

Longhorn Post



The Hyannis Schools Newsletter



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Holiday Showcase

By Kilee Parks

On the 19th of November, Hyannis High School hosted the holiday showcase, where people from the community came and sold different things they had made. Megan Anderson was set up there and took amazing pictures. Many people came in, and we were all happy about the outcome. The HHS travel student also held a concession stand to raise money for all the wonderful trips they get to go on.



JH Wrestling

By Colter, Racquel, & Tripp

This year was a successful year of wrestling, and we have had some marvelous tournaments, but we have also had some disappointing tournaments. The wrestlers for this year have come a long way from the beginning of the season to the end. Although we will miss the 8th graders, we are happy to see them improve throughout their JR. High wrestling years. The wrestling team includes the following 8th graders: Levi Merrihew, Landon Leonard, Ian Anderson, Tom Connell, and Kash Provost. In the 7th grade, we have Colter Grant, Dillon Hebbert, Tripp Drieling, Hunter Cover, Racquel Hunt, and Daisy Frye. In the 6th grade, we have Alex Adam, Bo Burgess, Garrett Huffman, Henry Anderson, Seth Fergeson, Royce Smith, and Kyle Fecht. Our head coach is Bill Grant, and our assistant coach is Daniel Schroer.

A few of our wrestlers weren't quite able to take part in/compete this year because of a few injuries. Needless to say, all of the wrestlers had pretty good years. They all definitely put a lot of hard work and dedication into this wrestling season. We are looking forward to this upcoming year. We'll be excited to see all the upcoming 6th-grade wrestlers next year.

Christmas Traditions

By Kylee Lee

Christmas is a magical holiday filled with joy and holly. It is a time where everyone can join together and celebrate this wonderful holiday and although some things are different, one thing that can join people together is traditions. Holiday traditions that have been found in our school are opening Advent Calendars, decorating Gingerbread Houses, Elf on the Shelf, and matching Christmas pajamas. For the kids that open the advent calendars, they say it brings joy every day till Christmas. Another tradition that I found popular was decorating Gingerbread houses the day before or on the day of Christmas. It is a tradition that brings together a family in great competition, that brings out the best in all people. Now, those little elementary students even hear the mention of their Elf on a Shelf excites their little eyes and warms their hearts but I want to make a comment on those crazy elves. Finally, Christmas PJs are a big one in large families that have lots of kids that make the holiday fun. These traditions give families a way to come together, just like the holidays should!



Teachers Corner– Music & HAL

By: Ellie Anderson

Hello from the world of music and HAL! We march to the beat of our own drum down here. (pun intended) And this drum has been marching quickly! Our Veterans Day Program was a huge success thanks to all the hard work and talent of our student musicians. We are so blessed to be able to use our talents to honor our Veterans!

We are now preparing for a great Christmas Program. Our K-4 will be performing a musical called “The Santaclausian,” and then our 5th-12th grade will perform their concert. Be sure to come watch on Friday, December 15th in the lecture hall at 6:30 pm.

Music teacher is only 1 of the hats that I wear though. I also teach HAL (High Ability Learners) for grades 4-12. This fall, we have done activities with a computer simulation marble run called the Turing Tumble; we’ve done some coding; we have played biology games and personal finance games. These students thrive on being challenged and it keeps me on my toes! I can’t wait to see where the next chapter takes us!

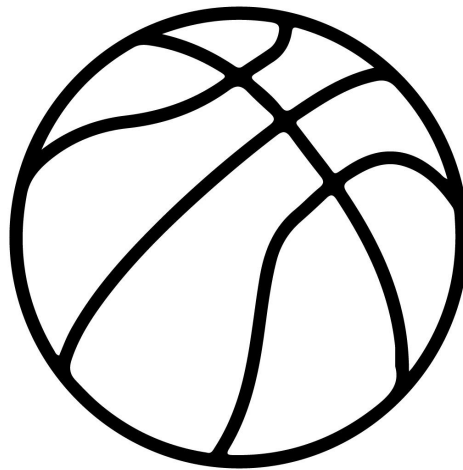
Sincerely,
Mrs. Ellie Anderson



JH Girls Basketball

By Helena Vinton & Kaia Carr

The Jr. High Girls Basketball team has been working hard and we have put a lot of effort into practice, and it is shown when we play. We have already had our first game and although we lost, we learned from our mistakes and will do better in our future games. The practices themselves are very helpful. I had often found myself thinking, what is the point of these drills? It wasn’t until our first game I realized the drills we had worked on helped me a lot when it came to anything, from ball handling to defense. We also have many chances to bond with our teammates with these drills. In order to be a greater team, we have to know each other better, and if we are more familiar with each other we can perform much better. This team is very hardworking, and friendly, and I am very optimistic that our future basketball games will be a great learning experience for the whole team practice helps us with our game so we can get better at it so when we get to our games and highschool year we have all the experience we need for basketball.



SHAKESPEARE'S GOT TALENT

By: Gary Brennamann

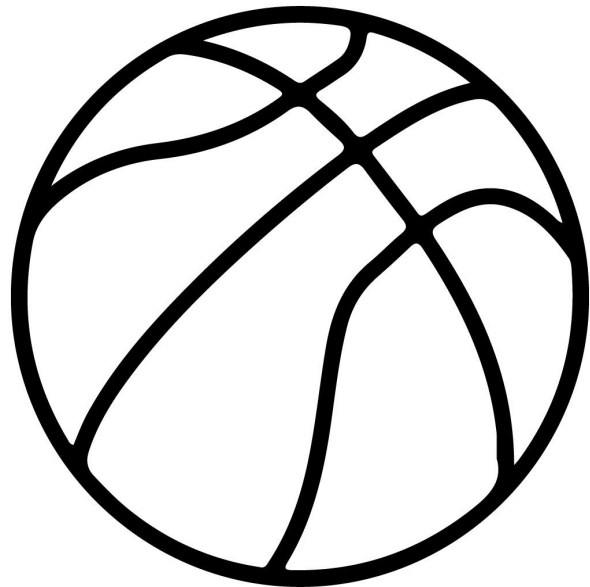
Over the past two months, the Hyannis One Act team has been practicing and finalizing their play. They were preparing for the Conference and the District One Act competitions. The play *Shakespeare's Got Talent* is a comedy, shedding light on the famed Shakespearean plays. During the comedy, characters such as Puck, Romeo, and the Fool humorously engage audiences allowing anyone to relate and have a laugh. The Hyannis One Act team performed at Hemingford on the 16 of November in the conference One Act competition. At the conference, Hyannis placed 6th in a 5th-place tie. From there the team had 7 practices to tweak their performance for the District competition. On November 29, Hyannis traveled to Thedford for the District One Act competition. They were the 2nd performance of 8. When it was all said and done *Shakespeare's Got Talent* placed 7th. Although they are not headed to state, on Monday, December 4 Hyannis One Act will host a dinner and perform the play for the public. Be sure to get tickets, and support the Hyannis One Act.

Shakespeare's
Got ★ *TALENT!*

Basketball is Now in Action

By: Ben Connell

On November 27th the Badgers ventured from Valentine to Hyannis for a jamboree matchup. The format of the jamboree was just like a normal varsity matchup. The games were four, eight-minute quarters, one game for the girls, and one for the boys. The night started with the girl's game, which tipped off at 4:00 p.m. Things started close with the Longhorns and Badgers back and forth but nearing the end the Badgers had taken a commanding lead. The game ended with a score of 17-34, the Badgers coming out on top. Immediately after the girl's game ended, both boys' teams took the court. The Badgers jumped to an early lead against the boys and held it throughout the game. The Badgers took home the victory 32-70. The Hyannis Longhorns basketball season officially starts December 1st with their matchup against Banner County at home. We wish all of the Hyannis winter sports teams good luck moving into the start of their seasons!



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Trevor Kohl

By: Kylee Lee

Trevor Kohl grew up in Bingham, Nebraska, to his loving parents Thad and Jody Kohl, and his sister Amanda Kohl. He has decided that when he gets older he wants to become a welder, which is fitting due to the fact that his favorite class is welding. When asked why this is my favorite class, Trevor has this to say, “It helps me with my welding and fabrication skills and thinking outside the box.” In 5 years, Mr. Kohl sees himself somewhere making a bunch of money and maybe starting a family. On his way to get there, he plans to attend college, now where he is going is the great question. Trevor states, “I am still undecided on what school to go to, I am split between, Western Welding Academy, Fort Scott Community College, and Eastern Wyoming College.” Asking his fellow seniors, they would describe Trevor as a cheetah, because he is loyal, honest, and protective of those he loves, plus it helps that he is a little witty. We wish Trevor a great deal of success wherever he decides to do!



Photography by: Shontell's Smiles

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Kylee Lee

By: Morgan Spurlin

Kylee joined the Longhorn herd last year with her mom Veronica Lee and brother Zack who graduated with the 2023 seniors. Kylee previously attended Stapleton for seven years. Before Stapleton, Kylee lived in three other states which include: North Carolina, Idaho, and Washington. During Kylee's time at Hyannis Area Schools, she has competed in Volleyball, One Act, Speech, and Quiz Bowl, and is heavily involved with Digital Media. Digital Media is Kylee's favorite class because it allows her to be creative and Mrs. Spurlin appreciates having her in class to help with the newsletter. Kylee writes many of the articles you see in the newsletter and creates many of the graphics that are posted on the school website. After high school Kylee plans to major in Sports Management and a minor in Kinesiology and Digital Media. Kylee is undecided on where to attend college, but she knows she wants to get as far away from the snow as possible. I believe we will see Kylee on the beach somewhere attending college. In five years Kylee dreams of being the Big 10 Commissioner or an athletic director for a college.



Photography by: Kelley Stahl

FFA TRAVELS TO MONTANA?

By: Tim Davis

Hyannis FFA is the Reserve Champion Team at the NILE Meats Evaluation Contest. The Hyannis FFA Meats Evaluation Team competed at the Northern International Livestock Exposition in Billings, Montana, on Tuesday, October 17. There, they, along with other FFA members from Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and other surrounding states competed in the Meats Evaluation Contest, where Hyannis finished as the Reserve Champion team. Members of the team included Trevor Kohl, Second High Individual, Max Leth, Third High Individual, Cash Davis, Fourth High Individual, and Chase Huffman. This was a great start for the Hyannis FFA Chapter in early preparation for the District FFA Meats contests, which will be held in the spring.



L to R: Cash Davis, Max Leth, Trevor Kohl, and Chase Huffman

HYANNIS FFA CHAPTER TRAVELS TO INDIANAPOLIS!

By: Parker Provost

On October 31, 2023, the Hyannis FFA officers began their trip to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 96th National FFA Convention. Their first stop was in Hannibal, Missouri where they visited a Mark Twain memorial as well as walking alongside the Mississippi River. On Wednesday, November 2nd, they visited the Opening Session of the convention. The session was held in Lucas Oil Stadium, the home of the Indianapolis Colts. Afterward, the group went to a Brazilian Steakhouse in downtown Indianapolis. On Thursday, the 3rd, they went to tour Purdue University's Department of Agriculture in West Lafayette, IN. They also went to the West Lafayette Mall where they mini golfed and rode go-karts. Friday morning, the officers attended a leadership conference at the convention center as well as going to the Career Fair and Exposition. Saturday morning, Kaylee Davis received her American FFA Degree, which is a degree only the top 1% of FFA members earn every year. Later that day, they trekked back to the Sandhills.



L to R: Cash Davis, Gary Brennemann, Regan Anderson, Trevor Kohl, and Parker Provost

Veteran's Day Program

By: Kylee Lee

The Hyannis Area Schools presented their annual Veterans Day Program on the 10th. The program started off with the Presenta of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance by the American Legion. The welcome was then done by Mike Wintz, followed by our high school band playing “ Salute to America” by John Kinyon. When they got to see the elementary students starting off with, “ God Bless America” by Irving Berlin and “U.S.A” by Barabra Speicher, performed by the kindergarten students and the first graders. Then our first and second graders followed suit by performing “American Heroes” by Francis & Gibbs, and “This is America” by Cliff Magg, and Merrill Osmond. Then, we got to hear from our Jr. Law Representative, Grady Fecht, who told us all about his time in Grand Island at the State Trooper Headquarters. After his lovely speech, we got to hear from Rylee Anderson and Cash Davis about their experiences at Boy’s State in Lincoln, both saying that this opportunity opened their eyes to the way the legislature works at the capital. When those wonderful senior boys were finished, the rest of the grade school kids performed. The 4th graders started us off with, “From a Distance” by Julie Gold and “You’re a Hero” by Sam & Gary Francis. Our grade school finished off with the 5th and 6th grade choir, singing “American Child” by Phil Vassar, and Craig Wiseman. Mike Wintz, came to give a speech about the history of Veterans Day and what it means to the families of fallen soldiers. After his eye-opening speech, the high school choir came to showcase their talent performing, “Some Gave All” by Billy Ray & Cindy Cyrus and “Something to be Proud Of” by Jeffrey Steele & Chris Wallin. Mike Wintz, then came up to give the Benediction, followed by Paige Vinton playing “Taps” and the Retiring of the Colors by the American Legion that wrapped up the program. On behalf of the entire group of Longhorn Post, we thank all Veterans and your sacrifice and service, along with all the family members that were with them during this hard time. We salute you and we are thankful for everything.

Band

By: Ben Connell

On the first of November, the Hyannis student body got a day off school, but the Hyannis band didn’t take a day off. It was the day of the PAC Band Clinic, which the Hyannis band was excited to attend! The clinic took place in Scottsbluff and most of the PAC schools sent their band to take part. The kids arrived at about eight in the morning, where they were immediately busy learning new musical pieces they would put to use later in a concert. All of the bands that attended worked throughout the day, learning and practicing. During the day the kids also got the opportunity to see a performance from WNCC’s show band. At around two in the afternoon, the bands got an opportunity to perform the songs they had been working on all day. They performed a concert of the songs they learned in front of all the attending parents. Each school got the chance to perform some songs with just their band as well. Overall it was a great learning experience for our band, and a chance to meet and see other bands in our area. We are thankful the PAC can hold this clinic and are excited to attend it for years to come!

LUNCH MENU

Dec. 1 beef tacos, potato oles, shredded lettuce & cheese, fruit, cookie
Dec. 4 beef noodles over mashed potatoes, dinner roll, green beans, fruit
Dec. 5 cheese runza, hash brown rounds, fruit
Dec. 6 chicken fajita on soft shell, seasoned rice, lettuce & cheese, fruit
Dec. 7 beef stroganoff, green beans, garlic bread, fruit
Dec. 8 pulled pork sandwich, bbq beans, pickles, chips, fruit
Dec. 11 chicken Alfredo, garlic knots, lettuce salad, baby carrots, fruit
Dec. 12 spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic toast, lettuce salad, fruit
Dec. 13 Christmas Dinner - ham and cheesy potato casserole, dinner roll, green beans, cherry cheesecake dessert
Dec. 14 potato or tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, carrots, crackers, fruit
Dec. 15 chicken crispito, potato oles, lettuce salad, fruit
Dec. 18 Italian dunkers, meat sauce, lettuce salad, carrots, fruit
Dec. 19 chili, cinnamon roll, fruit,
Dec. 20 breaded beef patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit
Dec. 22 mini corn dogs, bbq beans, chips, fruit

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Hyannis Longhorn Volleyball

2nd Team PAC All Conference

Faith Ferguson So. MH

Honorable Mention

Regan Anderson Sr. RS/OH

Bailee Leonard So. OH/DS/L

HYANNIS

D2-9 1st Team All District Defense

DL: Rylee Anderson (Hyannis)

D2-9 1 st Team All District Special Teams

Kicker: Ben Connell (Hyannis)

D2-9 2 nd Team All District Offense

QB: Ben Connell (Hyannis)

RB: Beau Rice (Hyannis)

TE/WR: Cash Davis (Hyannis)

D2-9 2 nd Team All District Defense

DB: Parker Provost (Hyannis)

Honorable Mention

Kutter Acord (Hyannis)

Kevin Hernandez (Hyannis)

Trevor Kohl (Hyannis)

LONGHORNS

December Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1. G/B Basketball vs Banner Co.	2. Wrestling @ Mullen G/B Basketball vs Hemingford
3.	4. One Act Community Presentation	5.	6. JH G/B Basketball @ Garden Co.	7. G/B Basketball vs Mullen	8. Wrestling @ Twin Loup	9. Wrestling @ Anselmo-Merna G/B Basketball vs Wallace
10.	11. JH Girls PAC Basketball @ Hemingford	12. G/B Basketball @ Gordon-Rushville	13.	14.	15. Wrestling @ Sutherland Christmas Concert	16. G/B Basketball @ Twin Loup
17.	18. JH G/B Basketball @ Arthur Co.	19. G/B Basketball @ Cody-Kilgore JH GBB @ Hemingford	20.	21. G/B Basketball @ Perkins Co.	22. No School G/B Basketball @ Perkins Co.	23. Moratorium
24. Moratorium	25. Moratorium No School	26. Moratorium No School	27. Moratorium No School	28. No School	29. No School	30. No School