoln to our humble community of Hyannis. She attended and graduated from Mullen High School. After high school, she attended college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) where she studied Grazing Livestock Systems

Mrs. Spurlin is excited to be here in our small community that is not far from her or Mr. Spurlin's family. She loves the learning environment and her goal is to make a positive impact on the students of Hyannis. Here's to a good year!



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: RYLEE ANDERSON

*By Juliana Merrihew*

Although there are two Rylee Andersons in the school, only one of them is a senior in this year's graduating class.

Rylee's family moved here from Miles City, Montana. They live on the Rex Ranch, where her dad is the manager. We are lucky to have her mom, Ellie Anderson, teaching elementary and high school music. Her brother, Ian, is in 7th grade. Her family includes her dog Trooper, Sparky the horse, and her two cats, Tiny Cat and Popcorn.

Rylee participates in many activities at the school. She plays volleyball and basketball, runs track, and participates in choir and FFA. She has also participated in One Act for two years and is starting her first year of Cheerleading this year. When she's at school, her favorite class is choir, and she loves when ham and cheese zombies are served for lunch.

Even though she is often busy with school activities, Rylee spends her free time singing, working on art projects, and reading.

In the future, she hopes to attend BYU Idaho to major in education and minor in psychology with the hopes of becoming a guidance counselor or an educator.

We are so thankful to have Rylee at our school and wish her luck during her last year of high school!



Photo by Audrey Powles

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: LANE ANDERSON

*By Kadon Woerner*

Lane Anderson is 17 years old and has just transferred to Hyannis from Edison, Wyoming. His favorite subject in school is math, but the main thing he is looking forward to this year's main thing this year is sports. Lane plays football and basketball and is considering doing One Act.

After graduating, he wants to become a college referee. Lane is the youngest of four siblings and was born in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. He likes to spend his free time watching cows, playing with his dog Raylin, and playing video games.



Photo by Chance Parks

## SPRING 2022 HONOR ROLL

### 7th Grade

- Ella Lincoln
- Lydia Smith
- Paige Vinton

### 8th Grade

- Faith Ferguson
- Orabella Heaton
- Kevin Hernandez
- Evan Merrihew
- Abbigail Rath
- Danny Taylor

### 9th Grade

- Gary Brennemann
- Benjamin Connell
- Parker Provost

### 10th Grade

- Regan Anderson
- Rylee Anderson
- Cash Davis
- Grady Fecht

### 11th Grade

- Rylee Anderson
- Ezekiel Heaton

### 12th Grade

- Gavin Anderson
- Zachary McAbee

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

*By Danny Taylor*

Preview to this season

Well, here we are already into football with one game won! The Longhorns beat Kimball 72-12. The longhorn starting lineup is Max Kostman as QB, Wyatt Phillips for DB, Kutter Acord starting RB, Lane Anderson starting Center, Jake Connell and Zeek Heaton as a guard, tight end Myles Anderson, And finally, the starting wide receiver is Ben Connell. Upcoming on September 2 is our first home game against Morrill. During halftime, youth football will be playing a scrimmage. We hope to see you there!



## JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

*By Kade Olson*

The small but mighty Jr. high football team will be kicking their season off against Dundy County Stratton. The Longhorns sadly lost 40-6. The following week the mighty 8 take on Hemingford. We are confident it will be a good match-up. Coaches Dan Schroer and Hunter Spurlin are assisted by Max Kostman and Jake Connell.



### **VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TAKES OFF**

*By Jorja Grover*

The 2022 season for volleyball looks very promising, with more girls participating than we have in the past. The team consists of 11 players: four seniors, two juniors, one sophomore, and four freshmen. Natoshia Heaton will continue to be the head coach and will be assisted by Anita Ferguson. This season will have 16 games in all.

The volleyball team was excited to start their season with a jamboree against Bayard on August 18th, 2022. We had enough players for JV as well. Both teams came away without victory, but it was a good experience.

Hyannis hosted a triangular on the 25th against the Arthur County Wolves and Garden County Eagles. Hyannis came away with two wins!

On the 30th, Hyannis traveled to Hemingford for a dual against the Bobcats and came home with a junior varsity victory. We are off to a great start and look forward to seeing the Lady Longhorns on the court.



### **JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL IS ROLLING**

*By Jorja Grover*

The Junior high girls' volleyball team comprised of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. They have two new volleyball coaches. McKenzie Minor is the head coach with Mrs. Davis, the 6th-grade teacher, as the assistant. The season's first game was held on Monday, August 29th, against the Dundy County Tigers. The rest of the season consists of three games in September and two in October. Hope they have a great season. We wish them the best of luck.



Joia Merrihew jumps to spike the ball in practice.



## HYANNIS VETERINARY SERVICES DONATION

*By Rylee J. Anderson*

The Hyannis FFA Chapter received an \$850.00 donation from Hyannis Veterinary Service as part of the Zoetis Animal Health Program. Through this program, veterinarians and animal health dealers and distributors can donate a portion of sales from eligible Zoetis Animal Health products to an FFA chapter of their choosing. Pictured are this year's FFA officer team and advisor, along with Dr. Jon Werth and Dr. Zach Adam.



L to R: Tim Davis, Wyatt P., Stetson M., Dr. Zach A., Cash D., Dr. Jon W., Trevor K., Regan A., Rylee A.

## LUNCH MENU

Sept. 1 - Italian Dunkers, Meat Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Potato Salad, Fruit  
Sept. 2 - Beef Sticks, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Chocolate Cake, Fruit  
Sept. 5 - No school - Labor Day  
Sept. 6 - Sub Sandwich, Tater Gems, Pistachio Salad, Fruit  
Sept. 7 - Enchilada Casserole, Lettuce Salad, Smiley Fries, Fruit  
Sept. 8 - Pigs-in-a-Blanket, Baked Beans, French Fries, Fruit  
Sept. 9 - Sausage Gravy over Biscuits, Corn, Fruit  
Sept. 12 - Rib-e-que on Bun, Tater Gems, Green Beans, Fruit, Brownie  
Sept. 13 - Cheeseburger Pie, Cooked Carrots, Doughnut, Pears  
Sept. 14 - Chicken Fajita, Seasoned Rice, Lettuce & Cheese, Apple Crisp  
Sept. 15 - Sliced Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit  
Sept. 16 - Golden Goulash, Muffin, Corn, Fruit  
Sept. 19 - Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice, Egg Roll, Broccoli, Fruit  
Sept. 20 - Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit Turnover  
Sept. 21 - French Dip, Curly Fries, Corn, Fruit  
Sept. 22 - Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tri-Tater, Fruit, Fresh Veggies  
Sept. 23 - Chicken Patty on Bun, Chips, California Blend, Fruit, Pudding  
Sept. 26 - Chicken Crispitos, Potato Oles. Lettuce & Cheese, Fruit  
Sept. 27 - Lasagna, Lettuce Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit  
Sept. 28 - Philly Steak Sandwich, Curly Fries, Green Beans, Fruit,  
Sept. 29 - Mini Corn Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Cookie  
Sept. 30 - No School - Fall Break  
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# September Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Youth FB/VB VB Triangular @ Minatare (4pm)	<b>2</b> VB Triangular @ Sandhills Valley (4pm) Varsity FB @ home (7pm) Early Out Youth FB Scrimmage	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> No School	<b>6</b> Youth FB/VB	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Varsity FB @ home (7pm) Youth FB/VB Scrimmage	<b>9</b> JH VB/FB@ Hemmingford (2pm and 3pm) Early out	<b>10</b> VB Tournament @ Gordon-Rushville (9am)
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> JV FB @ Hemmingford (5pm) Youth VB	<b>13</b> Youth FB VB Triangular @ home (4pm)	<b>14</b> School Pictures	<b>15</b> VB @ Mullen (3:30pm) FB @ Mullen (7pm) Youth VB	<b>16</b> Early Out	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> JV FB @ Mullen (5pm) Youth VB	<b>20</b> Burning of the H Youth FB JV VB Triangular @ home (4pm) JH VB/FB @ SMV	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Youth FB/VB	<b>23</b> Early Out VB @ home (4pm) FB @ home (7pm) Youth FB Scrimmage	<b>24</b> VB Tourment @ Ansley High School (8:30am)
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Book Fair JH VB Triangular @ home (12pm) JV FB @ home (5pm) Youth VB	<b>27</b> Book Fair Youth FB	<b>28</b> Book Fair JH VB @ Sandhills Thedford (2pm)	<b>29</b> Book Fair Youth FB/VB Parants Teacher Conferences (4pm-7pm) NHS Induction (7:30)	<b>30</b> No School Varsity FB Game @ South Loup (2pm)	