

Longhorn Post

The Hyannis Schools Newsletter



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THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

By Lila Brennemann

On April 8, 2024, a solar eclipse occurred. The line of totality ran from Texas to Maine, the line of totality went through Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, and New Hampshire, and finished in Maine. Nebraska only got about 70% totality, but you could still sense it getting darker. A Solar Eclipse is when the Earth, Moon, and Sun line up. The Sun's light is blocked by the Moon, prohibiting some of the light from making it to Earth. The next time the Solar Eclipse will pass over the United States is August 23, 2044. Unfortunately, we, Hyannis Area School's Student body, were unable to experience the solar eclipse. The weather didn't permit it, it was too cloudy to sense it getting darker. Some classes watched the eclipse on a live stream.

TRACK IS ON TRACK!

By: Kylee Lee

The first track meet of the season started at Sutherland in the month of April. The team traveled down south to compete against St. Pats, Maxwell, Overton, Paxton, Sandhills Valley, Sutherland, Chase County, Hershey, Perkins County, Arthur County, Garden County, Dundy County Stratton, and Wallace. In the men's field events, we had some high-placing boys. In the shot put Kevin Hernandez threw 32' 0.35 and placed in the top 25, followed closely by Danny Taylor throwing 30' 6.25 collecting a PR and also placing in the top 25. Then in discus, Kevin Hernandez threw 71' 11 placing in the top 25. Next, in the long jump, Grady Fecht jumped 12' 7.75 also collecting a PR, Ben Connell also competed but unfortunately scratched. In the triple jump, Beau Rice placed in the top 5 jumping a 39' 5.75 and collecting his personal record of the season. Along with Parker Provost who placed in the top 10, jumping a 35' 11.75 and also collecting a PR. On the women's side, in shot put, Ella Lincoln placed in the top 15 throwing a 79' 7, and Brecken Ricker, setting a new personal record, threw 19' 10.75. Then in discus, Ella Lincoln placed in the top 15 throwing a 79' 7 and setting her new personal record, along with Brecken Ricker throwing 58' 2 and also setting her new personal record. On the track side of things, in the men's events, in the 400 meters, Danny Taylor placed 28th and Grady Fecht placed 31st, both setting a personal record. In the 3200 meters, Evan Merrihew placed 10th. In the 300m hurdles, Beau Rice competed placing 9th running a 46.32a. In the 4x100 relay, with a team composed of Dom Boppre, Ben Connell, Parker Provost, and Beau Rice, they ran a 49.18a, placing 8th. In the 4x400 relay with the team of Beau Rice, Parker Provost, Dom Boppre, and Ben Connell, they ran a 4:02:36a, placing 6th. Then finally in the 4x800 relay with the team of Parker Provost, Evan Merrihew, Danny Taylor, and Ben Connell, they ran a 9:59:22a, placing 7th on the day. On the women's side, we only had one runner in the 400 meters, Jorja Grover, running a 1:15:95a, placed in the top 25. The next meet of the month took place in Paxton with Maywood-Hayes Center, Wallace, Anselmo-Merna,

Brady, Mullen, Paxton, Sandhills Valley, Sutherland, Arthur County, Creek Valley, and South Platte, all competing. In the men's field events, we had some great results on this side for them. In the triple jump we had back-to-back winners, Parker Provost placing 1st with a PR of 37' 5.5, and Beau Rice placing 2 with a jump of 37' 4. In the long jump, Beau Rice placed 6th with a PR of 17' 4.5 and Ben Connell placed 7 with a PR of 16' 10.5. In discus, Kevin Hernandez placed in the top 20 with a throw of 71' 5. Finally in the shot put Kevin Hernandez and Danny Taylor both placed in the top 20. On the women's side, in shot put, Ella Lincoln placed 9th, and Brecken Ricker placed 29th. In the discus, Ella Lincoln placed 14th and Brecken Ricker placed 25th. In women's running Jorja Grover was running everywhere, in the 100 meters she placed 12th, in the 400 meters she placed 9th, and in the 200 placed 24th. In men's track events, in the 100 meters, Parker Provost placed 20th, and Ben Connell placed 21st. In the 200 meters and 400 meters, Ben Connell placed 14th and 7th and Danny Taylor placed 23rd and 19th. In the 800 Parker Provost placed 4th. In the 1600 and 3200 meters, Evan Merrihew placed 8th and 5th. In both the 110m hurdles and 300m hurdles, Beau Rice placed 1st in 110m and set a PR in 300m hurdles with a 44.10, placing 2nd. Good luck at state Ben, Parker, Dom, Beau, and Evan.



JH TRACK IS OUT OF THIS UNIVERSE!

By Thomas Connell

Junior high track is an interesting way to have kids do sports, them being able to run around freely. But in turn, you get great athletics and amazing races. Because at conference track both high school and JH did really well and are sure they got a team placing second behind Hemmingford. There was a minor inconvenience during the end of the meeting with a tornado warning. It was very small and didn't touch the ground but it did scare everyone there into going into the school and cramming into a locker room with 100 other people you don't know. They are unsure who won but at the next meet, they will take the place from that. So that means we could still win the conference. Our next track meet is May 3rd in Valentine then May 6th in Alliance.



Note from Mrs. Spurlin

Another great year coming to a close at Hyannis. The Newsletter has had a great year. Many of you may have noticed the new name of the newsletter "The Longhorn Post". This year in Digital Media we did not have as many students in the class, but we were very grateful that other students, teachers, and staff were able to help out. I want to extend a Thank You to everyone who has pitched in this year with the Newsletter. We could not have done it without you. One of my students put her blood, sweat, and tears into the newsletter this year. She was passionate about what was being put out to the public. She wrote many articles, edited, and put together the newsletter. Without her, I would not have been able to get the newsletter out. Kylee Lee will be a very successful individual as she goes on with her passions and drive and I will greatly miss seeing her name in the bylines. Kylee wrote and reported on 36 articles this year. Even though Kylee was only here for a couple of years she definitely made her mark on Hyannis and on me as a future teacher. I have been very blessed with the students who have helped me over the years and their work will never go unnoticed. Thank you to everyone who read the Longhorn post. I hope to have you all reading again in August. Have a great summer.

ACADEMIC HONORS NIGHT

By: Kylee Lee

On April 30th, Hyannis High School had its annual Academic Honors Night. This night is to highlight the students and their academic achievements throughout the year. The night started off with Mr. Hiemstra's Male and Female Lifter of the Year, which Mr. Hawk presented because Mr. Hiemstra was off getting blessed with another grandchild so congratulations to him! But the awards went to Kevin Hernandez and Paige Vinton. Then Mrs. Spurlin announced Mrs. Jones's awards for math because she also just had a child so congratulations to her and her newborn son, Wrye! So for Algebra 1 Top of the Class was Lydia Smith, Algebra II Top of the Class was Parker Provost, Fundamentals of Geometry Top of the Class was Bailee Leonard, and College Ready Math Top of the Class was Regan Anderson. She also announced Mrs. Lenz's awards,

Geometry went to Evan Merrihew and Kevin Hernandez, College Algebra went to Cash Davis, and Algebra 1 went to Brecken Riker. Then for her own awards, Mrs. Spurlin gave out three. First for Economics/ Personal Finance which went to Cash Davis. Second, a Striv award for his dedication to Striv, Gary Brennemann. Finally, the Digital Media for her hard work and dedication to this publication monthly, Kylee Lee. Then it was Mr. Schroer's turn to give his awards for his 7th and 8th-grade math classes, for 7th, Hunter Cover, and 8th grade, Lila Brennemann, Joia Merrihew, and Molly Burgess. The wonderful Mrs. Volz was next with her top English grades. In 9th, Paige Vinton, 10th, Evan Merrihew, 11th, Gary Brennemann, and 12th, Regan Anderson. Mrs. Lee then announced the Top JH scorer for the Quiz Bowl and the Top High School scorer for Quiz

Bowl. High school was Luke Durfee and Junior High was Kash Provost. She also had an 8th-grade and 7th-grade Careers Class. For 7th grade, it went to Jillian Taylor and 8th grade went to Ian Anderson. Next up, was our History teacher, Mr. Casper. He had 7 awards for the night for grades 7th through 11th, a most improved history student, and a top JH Striv award. 7th went to Hunter Cover, 8th went to Lila Brenneman, 9th went to Paige Vinton, 10th went to Kevin Hernandez, 11th grade went to Gary Brennemann, Most Improved History Student went to Zach Spencer, and JH Striv went to Racquel Hunt. Mr. Spurlin was next with the Top 3 Science Students in the school Gary Brennemann, Paige Vinton, and Brecken Riker. Our very own Mrs. Nollette announced the art awards. Top art students went to Dylan Frye, 8th grade art went to Lila Brennemann, 7th-grade art went to Helena Vinton, and Yearbook went to Brecken Riker. Our seventh-grade English teacher, Mrs. Provost, awarded 4 lucky kids some awards. Top Writer, Racquel Hunt, Top Reader, Anna Anderson, Grammar Guru, Jillian Taylor, and Top of the Class, Helena Vinton. To end the night we had the one and only Mrs. Anderson announced the HS/JH Top Vocalist award and HS/JH Top Band award. The top Vocalists for High School and Junior High were Paige Vinton and Helena Vinton. Top Band Students for High School and Junior High were Evan Merrihew and Joia Merrihew. We thank all of the students for the hard work and dedication that they put into their education while also participating in the Nebraska Schools Activity Association. We also thank the teachers for their hard work and dedication to all that they do to educate all of these students. We will see you next year.

STATE FFA

By: Parker Provost

On April 2nd, the Hyannis FFA Chapter headed to Lincoln, NE for the annual State FFA Convention.

Paige Vinton competed in the FFA Creed Speaking Leadership Development Event. She was placed in the Gold Division.

The Meats Evaluation Team found huge success placing 3rd overall as a team. Team members were Trevor Kohl - 5th high individual, Cash Davis - 10th high individual, Max Leth, and Evan Merrihew.

The Ag Sales Team had a successful season and did well at districts, however, they did not find the desired success at the State Convention. Team members were Parker Provost, Ben Connell, Gary Brennemann, and Luke Durfee.

The Food Science and Technology Team consisted of members Kevin Hernandez, Faith Ferguson, Georgie Carr, and Lydia Smith. They did not place.

The Junior Livestock Evaluation Team found big success placing 4th as a team. Team members were Danny Taylor - 7th high individual, Faith Ferguson, Ella Lincoln, and Lydia Smith. Members of the Senior Livestock Team were Luke Durfee, Cash Davis, Gary Brennemann, and Parker Provost.

Congratulations to Cash Davis and Trevor Kohl for receiving the State FFA Degree. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree that can be bestowed upon an FFA member at the state level.

Congratulations to everyone for their successes at the State FFA Convention!



State Creed Speaker: Paige Vinton



JH Livestock Team: Lydia S., Danny T., Faith F., and Ella L.



State FFA Degree Recipients: L: Trevor K, R: Cash D.

County Government Day

By: Kash Provost

The American Government Class attended County Government Day at the Grant County Courthouse on Wednesday, April 10th. Students had the opportunity to ask questions of all of our elected officials and tour the Grant County Museum & Library and the jail in the old sheriff's office on the lower level of the courthouse. Students learned about the role of each elected office as well as some of the appointed offices in the county. They also heard about the various services offered by the Grant County Library. Students were surprised by the vast collection of historical artifacts and photographs maintained and displayed at the Grant County Museum.

County Government Day is sponsored by the Hyannis American Legion, Hyannis Legion Auxiliary, and Hyannis Area Schools. Thanks to all who helped to make the day possible and informative for the students!

SPRING CONCERT & DISTRICTS

By: Kelsey Micheau

The Hyannis band and choir traveled to Alliance on April 17th to attend the district music contest. The band received a 1 (Superior) for their performance of "Waltz No. 2" and "Scottish Dance Festival". The choir earned a 1 (Superior) for their performance of "Tongo" and "All Night, All Day". Everyone seemed to enjoy their experience and were really happy with their scores. It was an exciting night for everyone involved, the 5th and 6th grade band started the night with an outstanding performance of This Old Man and Rock Elements. Kindergarten and first-grade students boogied on stage to You've Got a Friend in Me, When She Loved Me, & We Belong Together from the movie Toy Story! Our 2nd and 3rd graders had a blast performing Break Free, A Sky Full of Stars, and I'm Still Standing from the movie, Sing! The 4th graders performed Despicable Me and Happy. Our 5th and 6th grade Choir sang Can't Stop the Feeling, True Colors, and September from the movie Trolls, with another outstanding performance and vocal duet by Kenzie Provost and Clara Rice. 7th-12th grade Choir girls performed What Was I Made For and the boys performed I'm Just Ken from the Barbie movie. 7th-12th grade Band performed A Scottish Festival, Highlights from the Star Wars Saga, Top Gun, and Pirates of the Caribbean. If you were able to attend or watch it on Striv then you could see that our students and their families had a wonderful night at the movies!

GOLF

By: Hunter Spurlin

This golf season has been another interesting one with weather ups and downs. We have had some good days for tournaments. We have made it to Stapleton, Arnold, Bridgeport, Thedford, and Garden County. Stapleton was a great day for golf and a good start to the season. Kanen Grant led the team with a 110, Gary Brennemann shot a personal-best 117, Cash Davis shot a 122 in his first meet since freshman year, and Max Leth had a 132. The following week we went to Arnold only Kanen played shooting his best score of 103. On April 11th we went to Bridgeport and had another nice day for golf. A much more difficult course resulted in higher scores, but we learned a lot. Thedford's triangular was canceled due to thunderstorms, later that week we made it back to Thedford for their tournament with Kanen and Gary who played well in the windy conditions. Our most recent meet was in Oshkosh with Kanen, Cash, and Max Leth. We will soon be competing in our Conference Meet in Rushville hosted by Hay Springs and then Districts at River's Edge Golf Course.

K-6 Field Trip to Chadron

By: Joia Merrihew

On April 25th the whole elementary loaded up and headed to Chadron for a fun, hands-on field trip. They visited the Chadron State College campus and explored the rock museum and the planetarium. To make it extra fun each class wore specifically colored tie-dye shirts they had made at one of their step parties. At the rock museum, they looked and learned about fossils. They watched outer space scenes at the planetarium and listened to myths about the sun and moon. After that, they got to make up their own myth! Sadie Burgess, 4th grade, says that her favorite part was lunch, and Maggie Leonard, 2nd grade, liked the fossils best. Scarlett Sweet, 3rd grade, enjoyed the Planetarium. They learned so much and had lots of fun doing it!



Chadron State University Photos of the Planetarium

Sandhills State Bank

Huge thanks to the Sandhills State Bank for your donation to the Hyannis FFA Chapter. The Chapter placed 5th at the Sandhills State Bank FFA Contest held during State FFA Convention Week. The top five chapters receiving the most votes receive a monetary donation from Sandhills State Bank. We thank you for your support of Nebraska FFA.

Submitted by,
Evan Merrihew
Hyannis FFA Reporter



Thank you Sandhills State Bank!

FFA Banquet

On Wednesday, May 1, the Hyannis FFA Chapter held its annual FFA banquet. Members were recognized for their achievements throughout the year and new FFA officers were installed. The 2024 officers are Gary Brenneman- President, Parker Provost- Vice President, Faith Ferguson- Secretary, Evan Merrihew- Reporter, Daniel Taylor- Sentinel, Kevin Hernandez- Treasurer, and Bailee Leonard- Student Council Representative.

Submitted by,
Evan Merrihew
Hyannis FFA Reporter



L to R: Parker P, Gary B., Faith F., Kevin H., Danny T., Bailee L., Evan M.

May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. Seniors Last Day Senior Breakfast Late Start	2. Elementary Field Day Golf @ North Platte	3. JH & HS Track @ Valentine	4. Graduation @ 2 pm
5.	6. Kindergarten Round-Up	7.	8. Golf @ Mullen District Track @ Chappell	9. Last Day of School	10.	11. JH State Track @ Gothenburg
12.	13. District Golf @ North Platte	14. Activities Award Night	15.	16.	17. State Track @ Omaha Burke	18. State Track @ Omaha Burke
19.	20.	21. State Golf @ North Platte	22. State Golf @ North Platte	23.	24.	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	