



# HYANNIS LONGHORNS



Staying in the loop with Hyannis Area Schools



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## HYANNIS FFA WINS DISTRICT LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

*By Rylee J. Anderson  
Hyannis FFA: Reporter*

Twenty-seven Hyannis FFA Members traveled to North Platte on October 12th to compete in the 2022 District Livestock Judging Contest.

The Senior Team won the contest. Team members were Rylee J. Anderson- 4th High Individual, Cash Davis- 5th High Individual, Trevor Kohl- 7th High Individual, and Tyrell Smith- 12th High Individual. Other Senior Division competitors were Wyatt Phillips, Max Kostman, Zack Lee, Jake Connell, Stetson Matteson, Rylee H. Anderson, Kylee Lee, Regan Anderson, Kilee Matteson, and Max Leth.

The Junior Team placed fourth. Team members were Parker Provost- 2nd High Individual, Evan Merrihew, Danny Taylor, and Gary Brennemann. Other competitors were Faith Ferguson, Bailee Leonard, and Abigail Rath.



The State-Qualifying Junior Team. From left to right: Evan Merrihew, Danny Taylor, Gary Brennemann, and Parker Provost.

The Junior High team was made up of Lydia Smith- 1st High Individual, Georgie Carr- 5th High Individual, and Lila Brenneman. Other members competing were Cayden Sheets, Colin Woerner, and Landon Leonard.

Both Junior and Senior Teams qualified for the State FFA Livestock Judging Contest held in March in Lincoln, Nebraska.



The State-Qualifying Hyannis FFA Senior Team. From left to right: Rylee Anderson, Cash Davis, Trevor Kohl, and Tyrell Smith.



The top placing Junior High Team members. From left to right: Georgie Carr, Lydia Smith, and Lyla Brennemann.

## RED RIBBON WEEK

By Emily Gentry

This year, the Hyannis National Honor Society is helping us celebrate Red Ribbon Week, so many of you may be wondering what Red Ribbon Week means.

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug abuse prevention awareness program. Red Ribbon Week started after DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was tragically killed by drug traffickers in Mexico. After Kiki's death, people started wearing red ribbons to honor his sacrifice. Today millions of people wear red ribbons to help spread awareness and pledge to be drug-free.

This year Hyannis celebrated by having dress-up days and a door-decorating contest. The dress-up days were:

- Monday: PJ Day
- Tuesday: Crazy Sock Day
- Wednesday: Crazy Hair Day
- Thursday: Hat Day
- Friday: Red Out



The High School and Elementary School dress up for Red Out Day on Friday

## FIRE STATION + FIELD TRIP = FUN

By Nancy Anderson

If you have not already done so, check those fire alarms and create a fire escape plan with your family!

Fire Prevention Week was in October, and the kindergarten and first-grade classes were able to learn about fire safety. They ended the week by visiting the fire hall.

Beau Sanchez talked to the students about fire safety, showed the students tools and equipment used to fight fires, and let the students climb into the big fire truck. He even spoiled them with a sweet treat at the end of our visit. Thank you to all of our volunteer men and women!



The Kindergarten and First Grade tour the fire hall.

## TEACHERS CORNER: MR CASPER

*By Austin Casper*

It is hard to believe that we have already completed a full quarter of the school year and are rapidly racing towards the holiday breaks. It seems to go by faster all the time. Packaged into all of this passing time is a set of really important areas of study, the social sciences, although I'm a bit biased.

Hyannis Area School Board of Education is a course of study set that requires 7th graders take world geography, and 8th graders take the first of US History, from the beginnings to 1877. Then from there, high school has a bit more flexibility, but the current plan of study suggests that freshmen take U.S. History after 1877 to today, sophomores take World History, more on changes there later, American Government as juniors, and Economics as seniors. These classes are all designed to meet board requirements for graduation, state standards and create citizens who understand the world we live in and actively participate in our community.

This year I made some changes to our classes to meet those goals. First, World History shifted its focus from Ancient World History to Modern World History. That shift was made to align our curriculum with state standards, it does mean that we lose our ancient civilizations classes, but it does allow us to teach everything from the age of exploration, roughly 1500 to the modern era. This is the first time I have taught this period of history, so I am learning, relearning, and creating materials as we progress through time. Secondly, I added a requirement that students enrolled in American Government must attend and observe one government meeting in the community per quarter. This allows students to see the government in action and observe the process by which democracy is placed in action. One of my own goals is to help students see the importance of state and national governments while instilling the critical role of local elected officials and local elections.

## YOUTH CHEERLEADING CAMP

*By Ami Evans*

The Hyannis Cheer Team put on a youth cheer camp on October 7th and had a lot of fun. We had 17 little girls from grades K-2nd grade participate in the cheer camp.

We taught them a choreographed dance to the song 'All Star' by Smash Mouth. We performed the dance on the night of the Anselmo-Merna vs Hyannis Football game during halftime.

It was a lot of fun, and all the girls had fun learning and performing the dance with the high school cheer team. We will have another cheer camp during the basketball season for the 3rd through 6th Graders, which I am really looking forward to doing with my cheer team and the new and upcoming cheerleaders of Hyannis High School.



The Hyannis cheerleaders, mascot, and youth cheerleaders pose for a picture after their halftime dance.

## LEVI GOES TO STATE!

*By Juliana Merrihew*

On October 8th, Levi Merrihew ended his 7th-grade cross country season by competing at State Cross Country.

Levi's season has been a busy one. He has competed in eight meets across western Nebraska, as well as attending practices in Alliance before school some mornings. Levi was nominated by his coach to attend State Cross Country, where he placed 120th out of 302 runners. He ran an impressive time of 12:19.

Before Levi left for State, students filled the halls to give him a send-off. He high-fived everyone while the school song played over the intercom. Congratulations Levi, for making it to State!



Levi Merrihew (far left) pictured with his Cross Country Team.

## HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY COMES TO A CLOSE

*By Juliana Merrihew*

The 2022 high school cross-country season came to a close this month. Evan Merrihew, who has run cross country for two years, finished the season well, with a PR of 20:52.

Through the season, Evan competed in eight different meets from Scottsbluff to Ogallala. He also attended practices in the early morning before school. Evan competed in districts on Thursday, October 13th, where he achieved his PR of 20:52.57.

Evan is such a talented runner and athlete, and the school congratulates him on his successful season!



Evan Merrihew runs in a meet.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

*By Danny Taylor*

Well, a season here and gone. The Longhorns fought hard all season through ups and downs. At the beginning of the month, the team suffered a defeat against Anselmo-Merna 40-0. They worked hard the whole next week during practice.

That hard work paid off and on October 14th they played Leyton and won 20-8. Kutter Accord scored the game-winning touchdown during the last 4.2 seconds of the game. After this exciting touchdown, Jake Connell picked up a fumble and ran the ball into the endzone again, scoring another touchdown for the Longhorns. This win got the team into the playoffs, where they played Sandhills Thedford. The team worked extremely hard but sadly they lost 80-28.

The team played great and worked extremely hard throughout the season. The varsity football Longhorn record was 4-5 at the end of the year. Hyannis Area Schools is proud of the boys and their season.



Myles Anderson makes a tackle during the Hyannis-Mullen game.

## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

*By Ami Evans*

Volleyball has certainly kept the Longhorns on their toes. They have competed in many games this month, including MNAC and Sub-Districts. It was a hard few weeks, but they had fun and gained a lot of memories along the way.

The games that they had during the 2022 volleyball season during the month of October were Leyton winning 2 sets to 0, Sandhills Thedford winning 2 sets to 0, Sandhills Valley losing 0 sets to 2, Arthur County winning 2 sets to 0, South Platte winning 2 sets to 0, Lakota Tech winning 2 sets to 1, Morrill winning 2 sets to 0, Hay Springs winning 2 sets 0, South Loup winning 3 sets to 0, Cody Kilgore losing 3 sets to 2, Sandhills Valley losing 2 sets to 0, Anselmo- Merna winning 2 sets to 0, Potter Dix winning 2 sets to 0, Creek Valley winning 2 sets to 0, Garden County winning 3 sets to 0.

They had a very fun season and the Seniors will be missed dearly, but the rest of the girls are looking forward to many more great years of playing volleyball.



The Lady Longhorns beat the Mullen Broncos.

## JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL CONCLUDES

*By Kade Olson*

The mighty Longhorn 14 had a challenging yet exciting season. They took on the Mullen Broncos in Hyannis. It was a very chilly game. The Longhorns battled through, but sadly they didn't come out on top. The score was 28-22.

Next, the Longhorns traveled down to Sutherland for a football game. The Longhorns battled through with only needing a 2-point conversion to tie the game. Unfortunately, the Longhorns were not able to get the 2-point conversion and lost 28-26. We wish the Longhorns Good Luck in their upcoming sports activities.



L to R: Cayden S, Landon L, Tom C, Beau R, Laramie D, Hunter C, Trip D, Cash P, Colter G, Kanen G, Dylan H, and Colin W.

## JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL WRAPS UP

*By Jorja Grover*

The 2022 Junior High volleyball team had a pretty amazing season. They had many ups and downs but mostly showed improvement. They may be small, but they are very mighty. This year's team had 13 girls with an A and B team.

Their coaches were McKenzie Minor and assisted by Mrs. Davis, who is teaching the 6th-grade class. McKenzie says that she loves coaching them and has a lot of fun. Mrs. Davis said, "McKenzie did an amazing job teaching the girls foundational skills and they really improved throughout the season."

The Longhorns won a set against Dundy County, two sets against Hemingford, one set against Sandhills Valley, one set against Crawford and Cody Kilgore. They also played Mullen and Sandhills Thedford this season. They played their best and should be proud of their hard work.



The Junior High girls warm up before a game

## YOUTH FOOTBALL

*By Henry Anderson*

The youth football team had a great season this year. Kyle Fecht says, “there was much work to be done, but it was a good season.” As the center on offense and nose guard on defense, he saw a lot of what the offense and the defense do. There was definitely some work to be done, but he saw a good team all in all.

Garret Huffman says, “There were definitely some good choices on both sides during the practices.” The team had some great coaches and some experienced high schoolers teaching them the wonders of football. It was really exciting and nerve-racking when they found out that we had a game against Mullen. They knew it was going to be tough, and they were right. But as Bo Burgess said, “It was fun,” and the team couldn’t agree more.

The boys are excited to see what the second graders bring to the table next year, and they can’t wait to watch them. The 5th Grade boys said, “This may be our last year of elementary football as fifth graders, but we couldn’t be more excited for Jr. High football.”



The youth football team and coaches Tom Ferguson and Seth Adam

## TEACH THEM YOUNG: YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

*By Kinzie Provost*

The little Lady Longhorns are learning the basics of volleyball with coach McKenzie Minor. They started practice in September and have been practicing twice a week. They had enough girls for a 3-4th grade team as well as a 5-6th grade team.

On October 29th, volleyball girls met in Mullen for a tournament. There were six teams involved in the event: Both teams played Mullen and Valentine and took 6th place in the tournament. It was a good learning experience, and the team shows a promising future.

They may continue their season into November with a tournament in Thedford and North Platte. We are grateful to McKenzie Minor and her coaching assistants, Krysta Hampton and Jenna Adam, who give their time to help the girls have a good time learning the skills of volleyball. Good luck to them in the future!



Back row L to R: Jenna Adam, Krysta Hampton, Kaitlyn Minor, Jillian Taylor, Daisy Frye, Kaia Carr, Anna Anderson, Clara Rice Middle Row L to R: Shaylee Grant, Asher Retzlaff, Brecken Cover, Leighann Sevier, Kinzie Provost, Everleigh Holcomb, Bristol Meester, McKenzie Minor Front Row L to R: Sierra Hampton, Clara Adam, Sadie Burgess, Tylynn Hoatson, Shaylee Provost

## SENIOR NIGHT

*By Juliana Merrihew*

Hyannis Area Schools honored their senior athletes during their last home games this month. Senior Night for volleyball and cheer took place on October 6th. Rylee Anderson, Ami Evans, Emily Gentry, and Juliana Merrihew were the seniors on this year's volleyball team. Football Senior Night took place on October 7th. The football seniors this year are Lane Anderson, Jax Ayer, Jake Connell, Zeke Heaton, Max Kostman, Stetson Matteson, and Wyatt Phillips.



L to R: Emily G, Juliana M, Rylee A, and Ami E.



L to R: Jake C, Wyatt P, Max K, Jax A, Stetson M, and Ezekial H. (not pictured, Lane A.)

## 20 YEARS OF CHRIS GENTRY

*By Emily Gentry*

Chris Gentry has been announcing for the Hyannis Longhorns for 20 years. That is long enough to have announced some of the dads of the kids in this school. He first started announcing in 2003. Chris first started announcing after being asked by the administration after the previous announcer had resigned.

He really enjoys making it special for the boys. He feels that it is really important to him to be able to announce a boy's name and state something good that they did even if all that they did was run ten yards. He wants to be able to do that because then they will be able to hear their name announced and have pride in what they are doing. One of his favorite times announcing for the Longhorns was when Payden Ayer was in high school, and the thrill of watching the kids.

Chris would like to thank the administration for improvements made to the crowd's nest and for being supportive and helpful in getting the information he needed to announce. Chris has enjoyed announcing for the Longhorns and is looking forward to more years to come.



Mr. Hawk presents Chris Gentry with his award.

## GUDMUNDSEN SCIENCE DAY

*By Benjamin Connell*

On October 5th, Hyannis High School juniors and seniors who are involved in FFA went to the Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory for a day of agricultural science learning. Once the students arrived at the Gudmundsen they were split into groups to go learn bovine information and the ins and outs of ag tech.

First, the kids were introduced to smart feeder technology and the ways it can improve efficiency on a farm or feedlot. They were then given a detailed presentation on cattle reproduction by Rosemary Anderson. The students were then given an opportunity to dissect some of a cow's reproductive organs. They received a demonstration about controlled burning and how it can improve a piece of land's fertility.

Trevor Kohl also received the opportunity to fly a drone and take pictures of cattle using it. Finally, the group learned about the development of a heifer. The trip was very educational, and overall the students had a great time and were thankful for the learning opportunity.



The Hyannis group spends the day at Gudmendsen.

## SNOW CONE FUNDRAISER

*By Kanen Grant*

This summer the BRAN (Bike Ride Across Nebraska) made its way to Hyannis, NE. The BRAN participants camped at the football field, where Garrett Huffman and Tom Connell set up a hospitality tent and sold snow cones. They did this as a fundraiser and chose to donate \$100 to Hyannis Area Schools Improvement Fund. Specifically, they hoped the money would be used for playground upgrades.



Garrett Huffman and Tom Connell

## HAUNTED HOOPS

*By Kadon Woerner*

A few Elementary students attended the Haunted Hoops basketball camp in North Platte. They learned fundamental basketball skills and watched the college players compete in a dunk contest. They earned Haunted Hoops shirts that they can wear to MPCC home basketball games for free admission. They were even able to get their t-shirts signed by the college athletes!



L to R: Anna Anderson, Jameson Rice, Riggin Hollenbeck, Turner Anderson, and Clara Rice. Back Row: Liam Kostman

## ELEMENTARY PETS

*By Kadon Woerner*

The Elementary classrooms are some of the most fun places in the school. One of the many reasons for this is the classroom pets. The 5th-grade classroom has three Prairie Lizards. Their names are Stubs, Mr. Precious, and Big Bertha. They think Big Bertha might be pregnant! The 4th-grade classroom has a Bearded Dragon named Sally. These are all crawling pets.

There are also a few hallway fish. Everyone knows about the two goldfish in the hallway; they have been there since the Seniors were in Elementary school. However, there are now some new fish in the hallway. The small fish tank has six fish. The oldest fish in the tank is a 4-year-old plecostomus named Possum. The next oldest fish is a 2-year-old angelfish named Gill. Lightning and Mack are the fastest fish in the tank. Turbo the snail, on the other hand, is relatively slow. The newest addition to the tank is a Galactic Purple Glo Barb named Sally.



Possum the Plecostomus



Elementary Fish Tank

**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:**

**AMI EVANS**

*By Kadon Woerner*

Ami Evans is 17 years old and has gone to Hyannis area schools since kindergarten. Her favorite subjects in school are Anatomy and Physiology and spending time with Mrs. Detmer in the art room. Ami participates in many school activities, including volleyball, basketball, track, one-act, speech, quiz bowl, art, and cheer. Her favorite sport is basketball. This school year, Ami is looking forward to “graduating and getting out of here and going to England this summer!” After high school, she plans on going into Occupational Therapy at Chadron State College.

In her free time, Ami likes to travel and spend time with friends. She has two biological sisters and five step-sisters. Ami also has a Toy Mini Aussie named Boots. Her favorite book is ‘The Fault in Our Stars’ by John Green, and her favorite song is ‘You’re So Cool’ by Tate McRae. Ami is such a bright light in the Hyannis community and we are excited to see where life will bring her next!



Photo by Anna Grace Photography

**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:**

**EMILY GENTRY**

*By Juliana Merrihew*

This year’s senior class has many outstanding students. One of them is 18-year-old Emily Gentry. She lives on her family ranch north of Hyannis with her parents - Jeanne and Chris - and her older brother Eric. Emily has many hobbies including reading, listening to music, watching tv, and hanging out with her many pets. She has a German Shepherd named Aspen, a Corgi named Elsie, a labrador named TJ, and a cat named Bob.

Currently, Emily is very involved in school activities. She has participated in Volleyball, Basketball, FFA, Choir, NHS, One Act, Speech, Aca Deca, Quiz Bowl, Student Council, Art, Cheerleading, Digital Media, and Yearbook. This year, her favorite class is her History of the American West class. In the future, Emily hopes to attend Benedictine College in Atchinson, Kansas. She plans to major in history, go into pre-law, and eventually become an adoption lawyer.

Emily is so talented and is an amazing person. The students and staff of Hyannis High School have no doubt that she will succeed at whatever she puts her mind towards!



Photo by Megan Anderson

## 100 STEPS CELEBRATION

*By Nancy Anderson*

The elementary reading curriculum requires that each student reads four steps each day (one step= 15 minutes). Every student reads two steps at school and two steps at home. Each classroom has a sticker chart where each student keeps track of every 20 steps they have read.

The students were given a specific date to have read 100 steps. Any student who reached the goal of "100," attended a 100-Step Celebration. Those students went to the football field and had an extra long recess where they played yard games such as corn hole, Jenga, ladder toss, tic-tac-toe, or any favorite recess game. Students who had not read 100 steps read with paras and teachers or with a friend.

The elementary students had a fun time celebrating reaching 100 steps. The 200-Step Celebration will be held on November 22nd. We are hoping ALL elementary students will reach the goal in November.



The elementary students play games on the football field for their 100 steps celebration.

## LUNCH MENU

NOV. 1 - CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICH, CARROTS & CELERY, FRUIT  
NOV. 2 - HAM & CHEESE ZOMBIE, TRI-TATERS, GREEN BEANS, FRUIT  
NOV. 3 - TACO ON HARD SHELL, POTATO OLES, LETTUCE & CHEESE, BABY CARROTS, BUNNY GRAHAMS, FRUIT  
NOV. 4 - CHICKEN PATTY ON BUN, CHIPS, CALIFORNIA BLEND, PEACH FLUFF  
NOV. 7 - BEEF NOODLES OVER MASHED POTATOES, DINNER ROLL, CORN, FRUIT  
NOV. 8 - CHILI, CINNAMON ROLLS, FRESH VEGGIES, FRUIT  
NOV. 9 - CHICKEN CRISPITO, CHIPS & SALSA, GREEN BEANS, COOKIE, FRUIT  
NOV. 10 - SLICED HAM, SCALLOPED POTATOES, DINNER ROLL, CORN, FRUIT  
NOV. 11 - SLOPPY JOE, TATER GEMS, MIXED VEGETABLES, FRUIT JELLO  
NOV. 14 - PIGS-IN-A-BLANKET, BBQ BEANS, MAC & CHEESE, FRUIT  
NOV. 15 - CHEESEBURGER PIE, GREEN BEANS, FRUIT TURNOVER  
NOV. 16 - THANKSGIVING DINNER: TURKEY & DRESSING, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, DINNER ROLL, CORN, DESSERT  
NOV. 17 - PHILLY STEAK SANDWICH, SMILEY FRIES, CARROTS, PICKLES, FRUIT  
NOV. 18 - TACO BURGER, MACARONI SALAD, CHIPS & SALSA, LETTUCE & CHEESE, FRUIT  
NOV. 21 - POPCORN CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, DINNER ROLL, CORN, FRUIT  
NOV. 22 - MINI CORN DOGS, TATER GEMS, BBQ BEANS, FRUIT  
NOV. 23 - 25 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK  
NOV. 28 - CHICKEN FAJITA ON SOFT SHELL, SEASONED RICE, LETTUCE & CHEESE, COOKIE, FRUIT  
NOV. 29 - TATER TOT CASSEROLE, COOKED CARROTS, COFFEE CAKE, FRUIT  
NOV. 30 - HOT HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH, GREEN BEANS CASSEROLE, HARVEST CHIPS, FRUIT  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

# November Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> School Picture Retakes (8:30 am)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> JH Wrestling @ Sutherland	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Blood Drive No Elementary School	<b>8</b> JH Wrestling @ Hershey	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day Program	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> JH Wrestling @ St. Pats	<b>15</b> One Act MNAC @ Thedford	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> JH Wrestling @ Mullen Fall Activities Banquet	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Holiday Showcase (5:00 to 8:00 pm)	<b>21</b> One Act Community Production	<b>22</b> JH Wrestling @ Perkins County	<b>23</b> No School	<b>24</b> No School	<b>25</b> No School	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> HS BBall @ Valentine JH Wrestling @ Sandhills Thedford	<b>30</b> District One Act @ Creek Valley			