

# Longhorn Post

The Hyannis Schools Newsletter



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## Spring Concert

*By: Bristol Meester*

On Monday, April 28, 2025, Hyannis held its spring concert in the evening, and the auditorium was packed. Mrs. Ellie Anderson welcomed everyone and said she was happy to see such a great turnout. The concert kicked off with the 5th and 6th grade band playing a few songs, and some students were even dressed to match the decade of the music they played. After that, the kindergarten and 1st graders sang on the risers — they were super cute and did a great job. During their last song, a bunch of them started dancing, which made the audience laugh. Then the 3rd and 4th graders came up and sang a few well-known songs, like “Wagon Wheel.” The 5th and 6th graders returned to sing some more songs before the junior high and high school choir and band performed. The choir sang “Homeward Bound,” “Die With a Smile,” and “Before You Go,” and they sounded amazing. After a big round of applause, the band played “Byzantine Dances,” “Rock and Roll All Nite,” and “Bohemian Rhapsody.” At the end, Mrs. Anderson thanked everyone for coming, and the night wrapped up as people started heading out.

## High School Track

*By: Raylynn Hunt*

Longhorn Varsity track is in full stride, and our team is turning in amazing performances. The boys' 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams are off to a strong start, while Evan Merrihew and Ben Connell continue to push in both the mile and two-mile. On the girls' side, Faith Ferguson is making a big leap in the long jump, and Joia Merrihew is running impressive times in the mile and two-mile. For the athletes and coaches, this season is more than just medals and wanting to win, instead, it's about progress, confidence, and pushing past limits. As Coach Hawk put it in his words, "I probably take as much enjoyment in school records and personal bests as they do. It's always fun to watch them grow."



## JH Track

*By: Seth Ferguson*

The Junior High track season is in full swing, and our track team is making waves with impressive performances and unwavering determination. For coaches and athletes alike, the season is about growth, belief, and breaking personal barriers. Coach Hawk shared the heart behind coaching, saying, "It's always nice to watch kids improve. I probably take as much enjoyment in school records and personal bests as they do. It's always fun to watch them grow." Mrs. Rice stated that the art behind getting athletes to their full potential is "that tough and positive mindset and building their confidence, and the athletes getting to see the success makes them crave more. Among the season's standout athletes, Tripp Drieling, who recently jumped 30'6" in the triple jump. When asked about his most memorable moment in track and field, he proudly named that jump. But he's not stopping there—his next goal? "To jump over 32 feet in the triple jump," Bristol Meester is also on a mission. After breaking a school record, she has her sights set even higher. "My goal for this track season is to break the record that I just set," she said. She also states that the most challenging aspect of her events is the "mental part—being nervous. That's the hardest part for me." As the season continues, we wish the best of luck to the Junior High track team on the rest of their season.

## Golf

*By: Joleen Deaver*

The golf team has had a really good season this year. Their coach, Stacy Nollette, says the team has improved a lot since last year. So far, they've had two meets—one in Stapleton on March 31, 2025, and another in Arnold on April 11, 2025. Their next meet is in Bridgeport on April 17, 2025. The team includes Kanen Grant and Clayton Anderson.

To get ready for meets, they focus on hitting the ball well and keeping a good mindset. Kanen looks up to Tiger Woods, and Clayton says his dad is his biggest inspiration. Both of them feel like they've done pretty well this season, but they also think there's still room to improve.

They got into golf because they've been playing it for a long time and really enjoy it. For Clayton, it started as a hobby, and since he liked it so much, he decided to play for the school team.



## State FFA

*By: Gary Brennemann*

On April 2nd, the Hyannis FFA team left Hyannis to compete at the state convention in Lincoln. On Wednesday night, the team attended the opening ceremony and career fair at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The chapter was busy competing in events on Thursday and Friday. These included creed speaking, meat evaluation, ag sales, and livestock judging. In creed speaking, Lila Brennemann placed in the good division; the meats team took home 3rd with Evan Merrihew placing 9th individually and Kevin Hernandez placing 10th. Parker Provost was the 3rd highest individual in Ag Sales, and the senior livestock team placed 7th. Parker Provost and Gary Brennemann also received their state degree Friday night.

This was the 97th annual Nebraska State FFA Convention. Founded in 1928, FFA has been educating students about agriculture and teaching the motto of learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve. Nebraska FFA has over 11,500 members and 209 chapters spread across the state. FFA is truly a great program with an even better goal. Be sure to attend the annual Hyannis FFA Banquet on May 8th at 6:00 in the Winters Building. We will celebrate the achievements of the Hyannis FFA Chapter over the last year and install the new officer team. As Thomas Jefferson states, "Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness."

## Art Show at Mullen

By: Stacy Nollette

On April 15, 2025, Hyannis participated in the Mullen Invitational Art Show. We submitted 25 projects between the Jr. High Career Art Class and High School Art Classes.

Each piece was entered in categories such as acrylic painting, watercolor, pencil drawings, mixed media, etc. Each category was then judged with placings for the top five along with Best of Show, Runner-Up Best of Show, and Top Artist's.

Hyannis Artists who placed in Junior High are:

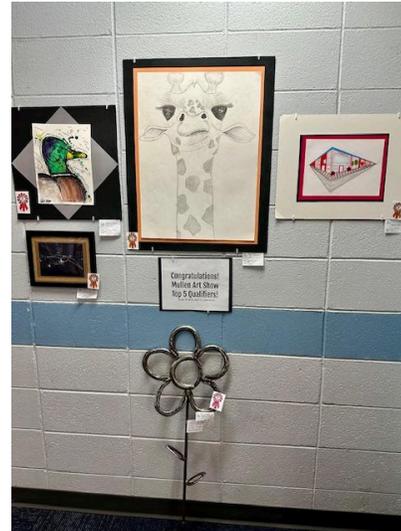
- Daisy Frye      8th Grade   4th place for her Eagle pencil drawing
- Bo Burgess      7th Grade   1st place for his Kitchen One Point Perspective Drawing
- Alex Adam      7th Grade   2nd place for his Loft Bedroom One Point Perspective Drawing
- Waylon Hebbert   6th Grade   Honorable Mention and 5th Place for his Charcoal Duck Drawings
- Hunter Cover      8th Grade   2nd place for his acrylic painting with quote
- Anna Anderson   8th Grade   5th place for her acrylic painting with quote
- Tripp Drieling      8th Grade   4th place for his photography
- Hunter Cover      8th Grade   Honorable Mention for his mixed media collage
- Anna Anderson   8th Grade   1st place for her Fox In the Woods Diorama

Hyannis Artists who placed in High School are:

- Lara Welter      Junior      5th place for her pencil drawing of a giraffe "What's Up!"
- Dylan Frye      Junior      2nd place for his abstract duck watercolor
- Lara Welter      Junior      5th place for her "Target" One Point Perspective
- Dylan Frye      Junior      5th place for his Goose Scratch Art

Dom Boppre      Junior      Honorable Mention for his horseshoe welded flower stand

Congratulations Hyannis Artists! Their work is proudly displayed in the west foyer, by the art room.



## Conference and District Music

*By: Alex Adam*

On March 31st, the band and choir travelled to Morrill for the Panhandle Activities Conference Music Contest with one goal: to get a 1 in their performance. The band played two songs, Down to the River and Byzantine Dances, and got a score of 2 for both songs combined, which is very good but leaves room for improvement. The band needs to be more connected in Down to the River. The choir sang Homeward Bound and received a 1, and Kevin Hernandez sang “The Water is Wide” as a solo and earned a superior rating, or a 1. At the end, the band was determined to improve their tuning in on one of their songs to be the best at district music and blow away the judges. The choir needs to “keep doing what they did, and they’ll be good,” says music teacher and director, Mrs. Ellie Anderson. On April 23, 2025, they set out to district music to get the 1 that they wanted. The band and choir want to make the judge say that they performed the best out of all the competitors. In the morning on the drive there, the bus was buzzing with energy. The choir sang first, and they received a 1 on “Homeward Bound” with two judges giving a 1 and one giving a 2. The band played “Down to the River” and “Byzantine Dances,” and two judges gave them a 1, and one gave them a 2. Kevin performed his solo and sang “The Water is Wide” and again received a 1. Overall, Hyannis had a great band performance and should feel happy with all their songs. Great job, Longhorn Music!

## K-2 Train Posters

*By: Jennifer Holthus*

On March 5th, Grant County Library Director Jennifer Holthus in partnership with Nebraska Operation Lifesaver, did a presentation with the K-2nd graders on railroad and train safety. The students then made posters to be entered into a contest. The winners were K-Kirby Cover, 1st grade-Clarissa Sweet, 2nd grade-Margot deGanhal. All of the students' posters will be going to Lincoln, to be displayed by Operation Lifesaver in the Capitol Rotunda from April 29th-May 9th, 2025. Great Job Students!



## Class of 2025

*By: Kinzie Provost*

The Graduating class of 2025, in no particular order, is made up of Parker Provost, Zach Spencer, Clayton Anderson, Trey Brown, Kutter Accord, Myles Anderson, Chase Huffman, Gary Brennemann, Ben Connell, and last but not least, Jorja Grover. The seniors' last day is May 7, and the graduation ceremony is May 10th at 2 pm. Their class sponsor is Mrs. Volz. She mentioned that their class quote is “Old enough to know better, but still too young to care,” by Wade Hays, their song is “Electric Avenue” by Eddy Grant and their colors are royal blue and white. Lastly, the flower is a white rose.

After interviewing Parker Provost, he said has many great memories, his favorite being senior prom. Parker has been in many extracurricular activities, his favorites being football, FFA, track, and basketball. After graduation, Parker plans to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and later continue his education through BYU.

Since the seventh grade, Jorja Grover has been the only girl. That's 6 years!!! In between, Jorja has many great memories. Her favorite is the Omaha Supernovas trip. Jorja is very proud of her good grades. She said the hardest part of high school is the tests. After graduation, Jorja plans to attend the OWLS program in North Platte.

## Thank You

*By: Mrs. Spurlin*

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to read our newsletter throughout the year. Your support—both from within the school and the wider community—has meant so much.

This year, I had the privilege of working with one student who played a vital role in putting the newsletter together: Raylynn. Her dedication, creativity, and work ethic were invaluable. She sourced photos, pre-read every article, and assembled each issue with care. No matter what article I asked her to write, she took it on without hesitation. I truly couldn't have done it without her and am incredibly proud of her efforts. I'm also thrilled that she'll be returning next year!

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Stacy Nollette, who stepped in and took over the newsletter for two months when I didn't have junior high students available. She did a fantastic job and has been a tremendous help as I resumed my role.

A big shoutout goes to the junior high students, who wrote the majority of our articles this year. They are a talented group of writers, and their strong, thoughtful work brought so much value to each issue.

Lastly, thank you to the teachers who took time from their busy schedules to proofread and help gather photos. Your contributions made a big difference, and I truly appreciate your support.

## 3–6 Field Trip

*By: Bo Burgess*

Every year, our school takes a field trip around late April or early May for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. This year, on April 10, 2025, the 3rd through 6th graders went to the Fort Robinson Museum and History Center in Crawford, Nebraska. Last year, they visited Chadron State College, where they explored the rock museum and the planetarium.

At Fort Robinson, the students saw the Mammoth Museum, the resting place of the horse named Crazy Horse, the stables, and they even got to ride on a trolley. Talon Minor said the most fun part was “when they got to act out Crazy Horse’s death,” and they also learned how Crazy Horse died. One of the most surprising facts the students learned was that Fort Robinson used to have over 3,000 horses at one time. They also found out that the buildings there weren’t always made of brick.

Sadie Burgess said her favorite part was riding around in the trolley, and the most interesting thing she learned was about Crazy Horse’s death. Field trips like this are both educational and fun, which is why our school keeps doing them every year.

## Lunch Menu

May 1, 2025 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Fruit and Milk

May 2, 2025 Steak Fingers, Curly Fries, Fruit and Milk

May 5, 2025 Chicken Crisпитos, Salsa, Fruit and Milk

May 6, 2025 Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit and Milk

May 7, 2025 Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit and Milk

May 8, 2025 Chicken Patty Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Fruit and Milk

May 9, 2025 Chicken Strips, Fries, Fruit and Milk

May 12, 2025 Corn Dogs, Curly Fries, Fruit and Milk

May 13, 2025 NO LUNCH

Subject To Change

We are an equal opportunity provider

## Breakfast Menu

May 1, 2025 Pancakes, Eggs and Bacon, Fruit, Milk

May 2, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk

May 5, 2025 French Toast Tornado, Cereal, Fruit, Milk, Juice

May 6, 2025 Tornados, Cereal, Fruit, Milk

May 7, 2025 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Milk

May 8, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk

May 9, 2025 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk

May 12, 2025 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Milk

May 13, 2025 NO BREAKFAST

Subject To Change

# May Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP  Lions Club Senior Recognition	2 Track: JH@Morrill Schools Track: V@Morrill High School  Golf: B/V@Mullen High School	3
4	5  Golf: B/V @Hyannis High School	6  TBD Track: V @Sutherland High School  Track: JH @Morrill High School	7  Late start  Senior Breakfast/ Graduation Practice/ Senior Check-out  FFA Banquet @ 6 pm @Winters Building	8  Golf: B/V@North Platte ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY@Football FieldK-5 @ 12:30pm ACADEMIC HONORS NIGHT@Lecture Hall @ 6 pm	9  Track: V @Valentine High School	10  2:00pm GRADUATION
11	12  4H YQCA Livestock Training @Commons	13  Last day	14 Track: V @Sutherland High School TBH boys Golf @ Mullen	15	16	17  TBD Track: JH @Gothenburg
18	19  TBD Golf: B/V @North Platte, Ne	20	21	22	23  TBD State Track: V @Omaha/Burke	24  TBD State Track: V @Omaha/Burke
25	26	27	28  TBD Golf: B/V @Columbus	29  TBD Golf: B/V @Columbus	30	31