

# Longhorn Post

The Hyannis Schools Newsletter



## State Speech

*By: Raylynn Hunt*

The high school Speech Team for the 2025 season consisted of Raylynn Hunt, Lila Brennemann, Paige Vinton, Gary Brennemann, Beau Rice, and Chase Huffman. Paige Vinton participated in extemporaneous, while Gary, Chase, Beau, Raylynn, and Lila participated in Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID), and Gary and Lila Brennemann did a duet together. Their district meet was at Sidney High School on March 17th. Gary and Lila Brennemann made it to state in their duet, and Paige Vinton made it for extemporaneous. State was Friday, March 28th at Kearney High School. All of the state qualifiers this year have never given speeches before, and HHS is super proud of the hard work and dedication the kids have put forth to get this far. They placed constantly throughout the competition but did not make it back to the final round.

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## High School Track

*By: Seth Ferguson*

After a strong start to the season, the Hyannis track and field team is looking to improve their abilities physically and mentally. “The number one thing is learning how to compete,” says Coach Travis Hawk. “You get tougher by doing tough things. And at the end of the day, our goal is to help the kids believe in themselves and realize what they’re capable of.” The coaches work hard to motivate the athletes, encouraging them to perform beyond what they think is possible. “It’s almost all mental,” says Ben Connell. “You have to keep running when your body wants to stop.” That mindset helped the team achieve great things last year, including a memorable trip to the state meet with the 4x800 relay squad. “The trip was really fun, and the team felt like a family.” This year, the team has big goals. “We want to send as many kids to state as possible and win the conference and districts,”



## JH Track

*By: Clara Rice*

The Hyannis JH Track team is excited to start their Track season for the year. Their first Track meet will be on the 3rd of April, in Ainsworth. They are hoping to have a great year and try to have some kids qualify for State in Gothenburg. Coach Tiffany Rice and Coach Travis Hawk are ready to push the kids and hopefully have a successful year in 2025. The following week, they will be competing in Paxton on April 9th. The athletes will be attending Perkins County High School on the 16th of April, and the following week, they will have a quad in Alliance on the 22nd. Our 8th graders are excited to kick off their season with first place awards in their events as their last year as a JH athlete. They will also be attending Valentine High School on the 29th of April. Even though they only have two months of sports, they will work hard to perform at State Track. Good luck with your 2024-2025 season Longhorns, and Go Big Blue!

## Golf

*By: Bo Burgess*

Golf is a sport that has been enjoyed by millions of people around the world for centuries. Whether you are a professional or just a casual player, there is always something to learn and explore in the world of golf. The Hyannis golf team consists of Clayton Anderson and Kanen Grant; they are coached by Stacy Nollette. So far, our high school golf team has had one meet on March 31st, 2025, in Sandhills Valley at Stapleton High School. Their next game is Friday, April 11th, 2025, at 9:00 AM in South Loup at Arnold Public Schools. This year is Mrs. Nollette's first year coaching, and she is very excited. Our players are also ready to start their season and hope to do very well this year. With at least eight other meets in their season before the district, they expect to improve throughout the season. We wish the Hyannis Team good luck this year and hope they have an exciting season.



## JH Speech

*By: Kinzie Provost*

Mr. Casper, the junior high and high school speech coach, is thrilled about the upcoming season. He proudly states, “Junior High Speech is slowly spreading across the state,” and he couldn’t be more excited to see his students grow and succeed. With a dedicated and talented group of students, he has high hopes for this year’s competitions. The speech team, made up of Kinzie Provost, Anna Anderson, Joleen Deaver, Tripp Drieling, Raquel Hunt, Clara Rice, Jillian Taylor, and Helena Vinton, has been working hard to refine their skills and perfect their performances. Mr. Casper is incredibly proud of their dedication and progress, and he’s confident that they will make a strong impression this season. As middle school speech continues to gain momentum across the state, this team is ready to showcase its talent, passion, and hard work. With their coach’s enthusiasm and guidance, they are gearing up for what promises to be an exciting and successful year.

## Quiz Bowl

*By: Joleen Deaver*

The High School Quiz Bowl started at the end of January, and so far, they've attended three meets. The first one was at Cody-Kilgore, where they earned second place. Their second meet was at Sioux County, and they came in third. Most recently, they competed in the ESU meet in North Platte for Districts and placed fourth. Head coach Veronica Lee is proud of the team's progress, saying they've improved a lot since last year and the beginning of this season. The team members are Gary, Ben, Parker, Evan, Kevin, Tom, Cash, Lila, and Georgie. HHS wishes them the best of luck for the rest of their season!

## JH Quiz Bowl

*By: Alex Adam*

The Jr. High Quiz Bowl meet took place at North Platte on March 28th, with the team consisting of Anna Anderson, Daisy Frye, Dillon Hebert, Helena Vinton, Henry Anderson, Julian Taylor, Raquel Hunt, Royce Smith, and Tripp Drieling. Two teams of six go head to head, answering random questions using buzzers to answer different categories of questions. Hyannis went up to North Platte, taking third place out of 16 teams. Their head coach, Mrs. Lee, says, "They played very well to the point where they were annoying other teams," and that she is excited for future meets. Their Captain, Helena Vinton, says that she "enjoyed being able to show how smart we are for an underdog school" and that they need to improve on "if you don't know the answer, don't answer it." She also said, "I think the seventh graders played very well". Good Job, Hyannis; you played well. They also had another meet on March 28th, up against Chadron. This time, they have two teams: the seventh and eighth grades. The seventh-grade team consists of Alex Adam, Clara Rice, Garrett Huffman, Henry Anderson, Kinzie Provost, Kyle Fecht, and last but certainly not least, Royce Smith. The eighth-grade team consists of Anna Anderson, Daisy Frye, Dillon Hebert, Helena Vinton, Hunter Cover, Julian Taylor, Raquel Hunt, and Tripp Drieling. This quiz bowl meet was a little different, though. Instead of buzzing in to answer questions, the teams were assigned a question that they could answer or pass, and if you answered, the team captain would pick someone to answer. There were four rounds and in the first round you were told the question and you could communicate with your team then you could pass or answer, the second round you were told the question but you can not talk with your team and then you could pass or answer, the third was the same as the second, and the fourth you were told the difficulty and the category and difficulty and have to pick who would answer then you would get the question. The seventh-grade team won one out of three games. The eighth-grade team won none of their three games. Mrs. Lee says, "They improved drastically because they did two types of quiz bowl" and that "they need to improve on this style of quiz bowl". Great job, Hyannis, and keep up the good work.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

### Clayton Anderson

*By: Raylynn Hunt*

Clayton is a new addition to the senior class this year, and we are super excited to have him join us! Someone who has helped Clayton through his time here is Coach Grant because he helped him through wrestling and pushed him through it. Sports and other activities that he has joined during high school are FFA and wrestling. He has gained sportsmanship, fundamentals, and friendships through participating in activities. Something that he is proud of in school is English and getting a better understanding of it and also learning more about it. Something that he is proud of in school is his ACT score and also having a nice credit score as a high school student. Clayton plans to attend college in either Chardon or ASU. Some advice that he wants the upcoming freshman to remember is “to be honest with your teacher and let them know if you need something.” Clayton explained his high school experience in these three words: “Quite the experience.” Something that he wishes that he would have done differently would be his interaction with his peers; he wishes that they would have been less awkward.



## Weather Training

*By: Bristol Mester*

On Monday, March 17th, towards the end of the day, Hyannis School had a guest speaker from the National Weather Service. He gave a presentation to the whole school about the weather, how they predict upcoming storms, and many other things about his career. We sat and listened to him teach us about tornado formations, forecasting, wildfires, cold fronts, warm fronts, and how their radars work. He said tornadoes are not judged or examined by their size; instead, they are examined by how much damage they have caused and what they’re capable of doing. While presenting, he got on the topic of how their radars are different from our phone radars, he explained how they can see storms in a much more detailed way than we can on our phones. He eventually started to tell us how they can even see fires that start to form, We watched a video showing what happened when a fire started. We could see the fire start spreading in many areas and smoke slowly appearing and drifting with the wind. Overall, I believe it was a fun experience, and most of us enjoyed listening to him teach us.

## FFA District

*By: Gary Brennemann*

The Hyannis FFA Ag Sales Team had an impressive performance at the District FFA Contest in North Platte, placing 3rd overall and securing a spot in the State FFA Ag Sales Contest in Lincoln this April. The team showed great teamwork and dedication, and their hard work paid off. The District Champion Meats Evaluation Team also shined, with several individuals earning top honors. Molly Burgess took home 1st High Individual, while Evan Merrihew earned 2nd, and Ella Lincoln claimed 3rd. Kevin Hernandez, Ian Anderson, Lydia Smith, Faith Ferguson, Joia Merrihew, Paige Vinton, and Lila Brennemann rounded out the top 10 with impressive performances throughout the competition. The top four members of the team will advance to the state contest in April, representing Hyannis with pride. Congratulations to all the competitors, and best of luck at the state level! This is a huge accomplishment for our FFA chapter and shows their continued excellence in agricultural education.



Prom



## Lunch Menu

April 1, 2025 Philly Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Fruit and Milk.  
April 2, 2025 Sloppy Joes, Salad, Fruit and Milk  
April 3, 2025 Biscuits and Gravy, California Blend, Fruit and Milk.  
April 4, 2025 Pizza Bites, Corn, Fruit and Milk  
April 7, 2025 Corn Dogs, Fries, Fruit and Milk  
April 8, 2025 Haystacks, Bacon Ranch Salad, Fruit, Milk  
April 9, 2025 Pork Fritters, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit and Milk  
April 10, 2025 White Chicken Chili, Salad, Fruit and Milk  
April 11, 2025 Shrimp/Burgers with the fixings, Snicker Salad, Milk.  
April 14, 2025 Chicken Strips, Fries, Fruit and Milk  
April 15, 2025 Italian Dunkers, Meat Sauce, Corn, Milk.  
April 16, 2025 Chili and Cinnamon Rolls, Milk  
April 17, 2025 Chicken Bowl, Fruit, Snicker Salad, Milk.  
April 22, 2025 Steak and Cheese Tornado, Salsa, Fruit and Milk  
April 23, 2025 Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk  
April 24, 2025 Loaded Fries, Fruit and Milk  
April 25, 2025 Cooks Choice  
April 28, 2025 Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Fruit and Milk  
April 29, 2025 French Dips, Salad, Fruit and Milk  
April 30, 2025 Nachos with the fixings, Fruit and Milk  
We are an equal opportunity provider

## Breakfast Menu

April 1, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Tornado , Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 2, 2025 Late Start  
April 3, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 4, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice  
April 7, 2025 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 8, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 9, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 10, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice  
April 11, 2025 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 14, 2025 Pancakes, Eggs and Bacon, Fruit, Juice and Milk  
April 15, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 16, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 17, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice  
April 22, 2025 Bacon, Egg and Cheese Tornado , Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 23, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 24, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 25, 2025 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 28, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice  
April 29, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk , Juice  
April 30, 2025 Pancakes, Eggs and Bacon, Fruit, Milk, Juice



# April Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 State FFA @ Lincoln Late Start	3 State FFA JH Track Meet	4 State FFA @ Lincoln	5 State FFA Varsity Track @ Perkins County
6	7 FFA @North Platte	8 Juniors ACT	9 JH Track Meet @ Paxton	10 3-6 Field Trip to Fort Rob Varsity Track meet @ Mitchell 4-H Speech	11	12 JH Speech
13	14 Community Scholarship Interviews	15 Practice SAT for Freshman NHS Induction Speech Presentation to Follow	16 County Government Day JH track Meet @ Perkins	17 Varsity Track meet @ Sutherland	18 No School	19
20	21 No School	22 Boys Golf @ Hyannis JH Track @ Alliance Varsity Track @ Gothenburg Inventional	23 District Music @ Alliance	24 Boy Golf@ Thedford Varsity Track @ Paxton	25 Volleyball trip to Omaha	26
27	28 Spring Concert 6:30 pm	29 Varsity Track @ Scottsbluff Invitational Boys Golf @ Garden County JH Track Meet @ Valentine	30 K-2 Field Trip			