

Longhorn Post



The Hyannis Schools Newsletter



SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

By: Raylynn Hunt

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The Grant County Commissioners are pleased to continue offering meals to seniors in the community. For those who wish to contribute, a suggested donation of \$5 per meal is appreciated. However, any cost not covered by donations is fully funded by Grant County to ensure no one goes without.

In October, we were happy to serve approximately 90 senior meals. If you or a loved one would like to receive a meal, please call the office by 8:30 AM to place your order. The lunch menu is available in the newsletter and can also be found on the school website.

Our meals follow the same nutritional guidelines as the student lunches, ensuring that seniors receive a balanced, healthy meal. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to serving you again soon!

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

By: Daisy Frye

On November 11, Hyannis Area Schools held the annual Veterans Day program to honor those who have served our country. The K-6 students performed eight patriotic songs, while the high school choir sang the *National Anthem*. A highlight of the program was the playing of *Celebration of Taps* by the high school band, creating a solemn moment of reflection. Three teachers who served in the military—Veronica Lee (Air Force), Amanda Rath (Army), and Amanda Davis (Army)—were recognized for their service. Kendra Burges, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Speakers Parker Provost and Ben Connell shared their experiences at Boys' State, emphasizing leadership and civic engagement. The flag was carried by David Dubs. A special thank you to Mrs. Anderson for organizing the event and to everyone who attended to support our veterans and the school community.



PAC ONE ACT

By: Anna Anderson

The One Act team was excited for PAC with their play called “Long Tall Lester”. The actors include Raylynn Hunt as Star Bach, Gary Brennemann as Lester Mc Chester, Paige Vinton as Floozy, Georgie Carr as a Saloon Girl, Parker Provost as Mayor, Laramie Duffield as Sheriff, Kash Provost as Jamie, Beau Rice as Joey, and Chase Huffman as Billy Black. They all perform very well and really take on the attitude of their character. I interviewed Kash Provost and he said that his favorite character is Billy Black. Kash enjoys working with Austin Casper and Veronica Lee, the directors. I also interviewed Parker Provost and his favorite character is Joey because Beau portrays his character so well it makes the play hilarious. Parker enjoys performing and making everyone laugh. Austin Casper said that all of the characters are his favorite and he enjoys watching the kids come out of their shells and act with completely different personalities. In all, the One Act team is excited for PAC and feels confident that they have a chance to win. PAC took place on November 21 and many schools competed. Almost all of our actors received acting awards. Morrill won the competition with their play “Conflicted”. Second place went to Hay Springs with the play “Everything Will Turn Out Fine”. All of the schools received acting awards and performed very well.



HYANNIS FFA COMPETES IN LDE

By: Hellena Vinton

FFA is a key strength of our school, with many students qualifying for the state competition each year. Under the guidance of Tim Davis, our mentor, our students excel in FFA and understand what it truly means to be a member of the Hyannis chapter. I spoke with one of our seniors and FFA President, Gary Brennamenn, and asked why he joined FFA. He shared, "To invest in my future career in agricultural environments." Gary plans to become a rancher after graduation, which seems like a perfect fit given his career goals. As an FFA member myself, I've had the opportunity to grow and learn over the past two years. I'll admit, I was a little intimidated by Mr. Davis in seventh grade, but after a few classes with him, I realized he's a personable and fantastic agriculture teacher. With nine of our students advancing to state, the rest of the year is sure to be exciting as we continue to compete.



AHEC TRAINING IN ALLIANCE

By: Randy Hiemstra

On Monday, November 18, four Hyannis Area students and their advisor made a trip to Alliance for a simulation training in the health professions field sponsored through Area Health Education Centers of Nebraska. Evan Merrihew, Laramie Duffield, Ella Lincoln, and Lydia Smith, along with Career Counselor, Randy Hiemstra experienced hands-on training dealing with trauma victims through SIM Training at Alliance High School. The students were able to experience trachea intubation on a mannequin and also were able to use a scalpel to get a real-life feeling of cutting through the subcutaneous membrane to relieve chest cavity pressure on a trauma victim. Hyannis students were paired with a group from Bridgeport so they had a chance to interact with others through their experiences. The feedback from the group was overwhelmingly positive and we were all appreciative of our opportunity to explore health career options.



JH GIRLS BASKETBALL

By: Jillian Taylor and Kaia Carr

This basketball season for Jurner High is bound to be a great one. Coach Hiemstra wants the girls to improve upon their skill and their knowledge of basketball. The girls have already begun to improve upon ball handling, understanding the game, and their attitude. Coach Hiemstra is looking forward to coaching the girls. Helena hopes that the team will win more than five games this season, and wants to improve upon our basketball skills. Hellena also wants to make the majority of her free throws. Daisy looks forward to seeing the team improve throughout the season. She also hopes to have some great wins this year. Anna is especially excited about the team's new jerseys. Anna hopes that the team will have a good percentage of free throws. So the outlook for the Junior High girls' basketball team looks great. We hope to have lots of wins, improve our skills, and have a great season.



BASKETBALL JAMBOREE

By: Gary Brennemann

On Tuesday night the Hyannis boys and girls basketball teams took part in the Hall of Fame Jamboree hosted in Valentine. The girl's team came out strong but could not make anything happen in the third and fourth quarters. Junior Faith Ferguson led the Longhorns in points, and Lydia Smith had 3 fouls. The Boys also aggressively took the floor but fell to the Badgers. Senor Parker Provost dropped six points, and Junior Kade Olson had ten points on the night. Next week the Longhorns travel to Harrisburg to take on the Banner County Wildcats. The game will be streamed on the new Hyannis Longhorns online radio station. Watch for the live link to follow your favorite sports team! The following day the Longhorns play in Hemmingford.



JH WRESTLING

By: Colter Grant

The wrestling season is shaping up to be a successful one, with Head Coach Grant and Assistant Coach Fullmer leading the team with their skills. Their hard work has prepared a strong team at every meeting so far. Both coaches have expressed pride in the team's progress, thanks to the athletes' commitment and effort. To get a closer look at the season I spoke with Dillon Hebbert and Trenton Billingsley, to hear their thoughts on the season's progress. Dillon shared that his season is going well, highlighting that he is focused on improving his setups. He praised Coach Grant and Fullmer for their excellent coaching, especially Coach Fullmer's effective instruction in Junior High wrestling. Dillon believes the entire team is performing well. Trenton, similarly, reported that his season is progressing positively, though he noted a personal goal of becoming more consistent with his shots. He also commended the coaching staff for their teaching. Overall, the team is on track for a strong finish to the season, with every wrestler showing improvement and determination. Congratulations to all the athletes on their hard work and dedication—keep up the great work!



THANKSGIVING

By: Georgie Carr

We interviewed one student from each grade, Kindergarten through 5th, and asked them two questions: "What is one thing you do every year for Thanksgiving?" and "What are you most thankful for?"

Our first interview was with Kirby, a kindergartener, who shared that every year, he goes to his grandma's house for Thanksgiving, and he is most thankful for the food.

Next, we spoke with Jasper, a first grader. He told us that he always eats turkey on Thanksgiving and is grateful for the opportunity to help others.

Skeet, a second grader, said he also enjoys eating turkey every year, and he is most thankful for—what else?—the turkey itself.

In third grade, we interviewed Dagny, who enjoys eating Thanksgiving food every year and is thankful for both the food and her family.

Braxton, a fourth grader, shared that he goes to his grandparents' house every year and is most grateful for God.

Finally, we interviewed two fifth graders. Sierra shared that every year, her cousins come over, and she is most thankful for her friends and family. Shaylee told us her grandparents visit every year, and she is most thankful for "stuff."

It was heartwarming to hear what each student values most about Thanksgiving!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Gary Brennemann

By: Hunter Cover

Gary Brenneman is the son of Brian and Sara Brenneman. After graduating from Hyannis; Gary plans to get an Associate's Degree in Ag. Business. The various activities Gary participates in and the skills he gains from them have had the greatest impact on his high school experience. Gary participates in 4H, FFA, and Digital Media. His favorite high school memory is the Costa Rica trip that he took last spring. Gary's proudest achievement was helping grow the school's media program. His advice for the upcoming freshman is not to take high school too seriously. It's only 4 years of your life and not to stress it too much. To describe his high school experience in three words Gary said, "Life Lessons Learned." He will miss being with his wonderful teachers and amazing friends. We will all miss Gary at Hyannis Area Schools.



Photo by Audrey Powles

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Trey Brown

By: Raylynn Hunt

Trey grew up in Lake George Co, he has three siblings. When Trey graduates he would like to attend a trade school in Oklahoma. Something that he said he would go back and change in his high school career, would be getting his work done in time, and not getting behind on his grades. "Who is gonna carry the boat?" This is quoted by David Goggins, Trey said that this has helped him along the way because it reminds him that he needs to step up and get his work done, and it shows him who actually needs to carry the boats. We wish Trey the best of luck throughout his high school career and farther out in life. HHS will miss Trey.



KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT

Lanham Volz

Lanham is six years old and has one sibling. When he grows up he wants to be a zoo keeper and his favorite subject is reading.



Isabel Taylor

Isabel's favorite movie is The Minions, her favorite food is pasta. She has three siblings and if she had one million dollars she would spend it all on bubble gum.



Jasper Mansor

Jasper has three dogs and three steers. However, one of them got butchered; he was tasty. Jasper's favorite food is steak. When Jasper grows up he wants to become a storm chaser.



LUNCH MENU

December 2, 2024 Pepperoni Tornados, Meat Sauce, Fruit and Milk

December 3, 2024 No School
December 4, 2024 Walking Tacos and Fixings, Fruit and Milk

December 5, 2024 Loaded Fries, Fruit and Milk

December 6, 2024 BBQ Beef Sandwich, Corn, Fruit and Milk

December 9, 2024 Steak Fingers, Curly Fries, Green beans, Fruit and Milk

December 10, 2024 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit and Milk

December 11, 2024 Potato Bar, Fruit and Milk

December 12, 2024 Steak and Cheese Tornados Veggie, Fruit and Milk

December 13, 2024 Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Fruit and Milk

December 16, 2024 Corn Dogs and Tater Tots, Fruit and Milk

December 17, 2024 Chicken Patty, Green Bean, Fruit and Milk

December 18, 2024 Beef Pie and Fixing, Fruit and Milk

December 19, 2024 Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Roll, Pie and Milk

December 20, 2024 K-4 PB and J with Chips/5-12 Roast Beef Sandwiches with Chips, Fruit and Milk

BREAKFAST MENU

December 2, 2024 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

December 3, 2024 No School

December 4, 2024 Sausage Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

December 5, 2024 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

December 6, 2024 Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

December 9, 2024 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

December 10, 2024 Sausage Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

December 11, 2024 Tornado sausage egg and cheese, Cereal, Fruit, Milk and Juice

December 12, 2024 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice

December 13, 2024 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

December 16, 2024 Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

December 17, 2024 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

December 18, 2024 Tornado sausage egg and cheese, Cereal, Fruit, Milk and Juice

December 19, 2024 Sausage Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

December 20, 2024 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice

December Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 District One Act @ Home Wrestling JH @ Sandhills/ Thedford Schools	4	5 Bball JH @ Home vs. Hemingford	6 Bball G/V @ Banner County Bball B/V @ Banner County	7 Wrestling @ Mullen Bball G/V @ Hemingford Bball B/V @ Hemingford
8	9 One acts Community Presentation @ Lecturer Hall	10 Christmas Concerts @ Lecture Hall (6:30 pm)	11 Bball G/JH @ Home Bball B/JH @ Home vs. Garden County	12 8:00- 12:00 Health Screening Basketball G/V @ Mullen Basketball B/V @ Mullen	13 Wrestling @ Sargent	14 Wrestling @ Anselmo-Merna Bball B/V @ Wallace Bball G/V @ Wallace
15	16 Bball PAC G/JH @ Morrill High	17 Bball G/V @ Home Bball B/V @ Home vs. Gordon-Rushville	18	19 Bball G/V @ South Platte Bball B/V @ South Platte	20 Wrestling @ Sutherland	21 Wrestling B/V @ Valentine JV Bball tournament @ South Platte
22 Moratorium	23 Moratorium	24 Moratorium	25 Moratorium	26 Moratorium	27	28
29	30	31				