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# HYANNIS SPEECH: THE FAITHFUL FOUR

By Emily Gentry

The Hyannis Speech team had a very successful season this year! The team was very small, but what they lacked in quantity they made up for in quality. The team consisted of four members: Ami Evans, Emily Gentry, Orabella Heaton, and Zeek Heaton. The team was coached by Jeanne Gentry and Natoshia Heaton. All of the members competed in Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID). Emily Gentry also competed in Serious Prose and Entertainment. Orabella Heaton competed in Humorous Prose and Zeek Heaton also competed in Extemporaneous Speaking.

The season started early with Emily Gentry competing at three invitationals in Scottsbluff, Chadron, and North Platte, and got some good practice in before officially starting the season.

The entire team competed at Conference in Mullen on February 25th. The team did really well in OID. Orabella competed well in Humorous but did not

make it to finals. Zeek Heaton placed 5th at conference in Extemp and Emily Gentry placed 2nd with her Entertainment and was Conference Champion with her Serious Prose! Despite being the smallest team competing, they placed 4th overall out of 13 teams.

On March 7th the team competed at the District Competition in Arthur. Orabella Heaton went out and performed well at Districts, but didn't make finals and ended up placing 7th overall. Zeek Heaton wrote and performed a wonderful Extemporaneous speech, but did not qualify for state placing 5th. The OID team went and amazed and ended up not only qualifying for state but also were District Champions. Emily Gentry performed excellent programs that both qualified for state placing 3rd place with her Entertainment and was District Champion with her Serious Prose. Once again the team placed 4th place overall.

The team competed at the State competition in Kearney on March 17. The team did really well and put their best effort into the speeches, but unfortunately did not final. Emily Gentry missed finals with her Serious Prose by one point and ended up being 7th place overall.

The team did really well this year. Even though they were a small team they accomplished many feats over the course of the season. We will miss the seniors on the team but wish everyone luck in their future endeavors and we hope that our speech team will do even better next year! Good job to all the speakers this season and we are proud of all of the things you have accomplished!

L to R: Orabella Heaton, Coach Natosha Heaton, Ezekiel Heaton, Emily Gentry, Coach Jeanne Gentry, and Ami Evans



# **KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP ALERT!**

By Mrs. Nancy Anderson (Kindergarten Teacher)

Hyannis Area Schools

May 5th, 2023

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Parent Meeting will begin at

9 a.m.

We will read stories, draw, write, count, sing, work, play, and make new friends.

Call if you have not previously registered:
Office: 458-2202

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!



# **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

By Gary Brennemann

On March 14th, 2023, the Food Bank for the Heartland visited Hyannis. The Food Bank for the Heartland is a non for profit organization that focuses on providing food for those struggling with hunger in Nebraska and Western Iowa. The food delivered to Hyannis was donated by the program. Members of the NHS program volunteered to help at the food bank. Forty boxes of food were donated. These boxes included carrots, potatoes, oranges, and onions. There were also loaves of bread donated along with boxes of non-perishable food items. As civilians arrived, the NHS kids would load them up with a box of vegetables, a loaf of bread, and a box of non-perishable food items. People were able to pick up multiple boxes for other families. Of the 40 boxes, there were only 14 left. The Food Bank for the Heartland was a huge success in our community and provided food for many members of Hyannis and the surrounding area.



Regan Anderson, Juliana Merrihew, and Rylee Anderson (12) help with the mobile food pantry.

# **WINTER BANQUET**

By Ely Van Renan

This year's winter sports season has come to a freeze. Spring is now in full swing. During the winter banquet, there were numerous awards given out. The awards were given out for Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball, and Wrestling. As well as JH Wrestling, JH Girls Basketball, and JH Boys Basketball.

#### JH Girls Basketball:

- → Most Valuable Player (MVP) Lydia Smith
- → Defensive MVP Ella Lincoln
- → Offensive MVP Joia Merrihew
- → Hustle Award Paige Vinton
- → Rebounder Award Lila Brennenann

### JH Boys Basketball:

- → MVPs Beau Rice and Levi Merrihew
- → Floor General Award Ian Anderson
- → Hustle Award Kash Provost

**JH Wrestling:** The team went to five meets and in those five meets they brought home 29 medals!

Kanen Grant and Daisey Frye placed in every meet they wrestled in.

Men's Basketball: Letters - Max Kostman, Wyatt Phillips, Jake Connell, Lane Anderson, Rylee Anderson (11), Cash Davis, Parker Provost, Ben Connell, and Eli Van Renan

- → Offensive MVP Max Kostman
- → Defensive MVP Lane Anderson
- → Hustle Award Jake Connell
- → Team Leader Award Wyatt Phillips

Max Kostman Also had a phenomenal last run in his Senior year of Basketball He scored over 1,000 career points and had 336 Assists.

**Girls Basketball:** Letters - All of the girls on the Girls' Basketball team lettered

- → Offensive MVP Faith Ferguson
- → Defensive MVP Juliana Merrihew
- → Hustle Award Ami Evans
- → Team Leader Award Rylee Anderson (12)

Faith Ferguson also was the MNAC points leader as a freshman. It will be cool to see what she can do in the future!

**High School Wrestling:** Letters - Danny Taylor, Ezekiel Heaton, and Trevor Kohl

Ezekiel also was the first wrestler in school history to reach 100 wins in a career!

This year's Winter Sports Season is now over and Spring Sports are in full swing. Thank you all seniors for their amazing last run at winter sports, and we look forward to next year!





# **HS TRACK TAKES OFF**

By Parker Provost

On March 18, the Hyannis High School track and field team traveled to Kearney, Nebraska to participate in the annual indoor track meet hosted by the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The team brought 4 girls (Faith Ferguson, Bailee Leonard, Abbi Rath, and Jorja Grover) and 6 boys (Evan Merrihew, Ben Connell, Parker Provost, Cash Davis, Rylee Anderson, Trevor Kohl, and Jake Connell).

Between the boys and girls, there were 14 events competed in. Ben Connell, Cash Davis, and Abbi Rath competed in long jump. Abbi also competed in the triple jump. Rylee Anderson, Trevor Kohl, Faith Ferguson, and Bailee Leonard competed in shot put. The boys had two relay teams; the 4x800 and 4x400. The 4x800 team consisted of Ben Connell, Parker Provost, Cash Davis, and Jake Connell where they placed 4th overall. The 4x400 team consisting of Jake Connell, Rylee Anderson, Cash Davis, and Ben Connell placed 5th overall. Evan Merrihew placed 4th in the 3200m run and also competed in the 1600m run. Six athletes competed in the 400m dash; Faith Ferguson, Bailee Leonard, Jorja Grover, Jake Connell, Rylee Anderson, and Trevor Kohl. Trevor Kohl and Parker Provost ran in the 200m dash and Faith Ferguson and Parker Provost ran the 55m dash.

Congratulations on all the success of the track season thus far and we would like to wish them good luck for the rest of the season!



The HS Track Team

# **JH TRACK BEGINS**

By Kanen Grant

We have just started the track season. We can't wait for the first track meet on March 30th in Ainsworth. The team consists of the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

This is the team:

**6th grade:** Colter Grant, Dilon Hebbert, Hunter Cover, Tripp Drieling, Anna Anderson, Daisy Frye, Helena Vinton, Kaya Carr, Jillian Taylor, and Raquel Hunt.

**7th grade:** Kash Provost, Levi Merrihew, Tom Connell, Ian Anderson, Landon Leonard, Molly Burgess, Joia Merrihew, Adee Arnold, and Lila Brennemann.

**8th grade:** Beau Rice, Cayden Sheets, Laramie Duffield, Kanen Grant, Colin Woerner, Kody Carpenter, Ella Lincoln, Lydia Smith, Georgie Carr, and Paige Vinton.

#### **Schedule:**

March: Thurs. the 30th @ Ainsworth

April: Wed. the 5th @ Paxton

Thurs. 13th @ Perkins Co.

Wed. the 19th @ Sutherland

Tues. the 25th Best in West @ Scottsbluff

Fri. the 28th MNAC @ Arnold

May: Fri. the 5th @ Valentine

Sat. the 13th State @ Gothenburg

<u>Back</u>: Ian, Levi, Charli, Lila, Ella, Beau, Laramie, Kody, Hunter, Daisy. <u>Middle</u>: Helena, Landon, Adee, Joia, Lydia, Paige, Georgie, Tom, Raquel. <u>Front</u>: Anna, Molly, Dillon, Kash, Kanen, Colin, Colter, Kaia.

# **QUIZ BOWL UPDATE**

By Kade Olson

Welcome to where the smartest of the smart come to compete: QUIZ BOWL!!! The high school quiz bowl team consists of Jake Connell, Max Kostman, Parker Provost, Ben Connell, Trevor Kohl, Kevin Hernadez, Evan Merrihew, Juliana Merrihew, Emily Gentry, Jax Ayer, Wyatt Phillips, Rylee Anderson, Zachary Lee, Zeek Heaton, Cash Davis, Kylee Lee, and Abbi Rath. The high school quiz bowl team took a little road trip to Arthur for a Quiz Bowl to meet on March 2nd. On March 23rd they traveled to Stapleton. They got first place at the Stapleton meet. April 3rd, they will participate in Paxton for the last Quizbowl meet of the 2023 season. We can't wait to see what they do next Month.

The 7th and 8th-grade Quizbowl team consists of Collin Worner, Ella Lincoln, Lydia Smith, Paige Vinton, Lila Brennemann, Cash Provost, Levi Merrihew, Joia Merrihew, Ian Anderson, and Tom Connell. This team participated in Jr high MNAC quiz bowl in Stapleton. The 8th-grade class is looking forward to their High School Quiz Bowl Career!!!!

The HS Quiz Bowl teams face off against each other at a scrimmage in Arthur.



The HS Quiz Bowl team is MNAC Champs!



# YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

By Juliana Merrihew

On February 25th, Hyannis Area Schools was excited to host a youth basketball tournament for youth teams in the surrounding areas. Girls and boys teams attended and were divided into 3rd-4th graders and 5th-6th graders. Many schools attended, including Mullen, Sandhills-Thedford, Arthur, Cody-Kilgore, and, of course, Hyannis.

Games started bright and early at 9 am and went until 4 pm! Each game was played in 2 halves, with a short halftime between, and lasted approximately 20 minutes. The teams were also given a short warmup period before they played.

The High School basketball team ran the concession stand throughout the day to raise money for purchasing youth basketball jerseys. They sold tacos, nachos, popcorn, and tons of baked goods and were able to raise a lot of money! A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to referee the games, including Mr. Hawk, Layne Ferguson, and Jett Holthus, as well as to all of the high school students who ran the clock, ran the books, and referred as well. Finally, a big thank you to all of the youth coaches who run the programs, and to the parents for bringing their kids in and investing in the youth sports program!



Dylan Hebbert plays defense against Arthur

# **READ ACROSS AMERICA**

By Juliana Merrihew

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!" You might recognize this quote by Dr. Seuss about the value of reading. This month, Hyannis students got to celebrate reading, and what better day to do it than on Dr. Seuss's birthday, also known as Read Across America Day!

On March 2nd, students came to school dressed as their favorite storybook characters. There were kittens, cowboys, and even the mouse from "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie." The National Honors Society participated in the celebrations as well. Throughout the day, NHS members from the high school went to the classrooms and participated in activities with the kids. They read books to the younger kids and took turns sharing their favorite books with the older kids.

To end the day, everyone attended a Dr. Seuss party in the commons area. There were snacks and coloring pictures for everyone!

The 1st Grade Class



The Kindergarten Class



# **MISSOULA**

By Ben Connell

This March, Missoula came to Hyannis to put on a show! They arrived on the second to last week of March to begin preparing for a performance of "The Frog Price". The play was to be directed by the two Missoula representatives, Brianna Dorsey and Joise Gold. They started off by holding an audition on the first day. All the kids were given a part based on their skills and where the directors thought they would fit best. Throughout the week the kids and directors worked tirelessly practicing scenes, handling props, and memorizing lines. On Friday the kids did a full costume rehearsal to prepare for the show on Saturday. On the day of the show, the kids performed at 4:00 pm. Many supportive community members came to watch the cast and directors and enjoyed a great presentation of The Frog Prince. After the culmination of all their hard work, the cast took a bow to end a great week of Missoula Childrens Theater. We love seeing what Missoula does at Hyannis every year and we can't wait to see what they bring to Hyannis next year!



The cast stands on stage for a curtain call

#### Here is the cast list for The Frog Prince, 2023:

Swamp Frog - Laramie Duffield

Castle Frog/Prince - Kody Carpenter

Ollie Aspen Tree - Anna Anderson

Bert the Alligator - Landon Leonard

Princess Prim - Adee Arnold

**Princess Proper** - Lila Brennemann

Princess Peppy - Clara Rice

**Knights** - Clara Adam, Brecken Cover, Kash Provost, & Kinzie Provost

#### **Swamp Things:**

- → Dragonfly Everleigh Holcomb
- → Mosquito Scarlett Sweet
- → Turtle Turner Anderson
- → Mama Duck Shaylee Provost
- → Baby Ducks Kaleah Heaton & Jameson Rice
- → Swan Layton Macy
- → The Fly Maggie Leonard

**Venus Fly Traps** - Deacon Keys, Jamie Holcomb, Skeet Brennemann, & David Sheets

**Accompanist** - Kathy Cover

Jones / Maria Von Fly Trap / Queen - Joise Gold

**Director** - Brianna Dorsey

A big thank you to everyone who assisted with the Missoula production this year! Thank you to Mr. Hawk and the administration for making it possible. Thank you also to Austin Casper, Emily Gentry, Gary Brennemann, Nancy Anderson, and the STRIV team for streaming the production so family and friends could watch from afar. A big thank you also goes out to parents for driving their kids in for rehearsals every day this week. Especially a big thank you to the amazing directors who created a fun show for everyone to participate in! We are looking forward to next year!

# **FFA WEEK**

By Danny Taylor

What is FFA week all about? Well, FFA week is a time when FFA members get together with all the kids in the school and inform them what FFA is all about. The start of FFA week didn't have any activities on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday was the first activity where k-2nd graders got informed on what FFA was and how it can help them in life. On Thursday, 3rd-6th Grade went to the first stage of activities where they all learned what events they could do once they got into FFA. Then grades 3rd-6th went to the commons area to learn about Career Development Events (CDEs). The CDEs were livestock judging, food science, and meat judging. After the activities were done, they celebrated with treats. Then, on the last day of FFA week, the FFA members held a winter dance on Friday. I hope everyone had a great week and hope that many more come.



The FFA Team

# **NATIONAL AG WEEK**

By Mrs. Nancy Anderson (kindergarten)

National Ag Week brought a special visitor to the kindergarten and first-grade students. Kathy Cover, the Secretary/Treasurer of Grant County Farm Bureau, shared a book called "I Love Strawberries" with the students. It was a fun picture book about a little girl who wanted to grow her own strawberries. She proved to her parents that she was responsible enough to grow and harvest strawberries. The students then enjoyed a sweet strawberry to wrap up the visit.





Cathy Cover reads "I Love Strawberries" to the kindergarten and 1st-grade students.

# **TEACHER'S CORNER: PI DAY**

By Mrs. Robyn Jones (7-12 Math)

Happy Pi day! Who doesn't love Pi?! March 14th was spent celebrating Pi(e) here at Hyannis in the Junior high and High school math department! Students from each class brought pies, cookies, brownies, or other desserts to share with everyone. I want to take a minute to thank all the students (and parents) who brought stuff! 7th grade: Ian Anderson, Tom Connell, Lila Brennemann and Adee Arnold brought delicious pies, cookies, and a cake! 8th grade: Ella Lincoln, Paige Vinton, and Georgie Carr brought yummy pies! 9th grade: Bailee Lenord, Kade Olson, Danny Taylor, Kevin Hernandez, and Orabella Heaton had so many choices for us to choose from! 10th grade: Mrs. Nollette made mini peanut butter pies! Finally, the 11th-grade: Max Leth had a super yummy pie as well! We want to thank all the students and parents who contributed to Pi day!

We had a lot of coloring activities and a Pi day worksheet too. Geometry is a very hands-on class! They love to do any project that gets them working with their hands. We had them measure the circumference of the library, the DL room, the title room, and the lego room. They were broken into two groups. Parker, Dom, and Ben used a tape measure and Chase, Myles, and Gary used the electronic measuring wheel. Both teams were within 2 meters of each other! The average radius we calculated was 79.34 meters.

We also had a contest to see which students could memorize the most digits of pi! Lila Brennemann memorized 36 and Kash Provost memorized 25! They both will be getting a pie as a reward!

Pi Pie from Lila Brennemann



# SIGN UP FOR YOUR LOCAL BLOOD DRIVE TODAY!

By Kadon Woerner

The school is putting on a blood drive on April 19th at the Winters building. People from the school and the community are invited to come and give blood. Giving blood is a great way to help people in need because hospitals are constantly in need of blood for transfusions and other medical operations. Many patients require blood transfusions after losing large amounts of blood in accidents and surgeries. Without blood drives, these patients would not be able to get the blood they need.

Please consider donating blood at the next blood drive on April 19th! You can sign up on the Red Cross website, by contacting the school, or by emailing Cheyanne Volz at:

cheyannevolz@hyannislonghorns.org.



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# KINDERGARTEN SPOTLIGHT: JOHN, BRONC, DAVID, AND MADDOX

By Parker, Gary, Jorja, and Juliana

John Vinton is 6 years old and lives south of Whitman. He enjoys working cattle with his family and riding his bike. John's favorite color is blue, and his favorite subject in school is recess. When John grows up he would like to be a rancher, and with a million dollars he would buy a hotel. For a superpower, John would like to be able to run supper fast. The kindergarten class is glad to have John and we are excited to watch John grow up.

Bronc Turpin is a five-year-old in the Kindergarten class. He is the oldest child in his family and has two siblings: Cole and Rain. Bronc says that he lives in North America and if he could visit anywhere in the world, he would go to Bomgaars. He loves cookies (any kind), and sports (also any kind). Bronc's favorite colors are yellow, pink, purple, and green. To relax, he likes to watch Dino Ranch on Netflix. If Bronc could have any superpower, it would be to fly high into the sky! Bronc has big dreams. When he grows up, he wants to be a police officer, and if he had a million dollars he would buy a toy he'd never had. We love having bronc as part of the Kindergarten class!

David Sheets is in Kindergarten at Hyannis Elementary School. He has a sister, Lydia, and he is the oldest in his family. His favorite color is gold and he likes to play outside. David likes to play with his new dump truck. If he had a million dollars he would buy a grocery store. We are lucky to have David as part of the Hyannis Schools family!

Maddox Sanchez has 3 siblings: Bryson, Corbin, and Zander. He is the youngest and is 6 years old. Maddox likes to play video games and Minecraft. He likes the colors red and gold. His hobby is going out to eat. Maddox's favorite toy is a dump truck.

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His favorite subject in school is playing. His favorite candy is every kind. When he grows up, he wants to be a firefighter and bull rider.

He says he is good at basketball. If he had one million dollars he would buy toys and food. If Maddox had one superpower it would be to control fire. Maddox seems like he is enjoying his time in Kindergarten with Mrs. Anderson! We are so glad to have Maddox's bright smile and great personality!

John Vinton



Bronc Turpin



David Sheets



Maddox Sanchez



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# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: TYRELL SMITH

By Kadon Woerner

Tyrell Smith is 18 years old and was born in Enterprise, Oregon. He attended elementary school at Suntex Elementary. Tyrell moved to Hyannis during his sophomore year. He participates in golf and FFA. His favorite subject is work study. After graduation, he plans on ranching. Tyrell has 2 siblings: Lydia (8th grade) and Royce (5th Grade). His family has 4 dogs. In his free time, Tyrell likes to hunt, do shop projects, fish, and go to brandings.



Tyrell Smith

# **LUNCH MENU**

APR. 3 - SENIOR MEAL: SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN, EGG ROLL, BROCCOLI, FRUIT APR. 4 - SENIOR MEAL: HAYSTACKS, LETTUCE SALAD, SNICKER SALAD, GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE, FRUIT

APR. 5 - SENIOR MEAL: ITALIAN DUNKERS, MEAT SAUCE, LETTUCE SALAD, POTATO SALAD, FRUIT APR. 6 - SUB SANDWICH WITH FIXINS, TATER GEMS, BAKED BEANS, PICKLES, FRUIT APR. 7 - NO SCHOOL

APR. 10 - NO SCHOOL

APR. 11 - SENIOR MEAL: CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, APPLE TURNOVER

APR. 12 - SENIOR MEAL: RIB-E-QUE ON BUN, TATER GEMS, CORN, CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE, FRUIT

APR. 13 - HARD SHELL TACOS, LETTUCE & CHEESE, BABY CARROTS, POTATO OLES, FRUIT APR. 14 - SLOPPY JOE ON BUN, FRUIT JELLO CUP, CHIPS, MIXED VEGETABLES

APR. 17 - BREADED PORK CHOP PATTY, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN, ROLL, FRUIT

APR. 18 - BEEF PIZZA, CURLY FRIES, PEAS, FRUIT APR. 19 - PIGS-IN-A-BLANKET, MAC & CHEESE, COOKED CARROTS, FRUIT

APR. 20 - CHICKEN POT PIE, GREEN BEANS, FRUIT

APR. 21 - PULLED PORK SANDWICH, BBQ BEANS, CHIPS, COOKIE

APR. 24 - CHICKEN NUGGETS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN, DONUT, FRUIT APR. 25 - LASAGNA, LETTUCE SALAD & BABY CARROTS, GARLIC TOAST, FRUIT APR. 26 - SAUSAGE GRAVY OVER BISCUITS, GREEN BEANS, FRUIT JELLO CUP APR. 27 - MACHO NACHO, LETTUCE SALAD, FRESH VEGGIES, PUDDING, FRUIT APR. 28 - CHICKEN PATTY ON BUN, FRENCH FRIES, CALIFORNIA BLEND, COOKIE, FRUIT

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# **April Schedule**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	Sports Pictures Quiz Bowl @ Paxton	ACT Golf @ Hyannis	5 JH Track @ Paxton	6 Golf @ South Loup HS Track @ Arnold	7 No School	8
9 Easter	10 No School	11 ESU Quiz Bowl	12	13 JH Track @ Perkins County	14 State Personal Finance Challenge @ Kearney HS Track @ Sutherland Golf @ Perkins County (9 am)	15
16	17 Golf Tri @ Mullen	18 National Honors Society Induction Ceremony (7:00 - 8:00 pm) In Lecture Hall	Blood Drive JH Track @ Sutherland District Music @ Alliance (8am - 5pm)	Golf @ Sandhills Thedford HS Track @ Paxton	21 Golf @ Bridgeport	Prom
23	24 Spring Concert @ 6pm in Lecture Hall	25 JH Track @ Scottsbluff HS Track @ Scottsbluff Golf @ Garden County	26 K-2 Fieldtrip	27 MNAC Golf @ Mullen	28 MNAC Track (HS and JH) @ South Loup	29
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