

Longhorn Post

The Hyannis Schools Newsletter



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Longhorns Going to Costa Rica?

By: Gary Brennemann

Sandy-white beaches, beautiful rainforests, and mountainous views only scratch the surface of the breathtaking views of Costa Rica.

In May of 2024, five students from Hyannis will travel to Costa Rica, guided by the EF tour group. Mrs. Volz, who teaches English and International Business is sponsoring the trip. Over the past couple of months, the Hyannis travel group has been fundraising for the trip. They held a soup concession stand during the Holiday Showcase and also fundraised by selling greenery for the holidays.

Traveling to Costa Rica is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will allow students to implement their Spanish skills, explore new cultures, and learn the value of travel. Thanks to the supportive school staff, parents, and community, kids from Hyannis Area Schools will be able to experience Costa Rica.

Sophomore Career Cap @ Chadron Science Fair

By: *Randy Hiemstra*

On Wednesday, November 29 six Hyannis Area sophomores traveled to Chadron for the 1st Career Cap event sponsored collaboratively by Career Connections of Western Nebraska, Chadron State College, Box Butte Development Corporation, and ESU #13.

Over 260 students throughout the Northern Panhandle and Sandhills participated in this event. Students were able to select an occupation area of their choice and spend the day with several employers in that chosen field. Students were able to participate in (1) Agriculture, Food or Natural Resources (2) Criminal Justice (3) Education, Training, or Childcare Provider (4) Health Science (5) Human Services Psychology or Social Work (6) Trades: Diesel Mechanics and Welding/Metal Fabrication.

Businesses and entities donating time and resources for this Career Cap included: CSC Rangeland, Dr. Rankin Vet Clinic, Upper White NRD & Forest Services for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. CSC Fingerprints and Blood Splatter, Chadron Police Dept. and Nebraska State Patrol for Criminal Justice. CSC Child Development Center, CSC School of Education, and Head Start for Education, Training or Childcare Provider. Prairie Pines Assisted Living, The Eye Company, Chadron Community Hospital for Health Services. Western Community Health Resources, Region 1: Office of Human Development, Northwest Community Action for Human Services, Psychology or Social Work. Butler Ag, New Leaf Construction, NPPD and Black Hills Energy for Trades: Diesel Mechanics and Welding/Metal Fabrication.

Hyannis Area students participating were; Faith Ferguson, Dylan Frye, Bailey Leonard, Evan Merrihew, Kade Olson, and Abbi Rath. The trip's sponsor was Mr. Randy Hiemstra, Career Education Coordinator

By: *Kylee Lee*

The Hyannis Science Fair was held December 13 through the 14th for grades 7 through 12. These students presented their projects to grades Kindergarten through 5th grade with the intent to demonstrate physical and non-physical reactions. Mr. Spurlin had been hosting this special event in the gym for the last 2 years and has been a major success. I had the honor to take a group of 6th graders including Seth Ferguson, Bristol Meester, Kaitlyn Minor, Alex Adams, and Bo Burgess. We started at the Sophomore station and visited Faith Ferguson. Her project is "What are colloids" which she said, "Is a substance that when forced with pressure it turns into a solid and when no force is applied it is a liquid." It goes against all that Newton's Law states, we thank Faith for her time. We then traveled to Mrs. Hooks room where Parker Provost was set up with his "Bending A Laser Beam Through Water". To what Parker said "It's all about refraction, the refraction off the water and the laser makes that illusion." We saw a lot more projects but only the class favorites were showcased in this article. I did however have time to talk to the lovely Mr. Spurlin about what he thinks the main focus is for this fair. He states, "This fair helps the high school students do hands-on learning with things that we might not get to in the classroom, and it gets them to work on public speaking and talking to their peers," he also mentioned what it does for the elementary students, "It helps the elementary see interesting projects that they may not see in their classes and it also gives them a chance to see the what they will be doing in the future to come." We thank Mr. Spurlin and the science classes for giving the younger kids this opportunity to see these projects. We are excited to see what you come up with next! Good luck!



Photography by: *Kylee Lee*

Teachers Corner

By Cheyanne Volz

Hello Everyone, and welcome back!

I hope you had an amazing, restful break and are looking forward to the new year as much as I am.

We have a lot going on in English across all of my classes. The seniors are about to be introduced to the amazing world of Shakespeare. Most of the juniors will continue their quest with American literature, while a handful of them will start a crash course in British literature to prepare for college English next year. They will also continue to work through ACT objectives. Sophomores are continuing to develop and perfect their speaking skills with persuasive and entertaining speeches. The freshmen will begin a new unit that begs the question, "What can we learn from a journey?" and explores the idea of growth. 8th graders will start to read about human intelligence and what it means to be intelligent; how does intelligence look different from person to person?

International Business is taking a different approach this semester. The class will select individual developing countries to research the entire semester. Their goal is to not only learn about the country and its basic demographics, culture, trading partners, etc. but also to develop a plan that would help them move forward to become developed. Contemporary Fiction is also taking a different approach compared to our "book club" that we had last semester. The class will continue to read and explore contemporary works and compare them to films of the same name.

Spring semester also brings a lot of fun for student groups. The Student Council has everything from the annual Easter Egg Hunt to planning for Homecoming. The National Honor Society will begin the process of inducting newly qualified members and hold the Induction Ceremony in April. The EF travel group is getting excited about their adventure to Costa Rica at the end of May.

There are many moving parts, and the spring semester goes quickly, but I would not want it any other way. As always, I look forward to working with you and your students.

SHAKESPEARE'S GOT TALENT

By: Kylee Lee

The One Act Team Performed on Monday, December 4th for the Hyannis Community and anyone that wanted to come and see the show. The night started off with a lovely dinner that was made by the wonderful parents of the kids who were performing in the show. The dinner was tacos and man was there some amazing food including cilantro ranch that the wonderful Mrs. Provost had proved that so many wanted the recipe to. Then at around 7 pm the show was about to start with Mr. Casper started off with his thank you's and listing of the district and conference, best outstanding actors. At the conference, it was Kylee Lee, Chase Huffman, Kevin Hernandez, Luke Durfee, Regan Anderson, and Kody Carpenter. At districts, it was Kylee Lee, Chase Huffman, and Kody Carpenter. After his speech, the kids performed one of the best shows of the entire year, with an amazing crowd. These kids worked so hard all year long and the community was happy to support them! Congrats on a good season.

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Teacher's Corner

By: Austin Casper

As I write this, from The History Room, we are finishing the first semester of the 23-24 school year and that is hard to believe. It has been a productive year in all classes.

History of the American West took a trip in September to Chadron where they visited the Museum of the Fur Trade, Chadron State College, and the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center. That class explored a vast period of time from the earliest people in the Americas, the Paleoindians, right to the industrialization of the West during the 21st century. The class is one of my favorite subjects to study and teach.

In other news, the government textbook was updated at the beginning of the year. It is nice to have supporting material and statistics that are much more recent, the old books data stopped in 2001. The new book doesn't reflect data from the pandemic era, but it does include statics through 2017 as it was published in 2018. Books published after 2018 become much more challenging to adopt because of a change in attitude toward published material.

I am looking forward to the Spring semester and starting a Current Events elective where we will study the domestic and international issues of the day and current developments from around the world. I am excited to get to do this with the Presidential primary beginning in January.

LONGHORN BOYS' BASKETBALL HAS HUGE SUCCESS

By Parker Provost

Through December, the Longhorn boys' basketball team had 9 games. To kick off the season, the Longhorns started with a 64-41 win over Banner County. The next day, Hemingford traveled to Hyannis for a conference match-up. After going up quickly with a 7-0 lead, the Longhorns kept up the lead and finished with a score of 63-41. The following week, the Longhorns had a rivalry match-up playing the Mullen Broncos at home. A slow start by the Longhorns kept the Broncos within reach in the first half but in the second half, they pulled away with the win and only allowed 5 points in the second half. The following Saturday, Wallace journeyed to Hyannis. After starting off strong, the Longhorns held on to the lead and got another big win with a score of 49-34.



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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Max Leth

By: Kylee Lee

Max Leth grew up in Ashby and Whitman, Nebraska to his two parents, Ryon and Kayla Carr, and two sisters Georgie and Kaia. They have made a huge impact on his life and he wouldn't know what to do without them. He is planning on attending Southeast Community College or SCC in Milford for the John Deere Ag Program, and is very excited to attend in the fall of 2025. Max says his favorite class is Mr. Davis's Agriculture Classes, "My large animal management class the most because I get to do something I love in that class and the Meat Identification." I asked Max what he is going to miss most about Hyannis Area School this is what he had to say, "I'm going to miss managing football for Coach Schroer, it was a blast being able to manage for him, I'll miss the little conversations in the morning with him in the locker room." When I asked around to see what other people saw Max as an animal, the answer was a White Tail Deer, because he can be skittish when he is alone but when he is in public and has his friends he is very social.



Photography by: Kayla Carr

Longhorns on the Mat

By: Kylee Lee

High School Boys Wrestling started up this December, with our fantastic 5 on the mat. Trevor Kohl, Danny Taylor, Laramie Duffield, Kody Carpenter, and Max Curtis are the stars this year on this new wrestling team led by first-time coach Billy Grant. Their first wrestling match of the season was at the place to the east, Mullen, with senior Trevor Kohl being the only placing wrestler at 3rd. They then traveled to Twin Loup, Sargent, where they wrestled hard and fast but at the end of the day could not come out on top. The next day they traveled to Anselmo-Merna with a new fury in their eyes and a passion in their souls but had a little trouble getting past the second round. They travel to Sutherland, on the 15th of December and we are wishing them great luck for the tournament and are wishing them great success for the rest of the year!



Photography by: Coach Grant

Girls Basketball

By: Kilee Parks

The girls basketball team has played 7 games so far. Unfortunately, we haven't won as many as we would have liked but have improved greatly from last year. These girls came in during the summer working so hard and as a team. They have shown they want to make a great season. In these last couple of games, they were tough but that didn't stop these girls from battling through it. We may not have won but we proved to our fans that we weren't going to stop fighting and that we kept pushing through all of these games. Coach Ferguson has made us a way better team and has helped us improve a whole bunch. We definitely couldn't do it without him or Coach Lauer. We are very grateful for them wanting to coach us. We are ready for our upcoming games and thank you to our fans for coming to all of our games and supporting us. We greatly appreciate it.



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State Trooper Visits the Longhorns!

By: Gary Brennemann

On Wednesday the 13th, state trooper Tim Flick met with Hyannis High students, and staff to discuss vaping, juuling, and E-cigarettes. He first discussed how juuling is fading out of society, however, other cheaper tobacco products are taking their place. He presented many graphs that show since 2011 the usage of E-cigarettes and vaping by teens has increased. However, smoking and juuling have decreased. Since the FDA has not approved vaping, and it is unregulated it has been able to spread very quickly through the U.S. Trooper Flic also discussed how THC is used, as well as how harmful it is to the user. He explained how it is a federal crime to possess THC, therefore the government can't regulate the substance. Tim also brought the substance GHB into the light. It is a tasteless, colorless, and odorless substance that when ingested completely erases your memory for 12 hours. Tim then went into greater detail about the substances that are in vapes. Propylene Glycol was a top contender, it is the same ingredient that is in antifreeze. He also outlined some of the chemicals and metals being put into your body, if you want a full list, copy down the periodic table. Along with lung damage, and the possibility of the vape pen exploding, which can cause devastating effects. Trooper Flic accurately covered many of the bases on how various substances affect you, and the lasting effects they will have on your body.



JH Girls Basketball

By: Helena, Kaia, and Racquel

This last week, we had our second game of the season. The A team lost 20-19. It was a challenging game, but we played well. The B team won, 0-2. Even though it was with one single shot, we won. The first game was really tough. We were winning at first until the 3rd quarter, and by the time the 4th quarter started, we started to get tired, and we started to fall behind by 2 points. In the end, we lost by one point, 20-19.

We also had our tournament just yesterday, and we lost pretty badly. The end score was 7-30. We didn't score any points until the fourth quarter. Our team did not perform the best we could have, but there were some highlights to the game.

In the end, we all could have done better, but we still had fun. The game was good. We need to focus more on the ball and the prison that you gotta block and try to get the ball from the other team and try to make a hoop. We need to be aggressive and try our best to make our team happy and have fun and show them we can work hard. We are wishing the Junior High Girls Basketball team good luck in the new year!



JH Boys Basketball

By: Tripp and Colter

This year's basketball team is good. We have a lot more players than last year. The coaches are good. The head coach is Daniel Shore, and the assistant coach is Seth Adam. We have played our first game vs Garden County. We won 24 to 25. Our next game is vs. Arther on the 18th. We have nine games from December to February. We have a good team this year. We are going to win more games than last year. Next year, we hope that we will get the same coaches. We hope that this season will go well.

We have learned a new play, and the play is called triangle. The team hopes this play will work. We will use this play when we play Arther next week. The team hopes we win all of our games. The team is ready for the rest of our games because we are playing at some different schools. We are wishing the Junior High Boys Basketball team good luck in the new year!



Christmas Concert

By: Ben Connell

Christmas spirit came to town on Friday the 15th for the annual Christmas concert. The first event of the night would be a musical performed by kindergarten through fourth-grade students. The musical is called The Santaclausian. The kids put on an excellent rendition of the play before clearing the stage for the 5th and 6th grade band.

The band performed “Away in a Manger” and “We Three Kings”. After this, the kids put down their instruments and sang “Christmas in the Valley”. After this, the 7-12 choir took the stage and sang “Gather ‘Round the Christmas Tree”. For their final song, they sang “Silent Night”, where the audience joined in and sang along. The final performance was by the 7-12 band. They performed “Little Drummer Boy”, “Noel, Noel”, and a unique Christmas-themed “The Pink Panther”.

That brought the great night of performances to a close. We would like to thank Mrs. Anderson for arranging a spectacular concert this year! The Christmas concert was a great event to roll into the end of the semester and we can’t wait to see what next year’s concert brings!



Fall Semester Honor Roll

7th Grade	Anna Anderson
8th Grade	Ian Anderson
11th Grade	Gary Brennemann
8th Grade	Lila Brennemann
8th Grade	Molly Burgess
11th Grade	Benjamin Connell
8th Grade	Thomas Connell
7th Grade	Hunter Cover
10th Grade	Faith Ferguson
7th Grade	Dillon Hebbert
10th Grade	Kevin Hernandez
9th Grade	Ella Lincoln
10th Grade	Evan Merrihew
8th Grade	Joia Merrihew
9th Grade	Lydia Smith
7th Grade	Jillian Taylor
9th Grade	Paige Vinton
7th Grade	Helena Vinton
11th Grade	Parker Provost
10th Grade	Abbigail Rath

LUNCH MENU

Jan. 4 - macho nacho with fixings, potato salad, fruit, milk

Jan. 5 - chicken patty on bun, curly fries, fruit cup

Jan. 8 - ham & cheese zombie, tater gems, bbq beans, fruit

Jan. 9 - chicken Alfredo, garlic breadstick, green beans, fruit

Jan. 10 - beef stroganoff, dinner roll, lettuce salad, cooked carrots, fruit

Jan. 11 - pizza roll, tri-tater, lettuce salad, fruit

Jan. 12 - chicken noodle soup, toasted cheese sandwich, crackers, carrots & celery, fruit

Jan. 15 - sweet & sour chicken, rice, egg roll, fruit

Jan. 16 - hamburger gravy over biscuits, corn, fruit

Jan. 17 - Italian dunkers, meat sauce, lettuce salad, smiley fries, fruit

Jan. 18 - bbq meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll, green beans, fruit

Jan. 19 - hard shell tacos, potato oles, refried beans, lettuce & cheese, fruit

Jan. 22 - chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit

Jan. 23 - cheeseburger pie, fruit turnover, green beans, potato salad, fruit

Jan. 24 - burrito with beans, potato oles, lettuce salad, fruit

Jan. 25 - hot ham & cheese sandwich, french fries, cooked carrots, fruit

Jan. 26 - taco burger, chips & salsa, lettuce & cheese, fruit, cookie

Jan. 29 - breaded beef patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit

Jan. 30 - chili, cinnamon roll, crackers, baby carrots, fruit

Jan. 31 - hot dog or chili dog, chips, mixed vegetables, fruit

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

January Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. No School	2. No School	3. No School	4. School Returns	5. G/B Basketball vs Morrill Senior Night	6. Wrestling @ Garden Co, G/B Basketball @ Arthur Co.
7.	8.	9. JH Boys Basketball vs St. Agnes Academy	10. JH G/B Basketball vs. Minatare	11. Wrestling Dual @ Home	12. Wrestling Dual @ Mullen	13. Wrestling @ Sandhills-Thedford G/B Basketball @ Sandhills Valley
14.	15. G/B Basketball PAC Tournament @ TBD	16. G/B Basketball PAC Tournament @ TBD JH G/B Basketball vs. Cody-Kilgore	17. 10:00 am Late Start	18. JH G/B Basketball vs. Sandhills Valley	19. Wrestling @ South Loup G/B Basketball PAC Tournament @ TBD	20. G/B Basketball PAC Tournament @ TBD
21.	22. JH G/B Basketball vs. Mullen	23.	24. FFA @ Valentine JH Quiz Bowl @ Anselmo-Merna	25.	26. G/B Basketball @ Crawford Wrestling @ Medicine Valley	27. G/B Basketball vs. Sutherland Wrestling @ Ainsworth
28.	29. JH Boys PAC Basketball @ Crawford	30.	31. FFA @ North Platte Quiz Bowl @ Anselmo-Merna			