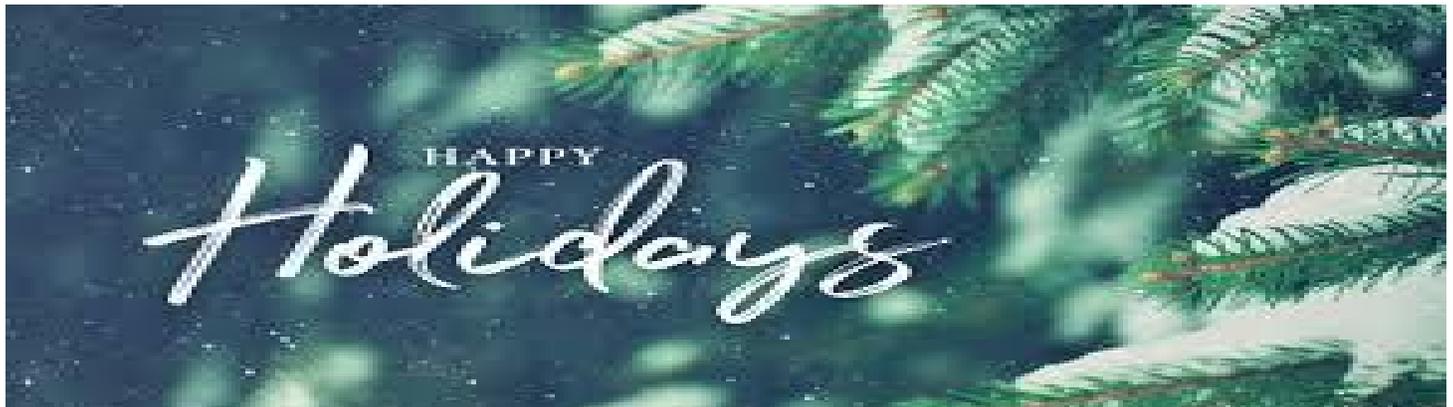


# Longhorn Post



The Hyannis Schools Newsletter



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## Merry Christmas!!!

*By: Helena Vinton*

It is that time of year again! Vibrant colors of red and green decorate the streets on those snowy nights and you hear the jolly music around every corner. Everyone gets more cheerful with the coming Christmas season, and with less than a week left until Christmas, all the kids at Hyannis are exhilarated for the break. Lanam from Kindergarten is especially excited for the holidays. He says his favorite things about them are the presents and having time with his grandpa and grandma. In first grade, Harper also loves spending time with her grandparents and sledding when it snows. Everyone loves Christmas, and we've been celebrating it for over two millennia worldwide. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, and every year on December 25, more than 2 billion people in over 160 countries worldwide celebrate this holiday. It has been a federal holiday in the U.S. since 1870, and with millions of Americans celebrating to this day, it is the most popular holiday in the U.S. With the conclusion of the first semester at Hyannis everyone, including the teachers, is excited for the break and looks forward to the upcoming year.

## New Student– Sawyer Donner

*By: Tripp Drilling*

Sawyer Donner is a sixth-grade student at Hyannis Area Schools, having joined us in August at the start of the school year. He is a dedicated student who puts in a lot of effort both in the classroom and in sports. Sawyer is also known for being a great teammate. One of his favorite things about attending Hyannis Area Schools is the friendships he has made. Though he was very nervous and unsure if he would fit in, he quickly found that he had nothing to worry about, as he had made many friends along the way.



## New Student– Clayton Anderson

*By: Raylynn Hunt*

We are excited to welcome the newest member of the HHS senior class, Clayton Anderson. Clayton previously went to Scottsbluff High School. He is most looking forward to competing in wrestling and golf. Going from a large city to Grant County, USA is a difficult transition, but Clayton says his favorite part of Hyannis is the small town, small school, and all the teachers. We are happy to have Clayton join us and wish him the best for the rest of his senior year.



## **New Student– Hunter Deaver**

Hunter moved to Hyannis from Gordon-Rushville, he has three siblings Ceci, Maddi, and his twin sister Joleen. Hunter likes to play video games and watch video games, and in his free time, he likes to watch cat videos. He is 12 years old, and something that he likes about Hyannis is that everyone is friendly and very welcoming.



## **New Student– Joleen Deaver**

Joleen is a new 7th-grade student. She has a twin brother named Hunter. She enjoys baking and her family is important to her. She went to Gordon-Rushville Public Schools and a private school called Well Springs Church School. Her friends at her old school are Haylee, Aliyah, and Kaisyn. What she wants to do here in Hyannis is to be able to do more activities and make new friends. Joleen enjoys her time being here and trying new things. She wants to be able to watch the game to know what we are doing so she can learn the sport and know that she can try to do the same. Joleen likes to play video games and sometimes read.



## New Student– Laniece Robertson

Lannie is a new freshman here at Hyannis, we are so glad that she joined us. Laniece participates in various sports such as volleyball and basketball, but we are unsure that she will participate in track this coming spring. She has had a great impact on the girls' basketball team this year.



## PAC ONE ACT

*By: Anna Anderon*

The One Act team was excited for PAC with their “Long Tall Lester” play. 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 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.



## A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND MAGIC

By: Michelle Provost

The annual Christmas Program at Hyannis Area Schools was a spectacular showcase of talent, heart, and holiday cheer, led by our incredible music director, Ellie Anderson. Kindergarten through 12th-grade students came together to celebrate the season with music and performance.

The elementary students delighted the audience with a heartwarming play, *"How to Train Your Reindeer to Fly,"* The play was complete with memorized lines and delightful songs. The 5th and 6th graders, who began learning band instruments only a few months ago, impressed everyone with their progress, performing Silent Night and Jingle Bells as well as singing two songs.

The high school band, with over 30 members ranging from 7th to 12th grade, filled the stage with energy, performing three songs, including a show-stopping rendition of *Last Christmas* and *Don't Stop Believin'!* The high school choir captivated the crowd with a beautiful rendition of *Mary, Did You Know,* and *In December*

We are truly blessed to have such a vibrant music program at Hyannis Area Schools!



The Hyannis Band performs at the Christmas concert.

## Varsity Girls Basketball

By: Raylynn Hunt

The Hyannis girls basketball team is currently 2-0. Their first official open-season basketball game was against Banner County on December 6th, coming out on top with a win of 54-14. The following day they played Hemmingford and yet again they pulled through with another win of 37-34. Junior's Faith Furgerson and Raylynn Hunt say that they can foresee this year's team going farther than what they did last year. Faith says " We had a strong start to the season and I hope we can keep it up for the rest of the season." We asked the girls' head basketball coach Charles Furgerson what his outlook for the rest of the season for the girls is looking like and he responded that the girls are working hard this year and I can't wait to see where they can go, and assent coach Lauer said that she can see the girls this year having an amazing season and lot of hard work will be put in and most of all they will have fun doing it.



## Varsity Boys Basketball

*By: Parker Provost*

The Hyannis Boys Varsity Basketball team kicked off the '24-'25 season with a trip to Harrisburg to play the Banner County Wildcats. The Longhorns stampeded the Wildcats with a score of 63-21. The following day, the boys traveled to Hemmingford. The back-and-forth game came down to the last second but the Longhorns were defeated 44-42. The next week brought matchups against the Mullen Broncos and Wallace Wildcats but were sadly defeated in both, 47-43 and 52-47. The home opener for the season was played against Gordon-Rushville. The Longhorns got up quickly and held their lead, finishing with a 56-51 win. The last game of the year was in Big Springs for a matchup against the South Platte Blue Knights. Once again, it was a back-and-forth game, but the Longhorns reigned victorious, beating the Blue Knights 45-40. We would like to congratulate the boys for their success thus far and wish them luck for the rest of the season!



## JH GIRLS BASKETBALL

*By: Daisy Frye*

This year 15 girls are participating in basketball. The coaches this year are Randy Hiemstra, Krista Hampton, and Seth Adam. The girls have played St. Agnes, Hemmingford, and Garden County. This year so far, the girls are 2-2 with a win against Hemmingford and Garden County and 2 losses against St. Agnes. Our 8th Graders this year are Anna Anderson, Kaia Carr, Daisy Frye, Racquel Hunt, Jillian Taylor, and Helena Vinton. Anna Anderson said the year has gone pretty well given that we have won 2 out of the 4 games. They have taken the role of being leaders and pushing their teammates to play their best. They have been participating in leadership activities that have improved their attitude on the court. The girls have worked hard this year. They hope to finish the rest of the year with all wins.



## JH Boys Basketball

*By: Hunter Cover*

The JH boys hope to make their season successful this year. They play their first game on Wednesday, December 11th, against the Garden County Eagles. I expect that the boys will play well and beat the Eagles. The Longhorns have four eighth graders who are helping the younger kids to step up and be a great success in their season. 8th grader Colter Grant hopes to see a lot of effort and improvement during practice and games. He said our biggest advantage is our great coaches. Mr. Hiemstra is a great coach and will be a big part of our team. Assistant coaches Seth Adam and Crista Hampton also play a big part. The game on Wednesday was a great success. The JH boys and girls both won their games. The boys won 28-20. They had a full range of grades starting in the game. 6th grader Talon Minor, 7th grader Seth Fergeson, 8th grader Dillon Hebbert, 8th grader Hunter Cover, and 8th grader Tripp Drieling all started Wednesday's game. With only three days of practice, the boys played a great game and are hoping for a great season.

## JH Wrestling Wrap-Up

*By: Racquel Hunt*

The 2024 Junior High wrestling has come to an end. The season was excellent for the Junior High boys and girls. The team consisted of the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The members of the team are the 6th graders: Trenton Billingsley, Waylon Hebbert, Sawyer Donner, Landon Boppree, Shaylee Grant; 7th graders: Royce Smith, Garrett Huffman, Henry Anderson, and Kyle Fecht; 8th graders: Hunter Cover, Tripp Drieling, Dillon Hebbert, Colter Grant, and Racquel Hunt. This year we had some ups and downs. Dillon Hebbert ended his season with a 14-4 record, Hunter Cover ended his season with a 15-5 record, Tripp Drieling ended his season record with a 17-7, Colter Grant ended his season with a 15-5, and Racquel Hunt ended her season record with a 16-5. The coaches for this season were Billy Grant and Brady Fullmer. Dillon Hebbert thought that his wrestling season went well, he learned lots of new moves, even though his favorite one is the granby. His best match was in Kimball, where he wrestled a kid from Bayard. Hebbert pinned him with a fall of 3:01. Hunter Cover thought that his season went fairly well. Cover's favorite part about his season was when he teched a kid in the first period. Cover's favorite move is the duck under. Cover's best match was in Banner County, where he wrestled a kid from Lingle, WY. Cover teched him in the second period. The 6th graders enjoyed their first year as a JH wrestler. Some had a better season than others. Waylon Hebbert had a very successful season; he ended it with a 17-3 record. "It's better to participate in the wrestling meets and lose than it is to not participate and never win." - Waylon Hebbert.

## Varsity Wrestling

*By: Colter Grant*

The high school wrestling team is looking forward to a strong season. The coaches are doing a great job helping the athletes improve their skills. The team is excited to have two new freshmen wrestlers and one new senior join the team, and so far, they have been doing well in practice and picking up on moves fast. I spoke with junior Danny Taylor and freshman Kash Provost about how the season looks. Danny feels that the team is performing well overall. He believes he's doing fine but knows he just needs to keep putting in the effort, both on the mat and in practice, to continue improving. Kash, on the other hand, feels the team got off to a rough start after their first meet in Mullen. However, he's confident in himself and believes he can win at the state with hard work and dedication in practice. Kash is also thankful for the coaching staff, particularly Coach Fullmer, who's stepping up this year despite only having experience from coaching in junior high. Kash feels that Coach Fullmer is doing a great job and that the whole coaching team is doing their best to teach the athletes. Overall everyone is hoping that some wrestlers will make it to state this year.



## 6th Grade Give Back

Mrs. Davis's 6th-grade class opted to not do a class Christmas gift exchange this year, and instead organized a community-service-based project and "gifted" members of the Hyannis village! Students were blessed to share in bringing smiles to the members by giving them care packages and singing carols. It was a wonderful experience for all!



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Ben Connell

*By: Dillion Hebbert*

Ben Connell is a senior at Hyannis Area Schools, and he has very much enjoyed his time here. His favorite part about the school is the family-like atmosphere where everyone knows each other and supports one another. Ben stays busy after school, participating in both football and track. He's particularly excited about the track this year, and he believes the 4x8 relay team has great potential for success. While Ben enjoys the school as it is, he'd love to see more after-school activities added to increase student involvement. He feels proud of how the school year has gone, especially with the football team's progress. The improvement in teamwork and coaching has been a highlight for him, he says. Looking ahead, Ben is excited about graduation, he knows he'll miss seeing his friends every day. After high school, he plans to get a degree in medical engineering. While he's still undecided on which college he'll attend, he's certain about his career path. Ben will be greatly missed, but we're excited about what the future holds for him as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.



Photo by: Audrey Powles

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Jorja Grover

*By: Raylynn Hunt*

Jorja grew up in Rushville, NE she has two siblings and she was raised by her dad Clairance. Things that Jorja would have changed if she could would be getting her work done on time and getting better grades. Jorja's biggest influence here she said would have to be Mrs. Provost, because she is so much fun to work with and she will always help someone when they need it, she is also very caring for others. She advises the upcoming freshmen to get their work done on time and be respectful to all their teachers. Jorja said three words that she would use to describe her high school life: "Believe in yourself". The thing she is going to miss the most about high school is seeing Mrs. Hook every day because she was super fun to be around, and caring and she supports her along the way and in what she chooses to do. After High School Jorja plans to attend the OWLS program at the Mid Plains Community College in North Platte Nebraska. HHS wishes Jorja the best of luck with the rest of her schooling and later on in the future.

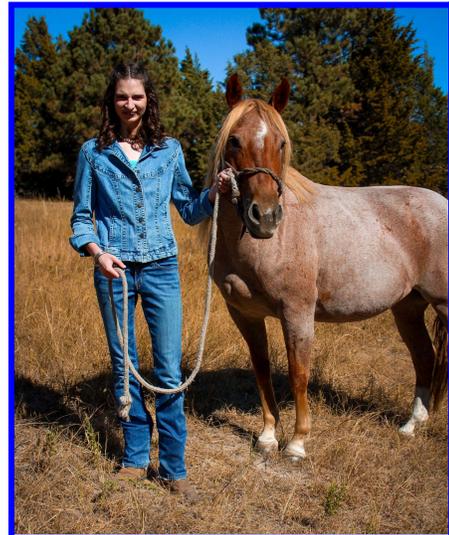


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## KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT

### **Kirby Cover**

Kirby's favorite animal is a horse, if he had one million dollars he would spend it on buying a fire truck, and Kirby's favorite color is blue.



### **Dally Fiscus**

Dally is 5 years old her favorite color is pink, and when Dally grows up she wants to be a Doctor.



### **Kaebri Layman**

Karbri is 6 years old. Her favorite animal is a leopard and when she grows up she wants to be an eye doctor.



## LUNCH MENU

January 6, 2025 No School  
January 7, 2025 Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Fruit and Milk  
January 8, 2025 Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit and Milk  
January 9, 2025 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit and Milk  
January 10, 2025 Sweet and Sour Chicken, Rice, Fruit and Milk  
  
January 13, 2025 Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Sticks, Corn, Fruit and Milk  
January 14, 2025 Tacos with Fixings, Fruit and Milk  
January 15, 2025 French Dip Sliders, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk  
January 16, 2025 Assortment of Pizza's, Fruit and Milk  
January 17, 2025 Chick Strips, Fries, Fruit and Milk  
  
January 20, 2025 Cheese Crisps, Slasa, Fruit and Milk  
January 21, 2025 Chicken White Sauce Lasagna, Bread, Salad, Fruit & Milk  
January 22, 2025 Loaded Beef Burritos, Rice, Fruit and Milk  
January 23, 2025 Chicken Bacon Wrap, Fruit and Milk  
January 24, 2025 Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Fruit and Milk  
  
January 27, 2025 Pulled Pork Sandwich, Slaw, Fruit and Milk  
January 28, 2025 Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Roll, Corn, Fruit and Milk  
January 29, 2025 Chicken Parmesan, Salad, Fruit and Milk  
January 30, 2025 Chilli and Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit and Milk  
January 31, 2025 Chicken Crisпитos, Slasa, Fruit and Milk

## BREAKFAST MENU

January 7, 2025 Sausage Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 8, 2025 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 9, 2025 Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 10, 2025 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 13, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice  
January 14, 2025 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 15, 2025 Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 16, 2025 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 17, 2025 Tornado sausage egg and cheese, Fruit, Milk and Juice  
January 20, 2025 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 21, 2025 Sausage Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 22, 2025 Late Start  
January 23, 2025 Tornado sausage egg and cheese, Fruit, Milk and Juice  
January 24, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice  
January 27, 2025 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 28, 2025 Tornado sausage egg and cheese, Fruit, Milk and Juice  
January 29, 2025 Sausage Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
January 30, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice  
January 31, 2025 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

# January Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 JH Girls/ Boys basketball game @ Home Varsity Girls/ Boys basketball game @ Sutherland	8	9 JH Girls/ Boys basketball game @ Minatare	10 Varsity Girls/ Boy basketball game @Morrill High School	11 Varsity Wrestling @ Garden County High School Varsity Girls/ Boy basketball game @ Home
12	13	14 JH Boys basketball @ Alliance	15 FFA @ Thedford/ North Platte	16 Varsity Wrestling @ Home Varsity Girls/ Boys basketball @ Twin Loup High School	17 Varsity Wrestling @ Mullen	18 Varsity Wrestling @ Thedford Varsity Girls/ Boys basketball @ Home Senior Night
19	20 PAC Girls Varsity @ TBD	21 Varsity Boys basketball @ TBDD	22 Late start FFA @ North Platte JH Quiz Bowl	23 JH Girls/ Boys Basketball @ Home	24 Varsity Wrestling @ Bayard Varsity Girls/ Boys @ THD	25 Varsity Girls/ Boys basketball @ TBD
26	27 JH BB @ Mullen	28 Varsity Girls @ Ainsworth	29 FFA CDE @ North Platte	30 JH Girls/ Boys basketball @ Cody- Kilgore	31 Varsity Wrestling @ Curtis Varsity Girls/ Boys basketball @ Home	