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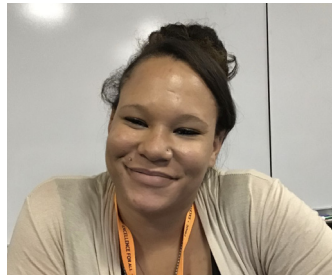
## Huron High School welcomes new staff

BY MADISON FRAIZER AND KENZIE PAULSON



### Mrs. Lavallee

Mrs. Lavallee is the new art teacher. She graduated from USD. Last year she taught K-12 art in Iowa. She moved back to Huron to be with her family. Her husband is Mr. Lavallee who is also a teacher here. They have four kids and many animals.



### Ms. Strote

Ms. Strote is the new study hall teacher. She has lived in Huron for 16 years and is an HHS alumni. She plans on going back to school to get a bachelor's degree in criminal justice some day. Ms. Strote has three children and loves to read.



### Mr. Brock

Mr. Brock isn't really a new teacher here, but he did switch classrooms. He is going to try and fill the shoes of Mr. Baszler by teaching his geography and world history classes. His family includes his four kids and his wife. Fun fact: to his knowledge, Mr. Brock still holds the record for his summer state swim team for the 50 freestyle.



### Ms. Baszler

Ms. Baszler is one of the new credit recovery teachers. She's lived in Huron for pretty much all her life, and she is an HHS alumni. While she was a student here at HHS, she was in cheer and dance, gymnastics, track and was the president of Key Club. In her free time, she plays with her dog, Stella, and coaches cheer and dance.



### Mr. Spanton

Mr. Spanton, or Coach Spanton, is the new PE, strength training, and football coach. (Yes, he is related to the "other Coach Spanton". He's his son.) Coach Spanton graduated from the University of Jamestown in Jamestown, North Dakota, but he grew up near San Antonio, TX.



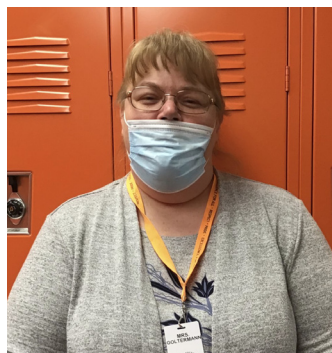
### Mrs. Alves

Mrs. Alves is the other new credit recovery teacher. She previously worked at HHS as a para and as the study hall teacher with Mr. Brock. Mrs. Alves has lived in Huron for most of her life, but she did live in Watertown for a while. Mrs. Alves has four daughters,



### Mrs. Hofer

Mrs. Hofer is the new LA9 teacher. She came to Huron from previously working at the school in Hitchcock-Tulare for four years. Her family includes her husband, Travis, and her two kids, Barret and Flora. An fun fact about her is that when she was in high school she did FFA, oral interp, school plays, volleyball, and student council.



### Mrs. Goltermann

Mrs. Goltermann teaches many math classes, a study hall, and some special education classes. She moved to Huron with her husband and daughter, Bailey. They moved here because it's a bigger town with more activities and opportunities. They also love our town's diversity. Mrs. Goltermann loves to read, to leather carve, and to spend time with her family.

## What to do since everything is new *HHS Covid-19 procedures*

BY HAYLEE PETERSON

Going to school during a nationwide pandemic is something that no student or staff member has done before. There are many questions about how the school and the student body will be able to adjust while keeping everyone safe. The school board has been working hard to make a comprehensive plan to answer these questions. These are some of the precautions that will take place at the high school.

There will be three different phases of reopening, and the school will adjust which phase they are in based on the spread of cases. HHS is starting the school year in the yellow phase, which means that the school

is opening with additional safety precautions, including required masks for students and staff. The green phase indicates that the school is open with fewer precautions, and the red indicates that the school is closed due to cases spreading.

The school will monitor positive cases and their spread in the schools. They will follow the recommendation of health department officials regarding school closures, modified school schedules, and in-school adjustments.

The school is also encouraging physical distancing, proper hand-hygiene and sanitization, wearing masks, and hallway

flow adjustments. Staff will be aware of the illness symptoms in the student body, and contact a student's family immediately if the student exhibits symptoms.

A medical review committee has been formed to react to health and safety plans, and to advise the district on the best ideas to continue to make the school environment as safe as possible.

Other changes in the school include plexiglass in front of the secretary and library desks and hand-sanitizer stations in high-traffic areas of the school. Water fountains will only be available for use through the bottle-filling station.

Teachers will rearrange desks to be as distant as possible. Music classes and PE classes are encouraged to take place in the auditorium or outside when possible.

There will be changes in the cafeteria this year as well to promote social distancing. Like last year, there will continue to be two separate lunch periods. Freshmen also have the option to have off-campus lunch to keep the commons from being too crowded.

Students eating on-campus will be released to go through the lunch line by table rather than standing in line. The school will be sanitizing the lunch tables and serving line in between

each group of students. The kitchen staff will be wearing masks and face shields anytime they are close to children or one another.

Buses will also have additional precautions. Bus drivers will be wearing face shields and masks. They will disinfect the buses with spray each time they come back to the transportation building. Students will be required to wear masks while being transported to and from school, and there will be a hand-sanitizer station at the front of each bus.

Everyone has a responsibility to make smart choices to keep the school open and to keep each other safe.



## Student Sidebar

*Freshman class gets (temporary) open-campus lunch*

BY MIKENA MOORE

With the Corona Virus near and dear to our hometown of Huron, the school has mandated some new precautions to prevent spread. One of those precautions includes freshman being allowed to go off-campus for lunch. We asked four students, one from each grade, what their opinion was on the matter. Here are their responses:

### Ethan Olson

Freshman

“I like it, it is fun. I get to go eat whatever I want and hangout with my friends”



### Reilyn Zavesky

Sophomore

“I don’t like it. There is a lot of traffic because there is more people in the parking lot trying to get out.”



### Lucas Sibley

Junior

“I don’t agree with it. I don’t think they should get it because none of us did.”



### Mu Mu Soe

Senior

“It is unfair because when we were all freshman we didn’t get to leave and it is like a rite of passage.”



## Advice from administrators

BY REILLY HOOPS AND COLBY HOTT

The administrators of the Huron High School always have plenty of advice to give. They are happy and eager to answer any questions any student may have. Here is advice from the three top dogs of Huron High School and Huron School District.

### Mr. Nebelsick

Mr Nebelsick, Superintendent of the Huron School District, is a man of many wise words. He, along with many other administrators, spent countless hours this summer preparing for the school year. He has offered us some advice in regards to the Corona Virus and how to keep yourself safe and healthy.

“Think of yourself as a healthy carrier of Covid-19. Practice social distancing to not only protect yourself, but also the ones you care about. If 90% of the population treated themselves as being a healthy carrier and properly practiced social distancing, Covid-19 would soon cease to be a problem. It takes all of us to get a code green and be safe.”

### Mr. Radke

Principal Radke has done nothing but offer us kind and encouraging words to help us through the rough start of this school year. Through the many videos he has posted to his YouTube channel, you can find his thoughtful advice and useful information to help us get through this new type of school year.

### Mr. Mittelstedt

Mr Mittelstedt is a rookie to the Assistant Principal position at the Huron High School, however he still offered us some words of encouragement.

“This year will seem different, but you still need to be responsible and show up to school, respect your teachers, and work hard to accomplish your goals.”

## The State Fair goes on

*Fair time, fun time, safe time!*

BY HEI SAY

This year has been a very unpredictable- or exciting to stay on the optimistic side. Our school lives, social lives, and even private lives have been completely turned around with the appearance of Covid-19. Many important events and plans have been canceled, which has led us to appreciate and value the times we get to share with each other.

I am happy to announce that the annual South Dakota state fair will be taking place this year. There are surely many health issues concerning Covid-19, so health and safety precautions are going to be used. There will be hand sanitizers stationed and rides will be frequently cleaned. Safety can’t be ensured so fair goers should be responsible and attend at their own risk.

It is up to us to make smart and safe decisions. If we do decide to go to the fair, we should make sure to do our part in

keeping other people safe. Although there is no guarantee we can stay 100% clear of the virus, wearing a mask and frequent hand cleaning will help. Although it’s already been said enough, people who think they’ve been exposed or have the symptoms should stay home. Remember to make smart and safe choices. Who said you can’t have fun while also making sure to stay safe?



PHOTO BY SOUTH DAKOTA STATE NEWS

**The South Dakota State Fair will start on Wednesday, September 3, however rides will open up the night before for only \$1. Remember to stay safe and make good decisions!**

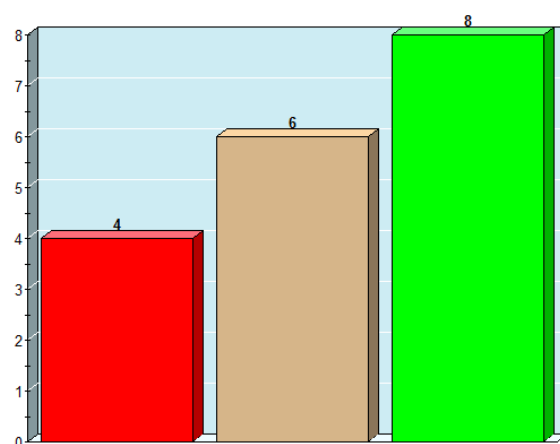
## State Fair brings worry, excitement

Despite the global pandemic, the South Dakota State Fair is still taking place this year, although it’s anything but business as usual.

Many modifications have been made in order to keep people as safe as possible. A random survey of 18 students and staff at Huron High School were asked if they were going to the Fair this year. Due to COVID-19, there were a high number that responded that they wouldn’t be attending the State Fair.

There is no correct answer as to whether you should or should not go to the fair this year. However, it is important to remember to stay safe and make smart decisions either way.

Are you going to the state fair ?



**When asked, “Will you be attending the State Fair?”, four of 18 students and staff surveyed responded with “Yes,”, six responded with “Maybe”, and eight responded with “No”.**



## “Lettuce Celebrate” Homecoming

BY TORREY VANBERKUM

### Thousand Island



We’re starting off Homecoming week on Monday with an easy dress-up day! Torrey VanBerkum chose a classic Hawaiian shirt for “Thousand Island” Hawaiian Day.

Wear your best Hawaiian shirt, pants, or lei, and come to school on Monday feeling like an islander!

### Ranch Dressing

Herberth Ramirez is showing off his cowboy outfit for “Ranch Day”. He paired his cowboy jeans with a white shirt, as well as a cowboy hat and bandana.

Tuesday is “Ranch day”, so dress up as a cowboy or a cowgirl and giddy up to school with your best western wear!



### Iceberg Lettuce



Emma Littlefield is showcasing her winter wear in honor of Iceberg “I Hate Summer” Day. She rocks the snow pants as well as a heavy winter coat, plus a stocking hat and snow boots to achieve the full effect of winter.

Wednesday is “Iceberg Day” so wear your best winter gear!

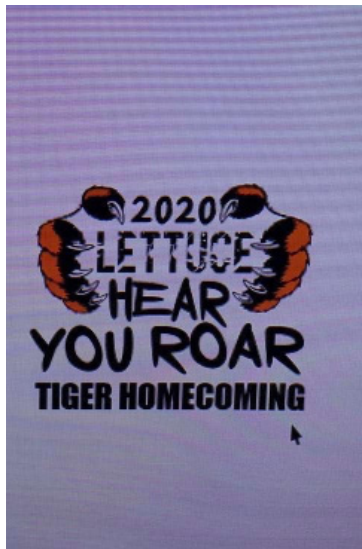
### Caesar Salad

Nate Lyon is dressed up for “Caesar Salad Day”, giving his impression of Julius Caesar. He coordinates his homemade toga (a bed sheet) with accessories.

Thursday, come dressed up as Caesar (or any Roman) wearing your best version of a toga to celebrate “Caesar Salad Day”!



### House Salad



Friday is “House Salad Day”, meaning that each grade gets its own color of Homecoming shirt.

Senior shirts are orange, junior shirts are white, sophomore shirts are black, and freshmen shirts are gray.

Support your school and show your HoCo spirit by purchasing a t-shirt in the commons before school or during lunch.

## Sports adjust to COVID-19

BY ALEXANDRIA GILBERT

Football, Cheer/dance, volleyball, cross country, soccer, tennis and golf have begun despite COVID-19. However, practices for all these sports are a bit different this year.

Coaches need to work harder than ever to ensure the safety and health of their athletes. They have to follow all COVID-19 guidelines and plan practices around all the rules. It is especially hard to maintain things like social distancing in contact sports or sports with a large number of players in one place at a time, but somehow these coaches have found great ways to do it.

Coach Branaugh of the boys’ soccer team admits that it was hard at first, stating, “It was initially hard to plan practices. We also had to give the players reminders about social distancing, etc.” She says that she had to get creative and she encouraged the boys not to share water and not sit close to any other players during water breaks, unless they were related. Branaugh says that as time goes on, practices are becoming more normal.

Coach Spanton of the football team states that it has



PHOTO BY COLBY HOTT

**Coach Spanton completes a temperature check on Jayden Beck prior to practice. This step takes a lot of time, especially on a large team, but it’s worth if it they get to play.**

been much harder to practice due to COVID because there is constantly contact in football. He says that they do the best they can at maintaining social distancing. To ensure the health of his players, temperatures are taken before every practice and they are asked a series of corona-symptom related questions to make sure they are not sick before entering. Spanton says he also makes them wear masks in locker rooms and the managers fill water bottles so not everyone is touching the water tank nozzle.

Despite COVID, Spanton’s goals have not changed as he

states, “We feel if we can stay healthy that we have as good a shot as anyone at obtaining our overall goal of a state championship.”

Volleyball’s practices are similar. Temperatures and oxygen levels are taken before every practice and the players disinfect their hands and equipment during practices.

These coaches all have the same goal, and that is a state championship, and they all believe that the health and safety of their athletes is top priority. They have done a great job despite this nasty virus throwing them a curveball.

## Clubbin’ it up at HHS

BY NATE LYON

H-town High has room for everyone’s interests. Here are the contacts and details so you can get involved. Stay tuned to the announcements for more information on these clubs and others.

### Book Club

Discuss novels through the library over Zoom.  
Teacher contact: Mrs. Kary Rachel.kary@k12.sd.us

### Key Club

A community volunteer service organization  
Teacher contact: Kelly Hennrich- kelly.hennrich@k12.sd.us  
Student contact: Emma Littlefield- EL3141@k12.sd.us

### FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)

Prepare for a future in business through competitions  
Teacher contact: Mr. Carda mike.carda@K12.SD.US

### Theater:

Participate in plays while being either an actor or member of the tech team.  
Teacher contact: Mrs. Perry  
Student Contact: Nate Lyon nl3256@k12.sd.us

### HLYC (Huron Youth Leadership Council)

Group that promotes positive youth development and a forum for youth interests  
Teacher contact: Heidi Holforty Heidi.holforty@k12.sd.us  
Student contact: Audrey Rubish AR4143@k12.sd.us

### Huron FFA (Future Farmers of America)

Participate in agriculture-related events.  
Teacher contact: Mike Postma Michael.postma@k12.sd.us  
Student contact: Bree Gosebg3492@k12.sd.us, Brooklyn Boetel- bb4190@k12.sd.us

### Speech and Debate:

Participate in oral interp, give speeches, and debate current topics at tournaments.  
Teacher contact: Mitch Gaffer Mitchel.gaffer@k12.sd.us  
Student Contact: Nate Lyon nl3256@k12.sd.us





## Summer Fun times and tan lines



When this past school year was cut short, we were all put in a funk. This is when we realized how much we crave social interactions of any kind. Our friends, family, school personnel, classmates and teammates are people we love and care for. So naturally when Summer rolled around, we ventured out from our homes and risked Covid-19 for some sense of normalcy. Please enjoy the pictures below of the genuine smiles shared between friends, because no one knows when the next time we can smile at one another (mask-free) in school will be.

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