

Longhorn Post



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2ND ANNUAL SPELLING BEE!

By Kylee Lee

On Friday, February 9th Hyannis had its 2nd annual Spelling Bee. It was held in the Lecture Hall for kids grades 3rd through 6th to show their spelling excellence. It was hosted and judged by Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Volz, and Mrs. Spurlin. Third grade competitors include Braxton Adams, Josie Adams, and Jameson Rice. From 4th grade we had Shaylee Provost, Clara Adams, and Sierra Hampton.

From 5th grade competing we had Trenton Billingsley, Talon Minor, and Natalie Vinton. Finally in 6th grade competing we had Royce Smith, Garrett Huffman, and Riley Riker. Royce Smith won the competition with Josie, Garrett, and Natalie. The star word of the day was practice, which won Royce the competition, by spelling it the British way "practise".

LONGHORNS SEASON COMES TO AN END

By: Ian Anderson

The Hyannis Longhorns boys basketball played in a holiday tournament on December 21st and 22nd, which took place at Perkins County. In the first round, they faced tough competition against Perkins County where they fought hard but suffered their first loss of the year, 48-38. The following day, they won against South Platte, 55-27, giving them third place in the Holiday Tournament. They started January off at home against Morrill and won 50-45. The very next day they got a big win against Arthur County on the road, 61-30. Later, on the 16th, they braved the weather to beat Edgmont in the first round of the PAC conference tournament, 58-32. That Friday, they went to Chadron State College to play Morrill again in the second round of the tournament, where they would win in a last-second comeback 48-47, advancing them to the championship. They played in the championship the next day vs. the Crawford Rams and won comfortably 45-33. This was the Hyannis boys' first conference championship win in over 20 years! The Longhorns will cap off their brilliant January with three more games, the 26th at Crawford, the 27th at home vs. Sutherland, and the 30th at Sandhills Valley. Good luck Longhorns!



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LADY LONGHORNS SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE

By Kilee Parks

The girls' basketball team didn't get the chance to play Potter-Dix on Saturday the 10th due to the weather and the slick roads we had. They then started their sub-districts against Cody-Kilgore on Monday the 12th in Hay Springs and they won. They then played Hay Springs and won against them which led them to the last round where they played Crawford unfortunately they did not win against them. These girls have come a long way and I am very proud of them. I know that the years to come are going to be amazing for them because they are working as a team and starting the game out strong. They still have a couple of bumps in the road but I have a lot of faith in them that they can make it. I know they can accomplish anything and everything that they put their minds to.



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LONGHORNS ON THE MAT!

By: Kelsey Micheau

Overall the Hyannis boys had a great wrestling season this year! Trevor and Danny said the district championship went well. Trevor received fourth place at the Medicine Valley wrestling tournament but Danny wasn't able to attend.

Danny stated that he would like to improve his conditioning next season. Trevor, being a Senior this year, said he improved on his skills and techniques this season. Their favorite parts of the season were when they could eat and get to hang out with their team and coaches.

When asked if they could give any advice to a future wrestler Trevor said "Work hard! You get what you put in!" and Danny said, "Try something new, don't give up, and always give one hundred percent".



Pictured: Max Curtis



Pictured: Trevor Kohl

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: KILEE PARKS

By: Kylee Lee

Kilee Parks is one of our final seniors in the class! Fun fact, she is also one of the youngest in the senior class. She is originally from Wyoming and moved here at the end of 8th grade. She has one brother named Stetson, who graduated last year! Kilee is the daughter of Tiffany and Jeremy Parks. She says that her favorite class is English because she gets to learn about new cultures and languages.

Her after-high school plans include attending Eastern Wyoming College because she has accepted a gracious scholarship from the school along with the fact that most of her family went there. In the future, she either wants to start her own business in cosmetology or massage therapy, because she says that an area like this could use these types of businesses.

Her biggest dream is to start a business and create her own entrepreneurship. When asked what animal she would be, the answer was a horse. The reason for this is that she is loyal and strong like a horse and has a path that she knows she wants to follow in her heart. We wish Kilee all of the best of luck in her future endeavors. Go Longhorns!



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JH BOYS BASKETBALL

By: Levi Merrihew

After a hard loss last week at home to Saint Agnes, the JH boys were eager to get a win and they did just that against Cody-Kilgore. The next week, January 29 the team headed to Crawford for their PAC tournament. They played the Hay Springs JH team and beat them, then had to turn around and have a rematch against Saint Agnes. The team played better against them and had it tied 19-19 at the half. Sadly Saint Agnes didn't have to play back-to-back games like us and pulled away late in the fourth quarter and won. The very next day they had to play Stapleton, and they outsized us by about a foot on average, and due to some sickness in the team, all the starters weren't able to make it to the game. We lost by two but played a hard game. On February 7th, the Longhorns JH team went to Thedford for their final game of the season. The start wasn't pretty and we were down by ten in the second quarter. After a fiery speech going into the fourth quarter the JH boys team came out strong and took down the Thedford nights by ten points. The eighth-grade leaders were Ian Anderson, Tom Connel, Landon Lenord, Levi Merrihew, and Kash Provost. Seventh graders all had a fundamental season and saw lots of A team, consisting of Hunter Cover, Tripp Drieling, Colter Grant, and Dillion Hebbert. Our sixth graders have really come a long way and by the end of the season saw quite a bit of A-team action. They were Alex, Seth, Garret, Kyle, Stetson, Bo and Henry. The JH boys record ended with a win and was 6 and 4. The JH Longhorn herd was led by Daniel Schroer and Seth Adam, we couldn't have done it without either of them. Go Longhorns!!

JH GIRLS BASKETBALL

By: Molly Burgess

This year's JH girls' basketball season finished February 7th at Sandhills Thedford. The girls were full of energy and played one of their best games of the season. They didn't win but the score didn't show the level of playing. It was just one of those days that none of your shots go in, unfortunately. Some girls on the other team were not the greatest to play with, but that didn't stop us from playing as hard as we did. The girls had fun and didn't let anything bother them, regardless of how the game was ending. The scores ended at 40-15, Sandhills Thedford. We played hard, we all just wished our shots went in. The 8th-grade girls are sad that their JH basketball career has ended, but at the same time, they are ready to go to high school. They haven't had the most successful season but that just means they have room to improve and know what they need to work on next year!

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NEW STUDENTS– KELSEY, PRESTON, AUSTIN, WAYLON

By: Kylee Lee

In our school we have welcomed four new students to the herd. Kelsey, Preston, Austin, and Waylon, came to our school in grades Kindergarten, Second grade, Sixth grade, and Senior!

You have the oldest, Kelsey, who is the strong piece of the puzzle that holds the group together! Kelsey's favorite things include the color blue, liking cows and cattle, and getting to see the exciting things that Hyannis holds for her and her family. They moved here from Powell, Wyoming after her father got a new job here! She is very excited to be a part of a new class and says, "It's a small school so it's easier to get to know them." When asked who her hero is she said that her hero is her mom, and that is inspiring.

The next sibling in the herd is Preston, the sixth grader. His favorite color is purple and his animals are dogs and bears. When asked what he would do if won a million dollars he slyly said, "Buy my mom hearing aids and my dad's dentures!" He then restated the answer to, "Buying his mom and sister a car, and his dad a new truck, starting a welding company, and a four-wheeler." Something that you need to know about Preston is that he is respectful and always there to lend a hand and grateful for his new teacher!

Austin is the next bunch in the group! His favorite color is green, his favorite animal is a horse which is something that he really loves! If he was to get a million dollars today he would give it to people in need. The youngest kid is in Kindergarten, Waylon and what he said he would do with a million dollars is buy a Bugatti. We welcome them to the herd!

NEW STUDENT– RILEY, BRECKEN

By: Thad Hall

I had the opportunity to interview new students Brecken and Riley. Their parents are Dustin and Tracy Ricker. Brecken attended Southeast High School while Riley attended Southeast Elementary School. When asked what their favorite meals were they said two completely separate foods. Brecken was pasta while Riley was Marshmallows. I also learned that their best achievement was at a county fair. Brecken learned how to ride a horse and decorate a cake. Riley learned how to decorate a cookie jar at the county fair. When asked what they noticed about Hyannis Schools Brecken stated that she has noticed that everyone is different in their way. Riley said that the kids were nicer than his old school. They also have opposite hobbies. Brecken likes to read and Riley likes to play with Legos.

SHARPSHOOTERS

By: Landon Leonard

Hyannis has a very large sharp shooting team. These kids can participate in BB guns, sporter air rifles, and precision air rifles. At competition, they will put kids in mixed relays and each relay will shoot at different times (the sharpshooters range from 8 to 18 years of age). For placings, it will be overall for age groups, so kids their age will be competing against each other so it is fair.

This large group of very talented shooters has been practicing since around December. They have put in a ton of work this season so that they could compete in 5 shoots this season. The next upcoming meeting will be in Alliance.

The state shooting will be located in Grand Island, Nebraska. State shooting is a little different than most state activities. Most kids can just show up to state without actually qualifying. If your team places in the top three you will then move on to nationals.

“ If at first you don't succeed, try doing what your coach told you the first time.”~ Dylan Frye

PARTYING IT UP IN ELEMENTARY!

By: Kylee Lee

On the 14th of February, the elementary school had a party to celebrate Valentine's Day on that Wednesday. The celebration had classes K-5 involved in the magical occasion. We talked to the elementary teachers to see what they thought and enjoyed about the day.

Taylor Krause, the 1st grade teacher, had this to say about the party. “Elementary students had a great Valentine’s Day this year! Students either made their boxes at home or were able to decorate them at school. There were many creative-looking boxes! Students lined the halls with their creations for everyone to see that day. Students, K-5 were able to enjoy many different games in classrooms and then enjoyed tasty treats at the end of the fun!”



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FFA: Takes The Cake

By: Parker Provost

On February 21st, 2024, the Hyannis FFA chapter competed in the District Career Development Events in North Platte. The first event of the day was Ag Sales. The Ag Sales team placed 2nd overall and qualified for the State FFA Contest in April. Participants were Gary Brennemann, Ben Connell, and Parker Provost.

Parker Provost - 1st High Individual

Following the Ag Sales competition was the Meats Evaluation competition. The team dominated the competition, with the top fourteen individuals being all from Hyannis.

Max Leth - 1st High Individual

Trevor Kohl - 2nd High Individual

Cash Davis - 3rd High Individual

Faith Ferguson - 4th High Individual

Kevin Hernandez - 5th High Individual

Evan Merrihew - 6th High Individual

Chase Huffman - 7th High Individual

Rylee Anderson - 8th High Individual

Ella Lincoln - 9th High Individual

Lydia Smith - 10th High Individual

Bailee Leonard - 11th High Individual

Paige Vinton - 12th High Individual

Ben Connell - 13th High Individual

Brecken Ricker - 14th High Individual

The top four individuals qualified to compete at the State FFA Contest.

Kevin Hernandez, Danny Taylor, Rylee Anderson, Evan Merrihew, Dom Boppre, Trevor Kohl, Chase Huffman, and Cash Davis competed in the Natural Resources competition.

Congrats to everyone for your success and good luck at the State Competition.



Natural Resource Members: L to R, Dom Boppre, Trevor Kohl, Chase Huffman, and Cash Davis



State Qualifying Ag Sales Team: L to R- Gary Brennemann, Parker Provost, Luke Durfee, and Ben Connell



State Qualifying Meats Team: L to R- Faith Ferguson, Max Leth, Trevor Kohl, and Cash Davis

Teachers Corner: Mrs. Rath– Second Grade

We have been working hard these past couple of weeks to finish up writing our animal stories. We have learned how to write stories including describing our characters, having a detailed setting, and explaining the problem and solution throughout our stories.

In Math, we have been working on measurement. For Leap Day, we celebrated by measuring our vertical and horizontal jumps. We also had a fun way to get to PE and played Leap Frog in the hallway, even some of the high school students were jealous.

Social Studies has been a great unit about Citizenship and now we are moving into our Government. We have learned about the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

In Science, we are learning all about Matter and its state. We will be doing experiments such as melting butter and watching as it cools and changes back into a solid, and making pancakes.



Teachers Corner: Mrs. Jones– Math

We are implementing a new math curriculum and I am extremely pleased with it. Reveal is a comprehensive program designed to inspire mathematical proficiency, critical thinking, and real-world problem-solving skills among learners. From its engaging instructional approach to its focus on deep conceptual understanding, Reveal Math has garnered praise for its effectiveness in cultivating mathematical literacy and confidence in students. I have seen a great deal of growth in my students from last year to this year. At the heart of Reveal Math lies its emphasis on conceptual understanding. By delving into the "why" behind mathematical principles, students develop a deeper appreciation for the subject and are better equipped to tackle complex problems with confidence.

One of the standout features of Reveal Math is its adaptive technology, which personalizes learning experiences to meet the unique needs of each student. Through diagnostic assessments and ongoing feedback, the curriculum identifies areas of strength and weakness, allowing teachers to tailor instruction accordingly. This individualized approach not only fosters academic growth but also promotes a growth mindset, instilling in students the belief that with effort and perseverance, they can overcome any mathematical challenge. Reveal Math fosters a collaborative learning environment where students are encouraged to engage in meaningful discourse, justify their reasoning, and learn from one another. By working together to solve problems and communicate their thought processes, students develop not only their mathematical proficiency but also their communication and collaboration skills—essential competencies for success in the 21st century.

LUNCH MENU

Mar. 1 chicken or fish sticks, tater gems, cookie, fruit

Mar. 4 chicken Alfredo, green beans, garlic knit, fruit

Mar. 5 Italian dunkers, meat sauce, lettuce salad, California blend, fruit

Mar. 6 taco burger, chips & salsa, lettuce & cheese, fruit

Mar. 7 no school

Mar. 8 no school

Mar. 11 burrito, seasoned rice, lettuce & cheese, cookie

Mar. 12 ham & cheese zombie, tater gems, baked beans, fruit

Mar. 13 chicken fajita on soft shell, potato oles, lettuce & cheese, brownie, fruit

Mar. 14 spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, peas, garlic bread, fruit

Mar. 15 no school

Mar. 18 chicken strips, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit

Mar. 19 cavatini, lettuce salad, California blend, garlic bread, fruit

Mar. 20 sweet & sour chicken, rice, broccoli, egg roll, fruit

Mar. 21 sloppy Joe, chips, baked beans, fruit

Mar. 22 potato or tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, carrots & celery, crackers, fruit

Mar. 25 golden goulash, dinner roll, mixed vegetables, fruit

Mar. 26 macho nacho, lettuce salad, carrots, fruit

Mar. 27 Easter Dinner: ham & cheesy potato casserole, green beans, cinnamon roll, fruit

Mar. 28 chicken crispito, potato oles, fruit, lettuce salad

Mar. 29 no school

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

March Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1.	2.
3.	4.	5.	6.	7. NO SCHOOL	8. NO SCHOOL	9. Spelling Bee Regionals @ Omaha
10.	11.	12.	13. 4-H Elementary STEM Camp	14. Lions Club Vision and Hearing Screening 4-H YQCA Livestock Training UNK Indoor Meet	15. Prom NO SCHOOL	16.
17.	18. PAC Quiz Bowl @ Sioux Co.	19. Quiz Bowl @ Stapleton	20. Battle of the Books @ Sutherland	21.	22. Varsity Track @ Ainsworth	23.
24/31.	25. PAC Music Contest	26.	27. ESU HS Quiz Bowl @ North Platte	28. JH Track @ Ainsworth Blood Drive @ High School Easter Egg Hunt	29. NO SCHOOL	30.