



# HYANNIS LONGHORNS



*Staying in the loop with Hyannis Area Schools*



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## ONE ACT: MNAC CHAMPIONS!

*By Emily Gentry*

The Hyannis One Act Season has officially started. They began in October. They are small in numbers this year but large in quality. This year's play tells the story of Rudy who is a middle schooler who is trying to make a decision to join the Catholic Church. His teacher nun Sister Clarissa doesn't make his decision easy when she berates him and forces him to learn his Catechism. At the same time, he is struggling to find a place in his home with his very Catholic Tavern-owning parents Ellen and Chester, while his older brother Eddie is struggling with a heavy burden. Meanwhile, his sister is trying to make them seem like they are a normal Catholic family.

The One Act team competed at Conference in Thedford on November 15. They received 1st place. Kylee Lee, Zeek Heaton, Wyatt Phillips and Orabella Heaton received acting awards, and Emily Gentry

received Best Actress of the whole conference. The One Act team participated in a festival in Gordon on the 19 and received great reviews. We wish them luck as they prepare to compete at Districts on **November 30th** in Chappell and hope they can book a ticket to the State Competition in Norfolk.

### Cast

Rudy.....Wyatt Phillips  
Sister Clarissa .....Emily Gentry  
Ellen.....Kylee Lee  
Eddie.....Ezekiel Heaton  
Annie.....Orabella Heaton



Back: Coach Heaton, Molly Burgess, Kylee Lee, Trevor Kohl, Orabella Heaton, and Coach Jeanne Gentry  
Front: Wyatt Phillips, Ezekiel Heaton, Ami Evans, and Emily Gentry.

## BLOOD DRIVE

*By Ami Evans*

The 2023 senior class put on a blood drive on Tuesday, November 8th, that all of us helped with. In the process, we all had to reach out to different people and ask them if they would like to give blood on that very day. I feel like it was very beneficial to our senior class for one, the experience and two, the impact that giving blood has on the world. I feel like it was a very fun experience, and it had a very big impact on our senior class to help in every way that we could.

## HAWK'S NEST

*By Travis Hawk*

First of all, Happy Thanksgiving to all Longhorn Families! This time of year a person typically takes inventory of what they have in their life to be thankful for. For me, one of the first things that come to mind is living and working in a community that puts such a high priority on education and a community that not only supports the school but also supports each other. I truly am grateful to be a member of this great community.

As our winter activity season gets underway, I'd like to take some time to remind all Longhorn supporters that we want to exhibit outstanding sportsmanship all the time. In all parts of the state and country finding officials to officiate contests is becoming more and more difficult because people are not willing to take the verbal abuse that often accompanies officiating. The men and women that are officiating are there doing the very best job they can, and they are there because they have a love of the game and want to be a part of allowing young people to compete.

I can also promise you no official will ever change his/her mind about a call based on what someone 5 rows up in the bleachers has to say. In fact, the worse the behavior of the fans, the more likely the calls will NOT go our way. So please understand that the officials are human and, like all humans, are not perfect. There will be calls missed both against us and in our favor. When calls do not go our way, we have an excellent opportunity to model how to overcome adversity and carry ourselves with tremendous integrity and high character. I appreciate all of our efforts to model sportsmanship behavior.

Finally, I'd also like to remind families that if their child has a fever, we ask that they be fever free for 72 hours before returning to school. Also, if your child leaves school because they are sick, we ask that you keep them out of school for a minimum of 24 hours. Taking these steps will help us minimize the spread of illness.

Again, I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday Season!

### VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

*By Gary Brennemann*

On November 11th, we celebrated Veterans Day. At Hyannis High school, we celebrated our service men and women with our annual Veterans Day Program. The program kicked off with the performances of the Longhorn Band. The next order of business was the presentation of Quilts of Valor. The three recipients of the quilts of valor were Benj Simpson, Jack Connell, and Ed Schroder. Next, the Kindergarten class and 1st grade sang in the choir. Followed by the 2nd and 3rd-grade choir. We then learned about the enlightening experience Juliana Merrihew, and Jake Connel had while at girls' and boys' state. The 4th-grade choir sang, and then Mike Wintz told us of Alex Adam's contributions to the American Legion. He was specially recognized and given a medal. Lastly, the high school choir sang two very touching songs. The program was then finished by Kash Provost playing Taps and the American Legion retiring the colors.



From L to R: Ben Simpson, Jack Connell, and Ed Schroder.

### MNAC VOCAL CLINIC

*By Emily Gentry*

On October 31st, the Hyannis choir traveled to Brady to participate in the MNAC vocal clinic. The day started out early and continued with a long drive. Once they arrived in Brady, things quickly got started.

They started out by introducing the director of the day which was LaDonna Swedberg from Wallace. She started out by having them do vocal exercises, and then they got started singing the songs. They arrived at 8 AM and ended with a concert at 5:30 PM. They combined to make a big choir with all 10 schools in the conference. It was a long day of rehearsals, but the choir worked hard and put on a very good performance. They performed these eight songs: *Oh Desayo*, *Take 5*, *Come to Shore* (girls only), *Ring of Fire* (boys only), *Benedictus*, *Spiritual Jubilee*, *Bladed of Grass and Pure White Stones*, and *Lovely Days*. We are proud of our Choir and can't wait to see what Mrs. Anderson has in store for the Christmas Program! Mark Your Calendars for **December 16** to find out!



The Hyannis choir poses together at the MNAC Vocal Clinic



## HAUNTED HOUSE

*By Ben Connell*

On the 28th, 29th, and 31st a spooky surprise was brought to Hyannis. Weeks of work from Hyannis art students and faculty went into the creation of the haunted house. The Haunted house was open from 7-10 pm on the first two nights. For visitors who were looking for a more friendly experience, the house was open from 3:30 - 4:30 pm on Halloween. This gave the little kids an opportunity to enjoy the haunted house without being scared too bad. On the first two nights, the haunted house included attractions such as jump scares, clowns, creepy twins, fake blood, and fake dismembered body parts. All of the attractions were handmade and arranged by the art students. The students put tons of time and effort into making the haunted house enjoyable for the visitors and they all thoroughly enjoyed the process. The haunted house was a great community event for Hyannis, and the kids couldn't have been happier with how it turned out.



The haunted house crew puts on their costumes before the evening begins.

## SPOOKY CELEBRATIONS

*By Juliana Merrihew*

Superheroes, vampires, zombies, and mummies crowded the halls, slid down the playground slide, and sat in the classroom desks at Hyannis Area Schools this Halloween. The kids were excited to see each other's costumes and collect buckets of candy.

The party took place in the afternoon. The kids were split into groups and rotated through classrooms to play bingo, ring tosses, and much more. Half of the classes ran games, and the other classes were in charge of snacks. Cookies, dirt cups, and Chex mix were served.

After the party, the kids were released from school, and they could take part in the trunk-or-treat located in the west parking lot. Kids ran from trunk to trunk, yelling, "Trunk or treat!" The basketball team, cheerleaders, national honor society, and wrestling team all ran their own trunks. There was even one trunk where kids could get juice, pop, and pretzels!



Kids play Halloween Bingo in the Kindergarten room.

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING GETS STARTED

*By Danny Taylor*

High school wrestling is here with the mighty three wrestlers: Ezekiel Heaton (Senior), Trevor Kohl (Junior), and Danny Taylor (Freshman). The coaches are Hunter Spurlin and Jarod Spurlin. The Hyannis Wrestling Team is looking forward to a great year of wrestling. Their first wrestling meet is at Hemingford on December 1st. The wrestling team has put in a lot of hard work together so far but they have some improvement to do as well. They are hoping to have a great wrestling season this year and hope to see you there!



L to R: Trevor Kohl, Ezekiel Heaton, and Danny Taylor

## BASKETBALL GETS THE BALL ROLLING

*By Ami Evans*

This year's basketball season looks very bright for the 2022-2023 season. The season started off with a Jamboree against Valentine on Monday, Nov 21st. It was a little difficult coming back from the Thanksgiving break and going straight into a game. The girls played well and although Rylee Anderson hit three 3-point shots, they were defeated. The boys were able to pull away with the win in the last few minutes of the game with a score of 35 to 32. Both varsity and junior varsity players were able to get some court time to get us ready for the season. We have a very great chance to win and be successful this year and we are going to do our best to do what we need to do to win. It is going to be a great season.

Good luck to the Longhorns as they start their official season on December 1st with a home game against Creek Valley.



Basketball Seniors: Back Row: Lane Anderson, Max Kostman, Wyatt Phillips, and Jake Connell.  
Front Row: Juliana Merrihew, Ami Evans, and Rylee Anderson.

### JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING SMACKDOWN

*By Kanen Grant*

The junior high wrestling team brought home several medals this season. In the month of November, the team had five meets: Sutherland, Hersey, St. Pats, Mullen and Grant.

The team consists of sixth graders, Tripp Drieling, Colter Grant, Dillon Hebbert, Hunter Cover, and Daisy Frye. The 7th graders are Kash Provost, Landon Leonard, and Tom Connell. The 8th graders are Cayden Sheets, Beau Rice, Laramie Duffield, and Kanen Grant. The team is coached by Hunter Spurlin and Billy Grant helped at the tournaments.

The team did very well this season. Tripp Drieling placed at four of the five tournaments bringing home one gold medal. Kanen Grant placed at every meet with one gold and four silver medals. Kash Provost and Beau Rice both placed at four meets bringing home two gold medals each. Laramie placed first at the Sutherland tournament and Daisy Frye placed first at three of the four tournaments that she competed in.

The wrestlers had a very successful season in 2022. Although the season has concluded, we look forward to the future of this mighty wrestling team.



Back L to R: Landon L, Daisy F, Beau B, Hunter C.  
Front: Trip D, Colter G, Cash P, and Kanen G. Not Pictured:  
Dillon H, Tom C, Cayden S, and Laramie D.

### THE HYANNIS HUNGER GAMES

*By Ben Connell*

Throughout the first semester, the freshman class has been reading the *Hunger Games* for English class. While reading the book, they were also competing in their own hunger games.

In the Hunger Games, a student would get their name chosen out of a hat. If a student was chosen, they would then get to choose another student in the class to compete against a variety of different games. Some of these games include a quiz, rock paper scissors, races, wall sits, free throw competition, arm wrestling, and a vertical leap challenge.

The students were also each given a set of “power-ups,” which were cards that would give them an advantage in certain games. There were also cards that gave you the ability to cheat death or kill another player. After two weeks of competition between the freshman, Abby Rath was crowned the winner.

All of the students enjoyed reading the hunger games and participating in their own spin-off. This is one thing this year’s 8th graders should definitely be looking forward to for next year.



Abbi Rath, winner of the Hyannis Hunger Games



## NOTE OF THANKS

*By Dom Bopp*

Hyannis students and teachers are very grateful for all of the people who work behind the scenes to keep the school running. Thank you to the cooks and custodians for cooking and cleaning for all the students and keeping the school clean. We are very thankful for all you do. We are lucky to have you cooking delicious meals for us, and giving us a clean space to learn. Thank you for all that you do for the school!



Aurora and Jose



Casandra, Cindy, and Teresa

## THANKFUL TURKEYS

*By Jorja Grover*

The Elementary kids from Kindergarten and the First Grade created some Thankful Turkeys. They made turkey hands and said what they were thankful for. They are grateful for their friends, family, and there are many other things they are very appreciative of! They are some very creative little children, and they are definitely thankful for their teachers this year, 2022 to 2023!



The Kindergarten class holds up their Thankful Turkeys.



First Grade poses with their Thankful Turkeys.

## TEACHER'S CORNER: FIRST-GRADE RECAP

*By Taylor Krause*

First grade has been very busy the past month! We finished up our science unit on light and sound waves. At the end of the unit, students were able to partner up and become engineers in building a device that could communicate to someone using light or sound. Students were VERY creative in this project and came up with many different devices!

First-grade students also started working on research projects in reading back in October. Each student chose a wild or endangered animal to research. Each week, they completed a research question about their animal. When our final week is here, students will have eight different questions answered about their animal. We will create books with our findings and present them. It has been awesome seeing their research and writing skills improve with each week passing! I am so excited to see the final projects the kids completed and am so proud of them!



## TEACHER'S CORNER: JUNIOR HIGH ENGLISH

*By Veronica Lee*

It's hard to believe that it is November already and we are on to the second quarter of the first semester that is almost over. It is amazing how fast this year is going by.

In the 7th grade English class we are working on the unit about turning points. We have just finished reading *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley*. It amazes me how many of the students have not seen or even heard about *The Christmas Carol*. Next up for us is *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. I feel that the whole class will enjoy this story about diversity in our world.

In the 8th grade English class we were working on the unit with *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The kids got a view point of how it felt to have to hide away from the Nazis and Adolph Hitler. We are gearing up to read *Night* by Elie Wiesel who was in a concentration camp. The students are going to get that firsthand how it was to be in a concentration camp. I myself have visited Auschwitz and it is an experience of a lifetime and one I will never forget.

Both classes did essays on selling Haunted Houses and they all did awesome. Some of the essays were horror and gore and some of them were just down right spooky. We will be on to Gingerbread houses next along with searching for the North Pole, just stay tuned.





## NEW STUDENTS

*By Kade Olson*

Have you seen the new faces in the hallways? They belong to Ely Van Renan, Dom Boppre, and Landon Boppre. Ely is 15 years old and is a Freshman. Ely has four younger siblings. He also has two dogs. He's very excited to be a part of our football program.



Dom is 14 years old and has a younger brother in Fourth Grade, named Landon. They have one dog. Dom is excited to start shooting coyotes. Landon is 9 years old and is excited to meet new people.



## STRIV ADS

*By Gary Brennemann*

As basketball comes around the bend, the Hyannis Striv team is gearing up for a fun season of striving basketball games. We are currently selling ads for our live-stream commercial breaks. For \$25, you can show your support by being a Striv sponsor. This includes streaming the picture of your business or business logo for 3 seconds along with all of the other sponsors. This is played frequently during the games for home viewers to see. You can also purchase a 15 or 30-second ad showcasing your business. We use the sponsorships and revenue from the commercials to update our equipment and improve the viewing experience. Show your support for the Hyannis Longhorn basketball teams by becoming a sponsor today. If you would like more information, please contact Michelle Provost or Gary Brennemann.



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

### EZEKIEL HEATON

*By Kadon Woerner*

Ezekiel Heaton participates in many school activities such as football, wrestling, track and field, One Act, and speech. He is looking forward to wrestling, which is his favorite sport. His favorite subject in school is science. After graduation Zeek plans on going on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Ezekiel Heaton is 17 years old and was born in Logan, Utah. He has 4 siblings and a dog named Wattson. Zeek likes to spend his free time participating in sports or other such physical activities, games, churro parties with the boys, and hanging out with friends. His favorite book is Game Of Thrones, and his favorite song is Eleanor Rigby by the Beatles. Zeek contributes so much to the community, and we wish him all the best for his senior year!



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

### MAX KOSTMAN

*By Emily Gentry*

Max James Kostman is a 17-year-old senior at Hyannis High School. He lives at his family ranch south of Bingham. He was born in Port Charlotte, Florida. His parents are Cody Kostman and Kelly Chandler. Max has two brothers, Liam and River, and one sister named Willa. He once had a rat named Kitkat and currently has two dogs, Kink, who is a border collie, and Taco Tuesday, who is a pit bull.

Max's hobbies include hanging out with friends, hunting, fishing, and loving every day. His favorite things to do at school are bother teachers, dance, and sleep in class. Max is involved in basketball, football, quiz bowl, weight lifting, underwater basket weaving, FFA, and art.

His favorite movie is *The Notebook*. His favorite place he has been to is Italy. Max's future plans are to play college basketball, but if that doesn't work out, he plans to try out for *American Idol* or *American Ninja Warrior*. He isn't sure but is leaning more toward *American Idol*. Whatever his endeavors are, we wish him luck and can't wait to see what Max does in the future and we have enjoyed him being here at Hyannis!



Photo by Audrey Powles

## MR. CASPER'S ELECTION

*By Ely Van Renan*

Mr. Casper and the 7th through 12th grade had an election demo in November. Votes came in for positions such as Hyannis Board of Education, Village Board, Measures, and House of Reps.

The House of Representatives went to Adrian Smith with 28 votes, or 56.00% of votes. Governor went to Jim Pillen with 42 votes, or 87.50% of votes. Secretary of State went to Bob Even with 43 votes out of 48 votes total. There were many other seats that were voted for.

Danny Taylor even won Sheriff over sheriff Mike Rath! Danny had 19 votes and Mike had 14 votes. There might be a new sheriff in town.



## LUNCH MENU

DEC. 1 - PIZZA ROLLS, CURLY FRIES, LETTUCE SALAD, FRUIT  
DEC. 2 - HAMBURGER ON BUN, FRENCH FRIES, BBQ BEANS, FRUIT  
DEC. 5 - SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN, RICE, EGG ROLL BROCCOLI, FRUIT  
DEC. 6 - HAM & CHEESE ZOMBIE, TATER GEMS, GREEN BEANS, FRUIT  
DEC. 7 - ITALIAN DUNKERS, MEAT SAUCE, LETTUCE SALAD, COOKED CARROTS, FRUIT  
DEC. 8 - BEEF STICKS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN, DINNER ROLL, FRUIT  
DEC. 9 - SPAGHETTI, MEAT SAUCE, GARLIC TOAST, LETTUCE SALAD, FRUIT  
DEC. 12 - CHICKEN ALFREDO, GARLIC BREADSTICK, MIXED VEGGIES, FRUIT  
DEC. 13 - ENCHILADA CASSEROLE, LETTUCE SALAD, SMILEY FRIES, FRUIT  
DEC. 14 - CHRISTMAS DINNER: HAM, SCALLOPED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, DINNER ROLL, CHERRY DESSERT  
DEC. 15 - SAUSAGE GRAVY OVER BISCUITS, CORN, FRUIT, COOKIE  
DEC. 16 - PULLED PORK SANDWICH, BBQ BEANS, CHIPS, FRUIT  
DEC. 19 - CHICKEN STRIPS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN, MUFFIN, FRUIT  
DEC. 20 - BBQ MEATBALLS, SCALLOPED POTATOES, DINNER ROLL, COOKED CARROTS, FRUIT  
DEC. 21 - TACOS ON SOFTSHELL, POTATO OLES, GREEN BEANS, LETTUCE & CHEESE, SALSA, FRUIT  
DEC. 22 - MERRY CHRISTMAS BREAK THROUGH JANUARY 3RD!

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# December Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HS Wrestling @ Hemmingford HS Bball @ Hyannis	2	3 HS Wrestling @ Mullen HS Bball @ Hemmingford
4	5 Sports Pictures	6	7 State One Act	8 HS Bball @ Mullen	9 HS Wrestling @ Twin Loup	10 HS Wrestling @ Anselmo-Merna HS Bball @ Wallace
11	12	13 HS Bball @ Hyannis	14 FFA @ Thedford	15	16 Christmas Concert	17 HS Wrestling @ Sutherland HS Bball @ Hyannis
18	19 HS Bball @ Hyannis	20 Science Fair	21 Science Fair	22 No School	23 Moratorium No School	24 Moratorium No School
25 Moratorium No School	26 Moratorium No School	27 Moratorium No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School