



# HYANNIS LONGHORNS



*Staying in the loop with Hyannis Area Schools*



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## HOMECOMING PARADE

*By Kade Olson*

Wow, it's already time for the homecoming parade and pep rally! The theme this year is Casino Night. Lots of classes had around the same ideas for the floats. Many consisted of a poker table or people playing cards. The 7th-grader's float consisted of them having a duel between a longhorn and a knight. There were also many local businesses that had floats in the parade. We had a good turnout. There was a dance-off and Beau Rice won. There was also a balloon relay and the girls won. The elementary students learned and performed cheers with the cheerleaders. Thank you to all the people that supported the Longhorns.

## HAWK'S NEST

*By Travis Hawk*

The school year is progressing quickly, hard to believe we have made it through the month of September already! We are so thankful for all of the support our student-athletes received during Homecoming week and what a tremendous turnout we had at the community pep rally.

Our elementary students began tracking their reading steps for the reading program. I am a parent of a slow reader and I know how hard it is to encourage someone to read that does not enjoy reading. I wish my child would have had the opportunity to learn with our reading program, as it is not the quantity of pages that is tracked, but the amount of time spent reading.

Also, it is important to note that any reading counts. Bible lessons, newspapers, comic books, if you review the alphabet with the younger ones, word flashcards, anything that includes reading or skills that improve reading. Research shows when students read what they have an interest in, it encourages them to read more and that is the backbone of our reading program. There is a vast library, which we are constantly working to expand, that allows students to choose books that intrigue them. Students retain more from May to August when summer reading is part of the daily summer routine as well. Thank you in advance for all of your efforts to partner with us to encourage your child to read.

Almost daily, I am reminded of how lucky I am to be a member of such an outstanding and supportive community. Thank you for your continued partnership with Hyannis Area Schools!

## NHS CLEAN UP

*By Juliana Merrihew*

On Friday the 16th, Mrs. Volz led the National Honor Society members in a cleanup of the Hyannis welcome sign area. The group pulled weeds, picked up trash, and straightened the decorations. The cleanup was in preparation for the homecoming parade this weekend. Students who participated were Emily Gentry, Rylee Anderson (12), Juliana Merrihew, Jake Connell, Layne Anderson, Regan Anderson, Cash Davis, Trevor Kohl, Rylee Anderson (11),





## HOMECOMING CORONATION

*By Juliana Merrihew*

On Tuesday the 20th, this year's Homecoming king and queen were crowned. Max Kostman was crowned king and Rylee Anderson was crowned queen. Max is the son of Cody Kostman and Kelly Chandler. Max participates in football, basketball, track, golf, weights, quiz bowl, FFA, and art. Rylee Anderson is the daughter of Austin and Ellie Anderson. Rylee enjoys volleyball, basketball, track, FFA, choir, cheerleading, one act, quiz bowl, and NHS. The homecoming king's court this year included Wyatt Phillips, son of Mark Phillips and Missy Smith, Ezekiel Heaton, son of Kale and Natoshia Heaton, and Chance Parks, son of Jeremy and Tiffany Parks. The queen's court consisted of Emily Gentry, daughter of Chris and Jeanne Gentry, Ami Evans, daughter of Greg and Amanda White and Brian Evans, and Juliana Merrihew, daughter of Craig and Erin Merrihew. Coronation was a little different this year, because the 2022 king and queen were announced on Tuesday instead of Friday. This way the king and queen got to celebrate all week long! The STRIV team also filmed and recorded the coronation. If you want to watch the coronation, look at the end of the September 20<sup>th</sup> JV Volleyball triangular video. Congratulations to Rylee and Max, and thank you all for coming out to support this year's homecoming queen and king!



Max Kostman and Rylee Anderson

## THE WEEK IN PICTURES:



The 3rd grade class dresses up for pajama day!



Rylee Anderson and Regan Anderson dress as Liv and Maddie for twin day.



Jake Connell and Mr. Schroer on twin day



## Hyannis Longhorn News



Kade Olson floats around on his kayak for anything-but-a-backpack day.



The elementary teachers dress up for movie character day!



Kash Provost in the music room for anything-but-a-backpack day.



Mrs. Volz and Max Kostman on Pajama Day.



K-2nd grade dresses up for Movie Character day!



Wyatt, Megan, and Piper dress up for twin day in the 1st Grade!

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JAX AYER

*By Juliana Merrihew*

Jax Ayer is one of the four kids who has been in the senior class since kindergarten. He has lived in Hyannis his whole life and is 17 years old.

Jax's family consists of his mom Trish, stepdad Terry and stepbrothers Paydon and Deacon, as well as his dad Shawn, stepmom Renee, and stepsisters Shea and Sierra. His family also includes his dogs, Ripp and Ruby.

Jax participates in many activities at the school including football, basketball, track, and quiz bowl. His favorite part about school this year has been his work-study with the Sheriff. When he has free time, Jax enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends.

After high school, Jax plans on attending Norfolk Community College to get his Associate of Applied Sciences. He hopes to become a homicide detective when he completes his education. Jax contributes so much to the school and his future is bright. The students and staff here at Hyannis Area Schools wish him the best of luck in whatever life brings his way!



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JAKE CONNELL

*By Kadon Woerner*

Jake Connell participates in many school activities, including football, basketball, choir, weights, Quiz Bowl, track, Student Council, and NHS. Jake's favorite sport is football, and he likes the Huskers and the Patriots. His favorite subject is history. Jake is looking forward to a good football season and one last year to spend with his buddies. After high school, Jake wants to go to college to become a teacher, and then become a coach.

Jake and both of his siblings were born in Ogallala. They have three dogs named Peanut, Tag, and Muppy. Jake likes to spend his free time watching sports, playing sports, and hanging out with friends. Jake enjoys reading books. His favorite book is *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien. His favorite song is *Western Skies* by Chris Ledoux.





## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

*By Danny Taylor*

October is here and already we are halfway done with our football season. The Longhorns have had a strong season beating Morrill 60-18 and Hemingford 50-8 with another Hyannis win. It was a tough loss against Mullen with a 50-12. Working into Homecoming week the team practice hard. We had a tough loss to Sandhills Thedford 60-8 for Homecoming and lost to South Loup 54-6 on October 1st. This brings our record to 3-3.

The team has worked hard this season and is playing well together. We are hoping to make it far in the playoffs. We know there are challenges ahead of us but this team will rise to meet those challenges. The Longhorn team is keeping their focus with their sights set on heading state bound. Hoping to see everyone cheering on your Hyannis Longhorns!



## JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

*By Kanen Grant*

The JH Football boys played two really good games in September. They played Hemingford on the 9th and lost 42-22. They also played Stapleton Mavericks on the 20th and won 32-20 and they will play the Mullen Broncos on October 6th hoping to bring home a victory.

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

*By Ami Evans*

Oh Volleyball, oh Volleyball, oh how we love you. So far this season we have played many games. We have worked hard this year, even on the weekends and back-to-back triangular games. This season we have accomplished many feats and are planning to accomplish much more. Our past games have been Minatare, Creek Valley, Wallace, Sandhills Valley, Hay Springs, Gordon Rushville, Crawford, Cody Kilgore, and Mullen.

Minatare, Hyannis won by two to one with best out of three. Creek Valley, Hyannis lost with a score of two to zero best of three. Wallace, Hyannis lost two to zero best of three. Sandhills Valley, Hyannis lost two to zero best of three. We played Hay Springs twice and lost both with two to zero best of three. Gordon Rushville, Hyannis lost two to one best of three. Crawford, Hyannis won two to one. Cody Kilgore, Hyannis lost two to zero. Mullen, Hyannis won three to one best of five. We have a challenging season so far and we have what it takes to keep pushing through these tough games to rise to the top. We have very skillful players and we all know how to come together and push for a win, I would like to say as a senior at Hyannis High School that this year is the Hyannis Volleyball Girls' year!



### JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

*By Jorja Grover*

The JR High volleyball team had many games. Their first game was against the Hemingford Bobcats. Their Longhorns A lost but their B team won. They have a couple more fun to come and their season for JR High is coming to an end. The Lady Longhorns traveled to Stapleton to take on the Mavericks. They played their hardest and best but they, unfortunately, didn't make it to the. The lady longhorns had a triangle and it was at home against Crawford Lady Rams and Cody - Kilgore Cowboys. Their first match was against the Crawford Rams. They fought really hard but they didn't make it to the top. Their next game was against the Cody Kilgore Cowboys. The Longhorns fought and they got the victory! They may be small but they might. Good luck with the rest of the season girls! Hopefully, we will see the little lady horns on the court!



The Longhorns got a point and they are celebrating

### GLOW GOLF TOURNAMENT

*By Ben Connell*

On the 24th, this year's Glow Ball Tournament took place at Pelican Beach Golf Course. There was an excellent turnout, with 23 teams entering the tournament! Each team played a total of 18 holes. The first 9 holes took place at dusk, the participants ate, and the last 9 holes were played in the dark. There were two flights of teams in the tourney. The winning team of the first flight was the duo of Jarod Spurlin and John Opela. The winners of the second flight were Seth Adam and Will Schaefer. Overall the event was a great success, and we hope to see the tournament continue to take place for years to come. The proceeds from the Glow tournament will be going to the School Improvement Fund.



### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

*By Danny Taylor*

There are some exciting improvements happening at Hyannis schools! Some of the projects that have happened are new bleachers for our gym, new flooring in the high school, and remodeling the lecture hall. One of the improvements that Mr. Hawk is very proud of is the “emphasis we have put on academics and hands-on learning.”

Looking to the future the school hopes to improve the scoreboards for both the gym and football field, playground equipment, and a digital marquee. We also hope to work on the science lab, locker rooms, and to make the gym functional for two practices at once.

Donations have made many of these projects possible. “The Hyannis Area Schools Improvement Committee helped raise over \$35,000 for improvements in the Lecture Hall, primarily new theater seating,” said Mr. Hawk. We are very grateful for all the help with all the new improvements around our school.



The lecture hall gets nearer to completion.

### 4TH GRADE PARTICIPATES IN AG SACK LUNCH PROGRAM PRESENTATION

*By Hannah Ferguson*

On September 14th, the 4th-grade class participated in a presentation with the ‘Ag Sack Lunch Program.’ The 4th graders were able to visit with a UNL student who majors in Ag Business in the Ag industry. The students discussed many different topics including Nebraska’s leading beef production. They learned of the many different foods that they consume and how Nebraska ag was involved. They learned many new facts about Nebraska agriculture as well as the dairy, swine, poultry, soybean, corn, and wheat industries.





## ROBOTICS KICK OFF TO A GREAT START

*By Gary Brennemann*

The Hyannis Sandbots 4-H club is in full swing for the year 2022. This year's robotic theme is **SUPER POWERED!** This year teams will solve a problem that has to deal with power. The mission board is set up with missions revolving around power. Within the robotics year, teams will have to find a problem on power, create a solution, practice teamwork, and the core values, create a robot, and finally complete as many missions on a mission board with their robot in a two-and-a-half minute round. This year there will only be one team of seven kids. They will work together throughout the year to complete all of the required tasks, and then present their work to judges and spectators at a regional qualifier in January. The kids and coaches are very excited for a year full of fun-filled robotics!



Robotics Super Charged mission board

## LUNCH MENU

OCT. 3 - SUB SANDWICH, GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE, TATER GEMS, FRUIT YOGURT  
OCT. 4 - MACHO NACHO WITH FIXINGS, LETTUCE SALAD, COOKIE, FRUIT  
OCT. 5 - CHICKEN STRIPS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN, DINNER ROLL, FRUIT  
OCT. 6 - PULLED PORK SANDWICH, BBQ BEANS, FRUIT, CHIPS  
OCT. 7 - SLOPPY JOE ON BUN, FRENCH FRIES, CALIFORNIA BLEND, FRUIT  
OCT. 10 - CHICKEN ALFREDO, COOKED CARROTS, BREADSTICK, FRUIT  
OCT. 11 - PIZZA ROLL, SMILEY FRIES, MIXED VEGGIES, FRUIT  
OCT. 12 - BEEF STICKS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN, DINNER ROLL, FRUIT  
OCT. 13 - CHICKEN FAJITA WITH FIXINS, SEASONED RICE, GREEN BEANS, FRUIT  
OCT. 14 - SPAGHETTI, MEAT SAUCE GARLIC BREAD, LETTUCE SALAD, FRUIT  
OCT. 17 - BBQ MEATBALLS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN, MUFFIN, FRUIT  
OCT. 18 - CHEESY HASHBROWN AND HAM CASSEROLE, DONUT, PEAS, FRUIT  
OCT. 19 - ITALIAN DUNKERS, MEAT SAUCE, LETTUCE SALAD, BABY CARROTS, FRUIT  
OCT. 20 - CHICKEN NUGGETS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, DINNER ROLL, FRUIT  
OCT. 21 - HAMBURGER PIZZA, TATER TOTS, LETTUCE SALAD, FRUIT  
OCT. 24 - SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN, RICE, EGG ROLL, BROCCOLI, FRUIT  
OCT. 25 - FRENCH DIP, CURLY FRIES, CORN, FRUIT  
OCT. 26 - HAYSTACKS, LETTUCE SALAD, FRUIT, ICE CREAM  
OCT. 27 - CHICKEN STICKS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CARROTS, DINNER ROLL, FRUIT  
OCT. 28 - SHREDDED BEEF SANDWICH, BBQ BEANS, FRUIT, CHIPS  
OCT. 31 - BURRITO, SEASONED RICE, LETTUCE & CHEESE, CORN, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

# October Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Varsity VB @Hyannis @ 10 am Round Robin
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> JV FB @ SHV @3:00 mst	<b>4</b> Youth FB Youth VB	<b>5</b> FFA @ Gudmundsen Center	<b>6</b> JH VB vs Mullen @1pm JH FB vs Mullen @ 2pm Varsity VB @ 4pm Senior Night for VB girls Youth FB	<b>7</b> Varsity FB vs A-M @7pm Senior Night for FB boys Youth Cheer Camp Farm Bureau tailgate	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> JH FB @ Sutherland @ 2pm	<b>11</b> Varsity VB @ Morrill @ 4pm Youth VB Youth FB	<b>12</b> FFA @ NP @ 8am	<b>13</b> MNAC Tournament TBD Youth VB Youth FB	<b>14</b> Varsity FB @ Leyton @ 6pm	<b>15</b> MNAC TBD
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Varsity VB @ Creek Valley @ 4pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> MNAC Vocal Clinic TBD					



