



HYANNIS LONGHORNS



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QUIZ BOWL SUCCESS!

By Juliana Merrihew

Both the High School and the Junior High quiz bowl teams have been on a roll this month! On April 3rd, the high school team traveled to Paxton. The JV team was undefeated! The varsity team placed first in pool play but was knocked down in the championship round by Ogallala, placing 3rd overall. Next, the team traveled to North Platte to compete in districts. They went undefeated as district champs! State was on April 26th in Hastings, NE. Unfortunately, the team tried their best but was knocked out of the competition early on. The Junior High quiz bowl team had a short but successful season. Last month, they placed highly at several meets. They finished their winning streak by becoming Junior High District Champions on April 6th! Thank you to Coach Vicki Morrell, who led both teams through their successful seasons. We are so proud of both teams and what they have accomplished!



HS Quiz Bowl Team - Back: Parker Provost, Zach Lee, Ben Connell, Jake Connell, and Zeek Heaton.
Front: Kylee Lee, Juliana Merrihew, Jax Ayer, Rylee Anderson, and Emily Gentry.
Not Pictured: Coach Vicki Morrell



JH Quiz Bowl Team - L to R: Lydia Smith, Joia Merrihew, Ella Lincoln, Cash Provost, Paige Vinton, and Lila Brenneman. Not Pictured: Coach Kelsey Carr

STATE FFA

By Gary Brennemann

More than 6,000 FFA members flock to Lincoln, Nebraska, to compete in the State FFA convention every spring. Eleven FFA kids from Hyannis were able to go to the State Convention. Leaving on Wednesday, they made the journey to Lincoln. The entire Hyannis FFA team

attended an Official Session at the Pinnacle Bank Arena in downtown Lincoln on Wednesday night. The next day they participated in CDE events held on the East Campus. Four students competed in the Meat Evaluation contest. The Meat Evaluation team won third, and Trevor Kohl won fourth individually. Also, on Thursday, the Hyannis Ag Sales team competed. The Senior and Junior Livestock Evaluation team woke up early and competed in the Livestock Evaluation Competition on Friday morning. Taking all morning, the team regrouped after the competition and attended another session where the Meats Evaluation Team and Trevor Kohl were able to walk across the stage. Returning Friday night in the snow, the FFA team concluded they had a very successful trip to the State FFA Convention.



R to L: Rylee Anderson (12), Trevor Kohl, Cash Davis, and Max Leth



State FFA Team

FAREWELL SANDY

By Juliana Merrihew

Sandy Yorges announced her retirement this year after 43 years of working in the public school system. There truly are no words to encompass how much Sandy has meant to the generations of students that have passed through Hyannis Area Schools. Sandy's kind and caring soul makes everyone feel welcome. She has been a steady and dependable presence in the office for years.

Sandy began work at the school in 1980. Since that time, she has truly become the heart and soul of the school. One of the first people here in the mornings and one of the last to leave, Sandy has dedicated so much of her life to the school and put in so much hard work. From filling out paperwork to comforting elementary students to playing piano at graduation, Sandy has done so much for the community.

Max Leth, a Junior at Hyannis, says, "Sandy is my favorite staff member. She has been here since I was in kindergarten, and she has taught me so much. I wouldn't be the same without her." This sentiment is shared by many.

Stacy Nollette says, "Sandy has been such a good friend to me since I started working here. She does so much for all of us and is such a special person! Back in the day, she would spend countless hours accompanying students for music contests, as she did for my kids. She will be greatly missed and will leave a lasting impression on all of us of her hard work and dedication to this school."

Junior Regan Anderson says that she enjoyed talking with Sandy about Husker Women's Basketball.

A former teacher at Hyannis, Marina Garner, says "I met Sandy in August 1980 when we both began our employment with Hyannis High School. We became fast friends. Sandy is a good listener and was the perfect receptionist/bookkeeper for the school. She just knew when someone (student, teacher, parent, etc.) needed to visit or needed help with a project. She has always been a great PR person for the school."

We will miss hearing Sandy answer the phone with "Hyannis Area Schools" or making an announcement over the intercom. Her commitment to the students and the school is incredibly special. Hyannis students, staff, and community members would like to thank Sandy for her years of hard work and wish her a happy retirement.



THANK YOU PARAS!

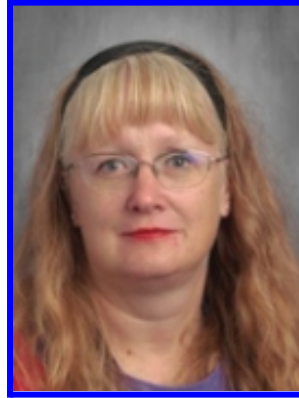
By Jorja Grover

Thank you paras for all you do to help around the school! We couldn't have made it through the school year without you guys. The teachers and students appreciate you for helping them in class. A big thank you to Mrs. Nollette, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Stevens, Mrs. Macy, and Mrs. Holcomb. Mrs. Nollette helps with 7- 12 math and in 3rd and 5th grade. Mrs. Rowe helps at the preschool, takes students to their work-study, and assists in the younger grades. Mrs. Phillips helps with fluency reading and does flashcards in all the grades. Miss Stevens spends most of her day in the 2nd and 6th-grade classroom, as well as helping Mrs. Provost. Mrs. Macy helps the younger grades on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We're glad to see Mrs. Holcomb on Mondays, and she helps in almost every elementary grade and 7th grade as well. We are very thankful to have amazing and hard-working paras. We also want to thank them for always being on their toes all year long and for being willing to help.

Top: Lee Rowe and Lacey Holcomb

Middle: Amanda Macy and Rona Phillips

Bottom: Tarry Stevens and Stacy Nollette



GOODBYE SENIORS

By Ben Connell

After a long school year, we are finally about to say goodbye to the 2023 senior class. There are thirteen members of this year's senior class, four of which have attended Hyannis since kindergarten (Emily Gentry, Ami Evans, Max Kostman, and Jax Ayer). The seniors are nearing the end of their high school career at Hyannis, and we are thankful that we were able to be with them every step of the way. It is great to see this group of seniors graduating after all of their hard work throughout the years they attended Hyannis. We are excited to see this class move on into their after-high school and college careers. The senior class had a very successful high school career both academically and athletically. Three members of the senior class were even awarded academic all-state to cap off their senior year. This class was also the last class that spent all of their elementary years in the old school. We are so excited to see what the future holds for these seniors and are excited to watch them graduate on May 6th!



THANK YOU FROM MRS. SPURLIN

By Mrs. Spurlin

Thank you to all the authors of the articles in the newsletter this year. They did a great job working outside of their comfort zone. Thank you to Mrs. Provost who helped with the newsletter in any way she could and taught me everything I know about the newsletter. Thank you to the teachers Mrs. Volz and Mr. Casper who proofread last minute so we could get the newsletter out. We also want to say thank you to the yearbook for offering photos when we could not find them. Thank you Sandy for printing off the newsletter. We greatly appreciate everyone who has helped with this year's newsletter and we cannot wait to see what next year brings.

Not many of you know this, but Juliana Merrihew was the heart and soul of the Hyannis Area Schools Newsletter. She worked extremely hard and got to share her passion for writing with everyone. Her byline was on many articles and she dedicated her time to editing and putting together the newsletter. Her presence will be missed in the newsletter. Thank you so much for your help, Juliana. We could not have done it without you! Good luck next year.



NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY

By Juliana Merrihew

This year's National Honors Society Induction Ceremony took place at 8 pm on April 17th. The ceremony began in the lecture hall with Mrs. Volz, the NHS sponsor, giving an opening speech. Next, current chapter members lit their candles and described each of the four NHS Pillars. To be inducted, members must show dedication to each of the four pillars: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Chapter President Juliana Merrihew spoke on scholarship. Rylee Anderson (12), the Chapter Vice President, spoke on service. The Chapter Secretary, Emily Gentry, spoke on leadership, and the Chapter Treasurer, Cash Davis, spoke on character. Next, the inductees (Gary Brennemann, Parker Provost, and Ben Connell) raised their right hands and recited the NHS Pledge. Finally, they each stepped forward to light their own candles and receive their certificates. Mrs. Volz provided closing remarks. After the ceremony adjourned, everyone gathered in the commons to eat cake and celebrate the new members. It is impressive to see all of the dedicated students who have put in hard work throughout the year, and we look forward to seeing what they can accomplish in the future.



Gary Brennemann, Parker Provost, and Ben Connell

FNBO MAKES DONATION TO HYANNIS FFA

By Rylee Anderson (12)

During National Ag Week March 27th, 2023, Chance Schilling, a representative from the First National Bank of Omaha (FNBO), visited Hyannis High School to present a generous donation of \$500 dollars to the Hyannis FFA Chapter. FNBO values agriculture education and is very supportive of FFA Chapters. According to fnbo.com, "FNBO's contributions are part of its broader efforts to celebrate National Ag Week and will help provide positive educational experiences for the students enrolled in agricultural education across the region" (Christensen). Mr. Schilling also talked to Ag students about career opportunities within FNBO and the responsibilities of an Ag Lender.



L to R: Regan Anderson, Trevor Kohl, Cash Davis, Wyatt Phillips, Mr. Chance Schilling, Stetson Parks, and Rylee Anderson (12).

LONGHORN TRACK HAS BIG SUCCESS

By Parker Provost

The Longhorn High School track and field team had two meets in the last seven days of March. On the 24th, they traveled to Ainsworth for a relay-only meet. Some of the highlights were Max Kostman, Parker Provost, and Ely Van Renan winning the high jump relay. The girls 1600m relay got 6th place with members consisting of Ami Evans, Rylee Anderson, Bailee Leonard, and Faith Ferguson.

On the 31st, the team traveled to Perkins County for the final track meet of March. Highlights of the meet consisted of Rylee Anderson placing sixth in shot put and Abbie Rath placing sixth in triple jump.

We would like to wish the Longhorn High School track and field team good luck as they head into districts and state!



JH TRACK UPDATE

By Kanen Grant

We had three track meets. The first one was in Ainsworth, and the second one was in Perkins County. The third was in Alliance. Everyone did really well, and a lot of kids placed in different events. We went against a lot of big schools and placed 4th at Ainsworth and 7th at Perkins County. They did not do placing at Alliance. Some of the big schools that we competed against were Chadron, West Holt, Valentine, O'Neil, and Ainsworth. We have the Best in the West meet next, and there are several kids that are going to that. If you don't know how you qualify for Best of the West, you have to be in the top ten to qualify. I am not sure what schools get to qualify for it. And if you win, you get to go to state! We can't wait for the next track meet. GO LONGHORNS!!!!



GOLF

By Kadon Woerner

The Hyannis golf team's season is off to a really good start. They have had five meets so far, some at home and some away, which has helped them greatly improve their golfing abilities. They are hoping to qualify for State again this year to keep the streak going. The season is only halfway through so they still have quite a few more meets and time to continue to improve. The team is slightly smaller than usual and only has three people. Which means they cannot compete as a team but can still compete as individuals. But they are still a close team.



L to R: Tyrell Smith, Gary Brennemann, and Max Leth

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

By Juliana Merrihew

Hyannis kids charged into battle on Wednesday, March 22nd, to compete in the annual Battle of the Books! The school sent two teams: a 4th, 5th, and 6th-grade team and a 7th and 8th-grade team. The younger team consisted of Brecken Cover, Clara Rice, Anna Anderson, Helena Vinton, and Natalie Vinton. The older team included Joia Merrihew, Lila Brenneman, and Adee Arnold.

At the beginning of the year, the teams were given a reading list full of good books. They worked hard all year reading, and by competition time, they were ready for battle!

They left early in the morning for Sutherland on March 22nd. Once they got there, they were provided with snacks and activities, such as cornhole and word searches. Lunch was served, and then it was time for the competition to begin. There were two separate tests: a novel test and a chapter test. The teams placed 1st in the novel and 4th in the chapter! Congratulations to Coach Vicki Morrell and the kids for all of their hard work and success. We wish them the best of luck next year!



The Battle of the Books team poses with their trophy!

PROM

By Danny Taylor

The neon lights shined upon all the students at prom. Well, I guess you guys want to know about prom if you are still reading this article so let's start. The theme was decided by the juniors, they decided the theme of neon. The Grand March started at 7:30 PM where they decided who would be the Prom Queen and King. The Prom Queen was Juliana Merrihew and the Prom King was Wyatt Philips. After the Grand March ended the students got some time to get ready for the dance. The dance started at 8:00 PM. The dance was amazing for all of the students. After the dance was over at 12:00 AM everyone got thirty minutes to get changed and get ready for the after-prom party. The main game that everyone played was knockerball. Knockerball is a game when you get inside this giant blow-up hamper ball and run into each other. After the after-prom party was over everyone headed over to go get their prizes. There were outstanding prizes there which were only possible from all of the donations we received. I hope everyone had a great prom and for some many more to come. Thank you everyone for supporting prom and helping everything run smoothly!



Prom King Wyatt Phillips and Prom Queen Juliana Merrihew



Prom Dinner



Senior Class



Junior Class

MNAC ART

By Kade Olson

Where the best of the best Art projects go to compete in MNAC Art. A total of 13 teams were registered to compete in the MNAC Art. The teams were Hyannis, Arthur, mullen, Thedford, Stapleton, Anselmo Merna, Arnold, Callaway, Cody, Loup City, Sargent, and McPherson County. Arthur, Cody, and McPherson County were not able to make it on the 28th of April. Hyannis was indeed able to make it. Mrs. Detmer brought a whopping 21 art pieces to Arnold. Four of those art pieces ended up placing. The following people placed Juliana Merrihew, Rylee J Anderson, and Dylan Frye. Juliana Merrihew placed 5th in Acrylic painting and first in Special Projects. Rylee J Anderson achieved an honorable mention in Acrylic painting. Dylan Frye obtained 5th place in hand-built pottery pieces. Hyannis accomplished 7 points. Hyannis was victorious over Stapleton and Loup County. We then somehow tied with Thedford. We are very proud of Mrs. Detmer and her Art students.



ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

Hyannis Area Schools is proud to announce the winners of this year's NCPA Academic All-State Awards! To receive the awards, students must exhibit dedication and hard work in academics as well as in their activities. Recipients must have been Varsity players or leaders in their activity. They must also have maintained a GPA of 3.7 or above. Two students may be nominated for each activity. Below are listed the winners for Winter 2022-23:

Girls Basketball

Rylee Anderson (12)

Juliana Merrihew (12)

Boys Basketball

Rylee Anderson (11)

Cash Davis (11)

Speech

Emily Gentry (12)

Ezekiel Heaton (12)

Wrestling

Ezekiel Heaton (12)

Congrats to these students! They have worked hard this year balancing school and extracurricular activities. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the school and the community!

LUNCH MENU

May 1: beef sticks (gs) beef patty (hs),
mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, turnover,
fruit

May 2: Italian dunkers, meat sauce, green
beans, fruit

May 3: chicken alfredo, breadstick, cooked
carrots, fruit

May 4: taco burger, chips and salsa, lettuce
and cheese, fruit, bunny grahams

May 5: chicken crispito, potato oles, peas,
fruit

May 8: chicken fajita on soft shell ,
seasoned rice, corn, cookie, fruit

May 9: enchilada casserole, lettuce salad,
broccoli, fruit

May 10: beef noodles over mashed potatoes,
dinner roll, fruit

May 11: mini corn dogs, chips, fruit

May 12: no lunch Happy Summer!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

May Schedule

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Academic Awards Banquet @ 7 pm | 2 Best in the West (HS & JH Track) FFA Banquet @ 6pm | 3 Senior Breakfast and Seniors' last day of School Late Start for k-11th | 4 Golf @ St. Patrick 3-6 Fieldtrip JH and HS Track @ Valentine | 5 Kindergarten Roundup (no school for Kindergarteners) | 6 Graduation @ 2 pm in Lecture Hall |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 HS District Track (TBD) | 11 | 12 Last Day of School | 13 JH State Track @ Gothenburg |
| 14 | 15 District Golf | 16 Spring Activities Banquet | 17 | 18 | 19 HS State Track @ Omaha Public Schools | 20 HS State Track @ Omaha Public Schools |
| 21 | 22 | 23 State Golf @ North Platte | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |