

# Longhorn Post



The Hyannis Schools Newsletter



## Hyannis Cheerleaders Shine at State Competition

*By: Morgan Spurlin*

The Hyannis cheerleading team made an impressive debut at the Dance and Cheer State competition in Grand Island on February 21st. The event spanned three days and included a variety of categories for Class A, B, C, and D with hundreds of cheerleaders from across the state. Hyannis competed in the "Traditional" category, showcasing their dance routine, crowd cheer, tumbling, and jumps. Despite this being their first-ever state competition, Hyannis brought home an impressive third place out of six teams in their category. The cheerleaders, Joia Merrihew, Lila Brennemann, Paige Vinton, and Molly Burgess were coached by Michelle Provost. The team was thrilled with their performance, especially considering the top two teams had 12 members compared to their smaller squad. Looking ahead to next year, the girls are excited to focus on more advanced tumbling and pyramids. Their hard work and enthusiasm made for a memorable experience!

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## BOYS BASKETBALL RECAP

By: Gary Brennemann

Fighting for the rebound and knocking down threes, the Longhorns fought till the end of the season. Starting in February, the Longhorns lost to Cody but turned around and beat Hay Springs by ten. The Longhorns' next win came on the 15 against Potter-Dix. Their last regular season game against Ainsworth was also a win with the Longhorns putting up 51 and winning by four. The next week, Hyannis hosted the D-9 sub-districts. On Tuesday, the Longhorns faced the number 4 seed, beating the Arthur Wolves 66-43. The Merrihew brothers were the show's stars, and Levi scored 22 points that night. Evan was hot from the three-point arc, knocking down 23 points! After the Longhorns won against Arthur, they faced Thedford the following Thursday. The Longhorns and Knights fought tooth and nail for the first half. Coming out from halftime, the Longhorns could not hang with the Knights and lost by ten. Unable to make very many baskets in the second half, the Longhorns only put up 33 points. Levi Merrihew was the Longhorns' lead scorer, scoring 9 on the Knights. The Longhorns finished their season strong with a 12-12 record. Parker Provost and Chase Huffman, the two seniors on the team, had a great season, their leadership and camaraderie will be greatly missed. Thank you to the coaches, sponsors, and parents who made this season possible; your commitment doesn't go unnoticed. Until next basketball season, GO LONGHORNS!!



## GIRLS BASKETBALL RECAP

By: Raylynn Hunt

The Hyannis girls basketball team had their Sub-District games last week at Crawford and they played against the Hay Springs Hawks, but unfortunately, they came up short by four to end the girls' basketball season. After the game, the girls are now looking into the future, planning on accomplishing bigger things next year and bettering themselves in the off-season to lead up to their 25- 26 basketball season. Junior Fath Ferguson said "We can accomplish a lot more next season if kids put the work in this summer and want to improve our game for the following season." HHS wishes the basketball girls the best of luck in their 2025- 2026 season.



## WRESTLING

*By: Royce Smith*

The Hyannis wrestling team had a strong season, putting in a lot of effort at both practices and meets. Coaches Fullmer and Grant were a big part of their success, helping the team improve throughout the year. Despite not getting the results they wanted at districts, the team made a lot of progress and gained valuable experience. Senior Clayton Anderson reflected on the season positively, mentioning both the good moments and the challenges they faced. He highlighted the hard work of his teammates and the support of the coaches. Sophomore Laramie Duffield agreed with Clayton, saying the team grew a lot over the year. He noted that both coaches did a great job, and by the end of the season, the team had become a lot better. With all the experience gained this season, the Hyannis wrestling team is set up for a bright future and should continue to improve in the coming years.



## QUIZ BOWL

*By: Kaitlyn Minor*

Hyannis Area Schools is thrilled to have a junior high quiz bowl team this year. The team is made up of Hunter, Dillon, Tripp, Helenna, Daisy, Raquel, Anna, Jillian, Clara, Henry, Royce, Garrett, Kyle, Kinzie, and Alex, and they're coached by Mrs. Lee. In quiz bowl competitions, two teams of four players compete, using buzzers to answer trivia questions. Points are awarded to the team that answers correctly and first. The quiz bowl categories include topics like science, math, history, literature, fine arts, current events, popular culture, sports, and more. Some challenges the students face include jumping the gun and answering before the question is complete, as well as facing tough competition from their opponents. When asked what they enjoy most about Quiz Bowl, the team mentioned traveling to new places. The junior high team kicked off their season on January 22 at Anselmo-Merna, where they earned second place. Their next competition is in a few weeks in Cody. The high school quiz bowl season is going well too. Their first meet was also at Anselmo-Merna, where they finished in second place. So far, the high school team has won 3 matches and lost 1. One challenge the high schoolers face is second-guessing themselves during the competition. Mrs. Lee coaches both the junior high and high school teams, and both groups are looking forward to more exciting competitions ahead!

## JH GIRLS BASKETBALL

*By: Clara Rice*

The Lady Longhorns have ended their season off with a record of 6 and 2. The eighth-grade girls are sad that the season is over, but they are ready to play for Coach Charles Ferguson next year. The girls had two games that were canceled due to weather which would be Sandhills Valley Mavericks and Sandhills Thedford Knights. They were bummed about that but they knew it was for a safe reason. The girls worked hard this year to go up against their rivals, Mullen Broncos. The Longhorns won 22 to 44 with the B team following the win 8 to 0. On January 30th the Lady Longhorns played the Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls and took the W with a score of 37 to 17. The girls started off rough in that game but pulled through to take the win. With our 8th graders scoring the most points with Daisy Frye with 11 and Helena Vinton with 10, what a way to end the season. Coach Randy Hiemstra was very happy about how their season turned out and is ready for the new 6th graders to come in. Congratulations to our JH Lady Longhorns and we hope you have a great year next year. Keep working hard and don't stop working towards your dreams..



## JH BOYS BASKETBALL

*By: Garrett Huffman*

The Hyannis boys JH basketball team had a solid 6-2 record in their 2024-2025 season. We want to wish good luck to the 8th graders—Colter Grant, Hunter Cover, Dillon Hebbert, and Tripp Dreiling—as they head into high school, and we're excited to welcome the new 5th graders who will join the team next year. The team secured wins against Garden County, Arthur County, Minatare, Mullen, Cody-Kilgore, and Sioux County, but fell short against Hemingford and St. Agnes Academy. We're optimistic about next year's season and hope our 8th graders have a smooth transition into high school basketball. Looking ahead, we're excited to continue working with our coaches—Randy Hiemstra, Seth Adam, and Krysta Hampton. The team will focus on man-to-man defense, the triangle offense, and basic offensive plays.



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

### Chase Huffman

*By: Henry Anderson*

Chase Huffman, the son of Katie and Gabe Huffman, plans to attend Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington for the next two years. Afterward, he's considering continuing his welding studies or returning to the family ranch. Throughout high school, Chase has been involved in football, basketball, golf, FFA, quiz bowl, and one-act. Some of his favorite memories from high school include snow days and the activities that come with them, like hunting, ice fishing, and just relaxing. One of his proudest achievements is making state football in both his sophomore and junior years. If he could offer advice to freshmen, he would remind them that "the homework doesn't do itself," a motto that can inspire everyone. Chase credits Coach Schroer, his football coach, as having the biggest impact on him during his high school years. As graduation approaches, Chase is grateful for the memories he's made. HHS wishes him the best of luck in whatever he pursues next!



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

### Zack Spencer

*By: Raylynn Hunt*

Zack is the son of Christine and Shane Spencer. Something that he is going to miss in high school the most is the interaction that he gets to have with others. Someone who has impacted Zack's life is Trey Brown because he has been by his side for a long time and he is a great friend. Something that he is going to miss is the fun memories that he has made along the way and hanging out with friends. Zack wishes that he would have tried harder in his classes and done better during his studies. HHS wishes Zack the best of luck in the rest of his schooling and beyond into his life.



## Valentine's Day Party

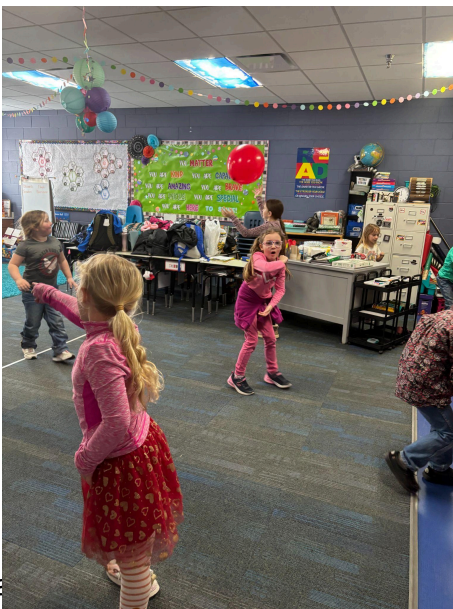
Here they had balloons that they could make any shape.



In this room they had marbles and the teacher would say 1,2,3, go and whoever got the marble first won.



Here the students are playing to keep the balloon off the ground.



Here they are running a relay race carrying heart candy between cups.

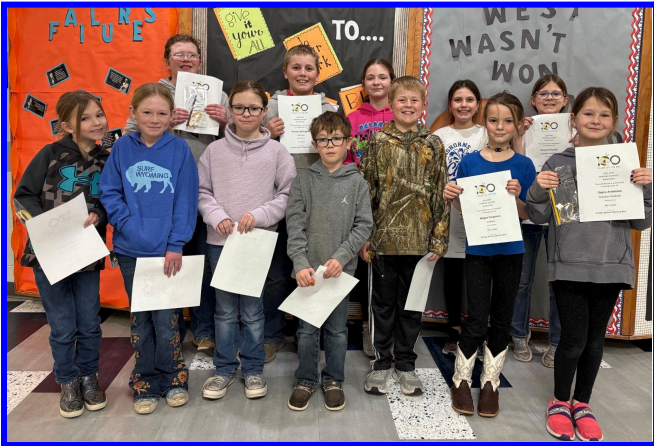


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## Spelling Bee

*By: Kyle Fecht*

The elementary school spelling bee took place on February 27th at 1:00 pm, featuring students from grades 3 through 6. Twelve contestants competed, with three from each grade: Dagny Anderson, Zane Adam, and Megan Ferguson (3rd); Taggert Dreiling, Josie Adam, and Sarah Vinton (4th); Sadie Burgess, Shaylee Provost, and Turner Anderson (5th); and Trenton Billingsley, Madison Norrell, and Natalie Vinton (6th). The judges were Cheyenne Volz, Angie Heimstra, and Father Matthew Nash. The competition started with a practice round, followed by several rounds of increasing difficulty. Most contestants made it through the first few rounds, but by round three, only two remained after some tough words. Round four eliminated four more and by round five, four contestants were out, leaving only four. After round six, two finalists competed, and both made it to round eight, where Madison Norrell emerged as the winner.



## Lunch Menu

March 3, 2025 Pigs in a Blanket, Potato Salad, Fruit and Milk  
March 4, 2025 Chicken Sandwich with Fixings, Fruit and Milk  
March 5, 2025 Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Fruit and Milk  
March 6, 2025 Pork Cutlets, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit and Milk  
March 7, 2025 Chicken Nuggets/Shrimp, Fries, Fruit and Milk  
March 10, 2025 Pepperoni Tornados, Sauce, Fruit and Milk  
March 11, 2025 BBQ Beef Sandwich, Curly Fries, Fruit and Milk  
March 12, 2025 Chicken Wrap, Fruit and Milk  
March 17, 2025 Steak Fingers, Fries, Fruit and Milk  
March 18, 2025 Soft Tacos, Mexican Rice, Fruit and Milk  
March 19, 2025 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Fruit and Milk  
March 20, 2025 Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, Fruit , Roll and Milk  
March 21, 2025 Loaded Fries/Shrimp, Fruit and Milk  
March 24, 2025 Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Fruit and Milk  
March 25, 2025 Chicken Bowls, Fruit and Milk  
March 26, 2025 Walking Tacos, Fruit and Milk  
March 27, 2025 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit and Milk  
March 28, 2025 Chicken Crisпитos/Fish Sticks, Salsa, Fruit and Milk  
March 31, 2025 Chicken Strips, Fries, Fruit and Milk

## Breakfast Menu

March 3, 2025 Pancakes, Eggs and Bacon, Fruit, Juice and Milk  
March 4, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk and Juice  
March 5, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
March 6, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice  
March 7, 2025 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
March 10, 2025 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
March 11, 2025 Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
March 12, 2025 Pancakes, Eggs and Sausage, Fruit, Juice and Milk  
March 17, 2025 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
March 18, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk and Juice  
March 19, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
March 20, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice  
March 21, 2025 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
March 24, 2025 Pancakes, Eggs and Bacon, Fruit, Juice and Milk  
March 25, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk and Juice  
March 26, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
March 27, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice  
March 28, 2025 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
March 31, 2025 Pancakes, Eggs and Sausage, Fruit, Juice and Milk



# March Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Speech @ Gering
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> FFA @North Platte	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Speech @ Mitchell
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> No school	<b>14</b> No School	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> District speech	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Battle of the Books	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Track: V @ WSC No School	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> PAC Quiz Bowl @ Sioux County	<b>25</b> JH Quiz Bowl @ North Platte	<b>26</b> HS Quiz Bowl @ NP	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Track: Ainsworth JH Quiz Bowl @ Chardon	<b>29</b> Prom
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> District Music @ Morrill					