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## Julie Zell leaves behind lasting legacy

BY JAMEE KATTNER

Julie Zell was an amazing teacher, wife, and human being. Mrs. Zell passed away on Wednesday, November 18, in the Sioux Falls area. Zell was in a brief battle with bile duct cancer. And as some of you might know, she was a teacher to many students who now attend Huron High School. Through her teaching, she was able to inspire many young children.

Zell was a fourth grade teacher in the Huron School District for twenty-five years. Zell was nominated four times for the Teacher of the Year award. The proof of Zell's teaching abilities goes farther than just the classroom. Huron High School senior, Haylee Peterson, says, "I loved being in Zell's class because she always made you feel included, and she always made sure to make you feel good about your accomplishments. She saw potential in everyone and encouraged us to work hard for our goals."

The outreach that Zell had went beyond the senior class. Sophomore, Dylan Lichty reminisces, "We did this really cool pumpkin decorating contest with the whole fourth grade. We got to send them to the State Fair, and won first place!" Lichty also remembers Zell's caring nature and positive attitude saying, "She was for sure the nicest teacher in the whole school." Continuing with the memories, Gracee Thompson, sophomore, looks back upon her favorite times with Zell. "She had a closet, and everyday that you came to class with your planner signed, you got a ticket that let you buy anything from the closet!" Thompson said that what she remembers most about Zell is, "She was really nice and my absolute favorite teacher."

Zell was an accomplished teacher, but most of all, an amazing friend to many. The legacy she leaves will impact students forever.



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Pictured above are members of the current senior class during a fourth grade field trip to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Homestead in De Smet. Mrs. Zell taught the class at Jefferson School during the 2012-2013 school year.

## End of semester sets some seniors free

BY LEXY GILBERT

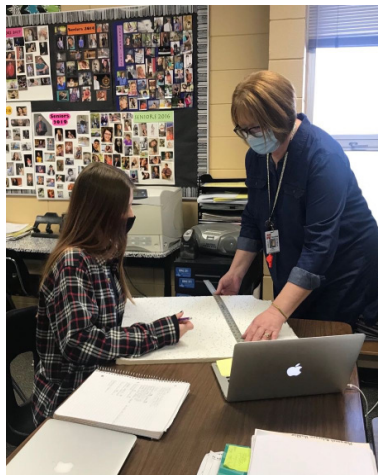


PHOTO BY LEXY GILBERT

Senior Erika Kight is working with Mrs. Stahly to finish all of her tasks for the yearbook before graduating. Erika Kight is an editor and has much to get done before leaving Huron High School forever.

The semester is almost over, half-way there. While most HHS students will have another half of a year to finish, there are a few HHS students who will be done with high school after this semester. These seniors are graduating early: Asia Bindert, Cassidy Dejean, Erika Kight, Kandice McDonald, Ju Ree, Fatima Reyes, and Walter Cabrera. A few of them were willing to give their reasons for leaving and share what their plans are after leaving HHS so soon.

The first person interviewed by the *Tiger Stripes* was Fatima Reyes. When asked why Reyes chose to graduate early, she said, "... I leave in March for boot camp! I will also use the time I have after graduation to get more hours at work." Reyes also says that she has been thinking about early graduation since middle school, and many people in her family expect her to because they chose to graduate early as well. Her plans

after graduation are to take online classes or classes at base. She has not yet chosen a major or college.

The second person interviewed was Ju Ree. She has multiple reasons for graduating, but the main reason is to better her mental health. Ree plans to attend South Dakota State University and major in Global Studies. She will miss the class of 2021, but she is glad that she can take this next step in her life.

Cassidy Dejean is also an early graduate. Dejean is graduating early because she has the credits to do so. She is also currently enrolled in the delayed entry program for the United States Marines.

Another early grad happens to be Walter Tzun Cabrera. Cabrera says, "I'm graduating early because one day I got suspended and Mrs. Konechne told me that I had enough credits to graduate early my senior year." Cabrera has not decided whether he

wants to go to college or work after graduation. He says that graduating early might give him more time to decide.

Lastly, *Tiger Stripes* talked to Asia Bindert. Bindert chose to graduate early in order to get a head start on college. "I have always had my mind set on early graduation... I figure it would be the best thing for myself." After graduation she plans to get herself into the performing arts but has not yet decided what school she'd like to attend.

All students graduating early will no longer be considered students at HHS after graduation. This means that they will not be allowed to go to Cherry Prom, Prom, student council events, or sit in the student section at sporting events. When asked about their feeling towards not being able to do these things they all said that they won't miss it very much and are more focused on the next step in their lives.

## New semester sees return of distance learners

BY AUBREY RUTLEDGE

COVID-19 continues to weave its way into nearly every aspect of "normal" life now, including school. For some, this new normal is different.

Distance learners, as Huron High School has dubbed them, have had an entirely new experience this year, whether freshman or senior. For most, distance learning will soon come to an end. At semester, distance learners who are not quarantining for medical purposes will be returning to in-person classes.

One of the biggest concerns raised was that people who are at risk of being severely affected by coronavirus will be forced to return to school, putting them in a possibly uncomfortable situation. However this is not the case. Those who are genuinely quarantining with their family, i.e. not working, not involving themselves in in-person activities, etc., will be allowed to remain distance learning.

"Is the school system morally right in its decision to make distance learners return to school during a global pandemic?" is a question plaguing the minds of many students. Lah Khu Paw, a senior at Huron High School who has been distance learning since March, says, "I don't think it's a good idea. Yeah, some students might be choosing social distancing to not do school work, but others just want to stay safe, like me."

Another distance learner, Olaf Kruse, a freshman at HHS, says, "The ending of distance learning makes me a bit upset, especially with the fact that we have been going through a spike [at the time of writing]."

Coronavirus has put nearly every single person in highly stressful situations, with difficult decisions to make at every turn. When asked whether he would be returning, Kruse said, "Yes, rather than

going through the trouble of my parents abandoning their jobs in order to teach us." Paw says, "I'm going to [come back] but I'll have to be super cautious and careful, I really don't want to miss out on the rest of my senior year."

Heidi Holforty, German teacher at HHS, while aware of the challenges some families face, is happy to have distance learners returning for second semester. "I am really looking forward to having my distance learners in class again! When students are in school, interacting with peers and adults, they are learning so much more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. These students, with their various personalities, also add so much to our classroom." Holforty continued, "I understand there are families who may be compromised by the effects of Covid, and I know the teachers will accommodate them to the best of their ability."

## Commercialism during Christmastime

BY NATE LYON

Ah, Christmas. The most wonderful time of the year. An important time for billions of people, mainly those of the Christian religion and other Abrahamic faiths, as it commemorates the nativity of Jesus.

A religious and cultural celebration of this magnitude involves many different types of celebrations: Christmas Mass, symbolic decorating, social and family gatherings, and, of course, gift-giving.

There's nothing inherently wrong with purchasing gifts for friends

and loved ones, as the season is about giving after all. The problem lies in two areas: the first one being the sheer amount of production the market needs to create in order to meet the demand.

In their "5 facts about holiday season spending" article, World Economic Forum states that Americans will spend over \$1 trillion on Christmas this year, and will spend an average of \$942, individually, on gifts. In some countries, one-fifth of people will go into debt to pay for Christmas gifts

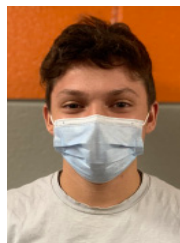
and other relevant festivities.

The article also states that half of people would buy the ideal gift, regardless of if the production methods are environmentally friendly or not.

The second issue is more of a social one. Of course, the holiday is celebrated by billions of people worldwide, and those people find important meaning in said holiday. But when we find ourselves focusing on the commercial and consumeristic aspects of the season, the true meaning is stripped away.

It is hard for those values to exist inside a space crowded by people spending excessive amounts of money on gifts, instead of making a point to show their gratitude and graciousness toward others.

However, this doesn't mean the season has lost its value. Christmas has lots of meaning to billions of people, and as long as those people work to retain that meaning, it will never be forgotten. This Christmas, let's remember what it's all about—and that's not how much money you spend on a gift.



### Pro:Kristi Noem

BY COLBY HOTT

Kristi Noem is currently the first female governor of South Dakota.

Noem was elected as governor in 2018. She was also the U.S. Representative for South Dakota's at-large congressional district from 2011 to 2019.

Even before becoming governor, she worked hard to benefit the citizens of South Dakota. While a member of Congress, Noem helped pass the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which put money back into the pockets of the average

South Dakota family.

As governor, she has shown her trust in our communities by giving us the power to make our own decisions regarding the pandemic. Noem has not closed down any businesses or churches so far. She has left the right to the people to decide what is best for themselves.

Not only did she give the power to the people, but also communicated really well at the start of the pandemic. Noem would give updates daily and inform us on what was going on.

Either way, if you like Noem or not, we can all agree that she has done her best regarding the pandemic.

### Con:Kristi Noem

BY MADISON FRAIZER

Kristi Noem is not somebody I support for a handful of reasons. Besides the fact that I just don't share the same opinions as her, there are things she's done that aren't respectable.

For example, I found it very irresponsible for her to encourage citizens to go out shopping on the day in which South Dakota had the most Covid-19 deaths.

She has done a lot of things relating to the coronavirus that aren't the smartest in my eyes—almost like she is playing politics rather than caring about the health of South Dakotans.

It's the same with her saying she won't allow masks to be required,

even though they're proven to work, or how she gave our state patrol all of the money that could've been used to aid the people in emergency rooms during the pandemic.

It doesn't seem like she thinks through the decisions she's making before deciding. It seems she just goes with what she agrees with right off-the-bat before thinking about how it will affect the people of South Dakota.

I can't support somebody who thinks that way.



## To regift or not to regift

BY KENZIE PAULSON

People have different opinions about regifting during the holidays, or any time at all. Some argue that it is extremely rude, while others think it's a great idea.

I personally think it's a rude thing to do. It's not very special to receive a gift someone already bought for someone else. It can make you feel less important than or not as appreciated as someone who got a brand new gift that was bought specifically for them.

Giving gifts is supposed to be personal and special to the giver and the receiver of the gift. It's about showing appreciation to the person you are giving it to. It is offensive to

the person who originally bought it, because they bought it thinking that you could use it.

People usually spend time and effort choosing a gift. How would you feel if you spent all that time for someone just to give away your gift to someone else? Personally, I would be hurt, because I tried my hardest to pick a gift that best-suited that person.

Gift-giving is about finding a special gift for a special person. Regifting defeats the purpose of that. When regifting, you don't take the time or the effort you normally would to find a gift for someone. It takes the specialness out of it.

However, I can see why some people think it's the right thing to do. Regifting is one way to give away items you don't use to someone who might use them. After all, one man's trash is another man's treasure. Senior Ricardo Baez Rivera says, "Yes, [you can regift], because you can just reuse a gift and not have to get another one."

Although Junior Cooper Johnson has never regifted something, he thinks it's an acceptable thing to do, "because it is easier and cheaper than going out and buying new stuff every year."

I see why people would agree with this statement. Regifting can help you save money on presents, especially when most people won't notice the difference between a brand new gift and a second-hand one. Serial regifter Mr. Stobbs, says he has regifted "too many [gifts] to mention", but he has yet to get caught.

Regifting is also a great way to promote being environmentally friendly, because you don't have to buy a new item with lots of packaging. One gift used twice has much less packaging than two gifts both used once.

If the gift is something that has yet to expire, giving it away to someone who will use it before the expiration date is much better for the environment than if you never use it and eventually have to throw it away.

## Is story of Santa moral or not?

BY TORREY VANBERKUM

On Christmas morning, many people wake up to Christmas presents, but from whom?

Many children write a Christmas list of all the presents they want and send it to Santa Claus. Each child has different requests for gifts. On the first day back to school in the new year, all the students discuss what they got for Christmas and what their favorite present was.

However, there may be some kids who wonder, "Why didn't Santa bring me all the gifts I wanted?" "Why did they get so many more gifts than I got?"

Children may begin to wonder if Santa is fair and if Santa is real. When parents tell their children about the story of Santa and how they have to be good all year, kids believe it. When they don't get all the presents they ask for Christmas, kids feel sad and unhappy with their gifts.

Telling kids that Santa will bring them all the gifts they ask for is not a moral thing for parents or siblings to do. Children's Christmas wishes might not be fulfilled depending on the financial situations their parents are in. Santa Claus gives the illusion that all children have to do is be on the nice list all year, but, in reality, their families just need to be financially stable.



PHOTO BY KENZIE PAULSON

Junior Brandon Decker catches junior Cooper Letcher regifting Decker's thoughtful present to fellow junior, Darlene Kramer. Decker's disappointment is obvious even under his mask.

## Christmas chimes and their appropriate times

BY LEXY GILBERT

'Tis the season to be jolly, deck the halls, and ride in a one-horse open sleigh. At this time of year, songs with these exact words begin to play, but sometimes these songs are being played way before the month of December.

This got me thinking, is there an appropriate time to start playing Christmas music? The answer to that is yes. Sorry if my opinion upsets you, Christmas carol lovers, but there is no need to play these songs out of season. They are called CHRISTMAS songs for a reason, people!

The day after Thanksgiving Day is the only acceptable time to start playing Christmas songs. We can't just leave out a holiday. There are Thanksgiving songs too. Haven't you heard "Every Turkey Can Tango"?

How selfish do you have to be to skip a day of giving thanks just to listen to "All I want for Christmas is You"? All I want for Christmas is for people to stop playing Christmas music before turkey day.

Plus, most of the songs that are being played early are overrated. By the time Christmas rolls around, there are plenty of underrated songs that never even got a chance to be heard.

**Here are the top songs that students think are overrated and overplayed:**

1. "Jingle Bells"
2. "All I Want for Christmas is You"
3. "12 Days of Christmas"

**Here are the top songs that students think are underrated and underplayed:**

1. "Mary Did You Know" by Pentatonix
2. "Winter White Hymnal"
3. "Step Into Christmas" by Elton John

## Authentic or artificial: Which tree is best?

BY HEI SAY

There are many different kinds of Christmas traditions around the world. These traditions range from hanging socks above the fireplace, hiding a pickle in the Christmas tree, or leaving shoes outside to be filled with gifts—or maybe coal. No matter where people are from, there's a common tradition most cultures share: Christmas trees. Whether you realize it or not, a lot of thought goes into selecting the perfect Christmas tree. It can be a challenge to choose the shape, size, and color of your tree, but most importantly of all, if it is real or artificial.

**"The tree should be the most fun part of Christmas."**

Artificial trees are very popular in the United States. People love them not just because they are accessible, but because they are also easier to care for. They may be more expensive than real trees, but they are actually cheaper in the long run. A \$125 artificial tree can be reused for multiple years, while real trees usually start at \$75 and can only be used for one year. You also won't have to worry about Alvin and other critters living in your artificial tree.

Artificial trees originated in Germany in the 1800's. According to [artificialplantsandtrees.com](#), "Germany's trees began to suffer as the mass destruction of Christmas trees was well on its way. It was fashionable to cut off the top of a large Fir tree and leave the remainder of the tree to die. It was because of this mass destruction that the first goose feather artificial tree was introduced." Over the years, the artificial tree has evolved. The trees are now made from many different materials including polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and aluminum.

Other families still prefer real evergreen trees for the experience. The process of searching for the perfect tree and bringing it home is a special tradition that holds dear to many families' hearts. Some people think supporting tree-cutting businesses is bad for the environment. Ironically, it actually does the opposite. Supporting tree farms allow the farmers to continue their business and protect their land from industrialization. Although real trees require more care, the environmental benefits are worth it.

There are many pros and cons to consider when thinking about what kind of tree to purchase for the holidays. The decision can come with a lot of pressure, as the tree is the centerpiece of many homes. Whatever the choice, don't fret over it. The tree should be the most fun part of Christmas. Merry Christmas and happy decorating!

## New game on the frontline

BY COLBY HOTT

*Call of Duty* is a dominant franchise that has been producing games yearly for the past two decades, since 2003. It's what's known as a first-person shooter game. This year's game is called *Call of Duty: Black-Ops Cold War*.

*Cold War* was developed by Treyarch and Raven Software. So far, since being released in November, the game has not seen the best of reviews. It currently has a 6/10 from IGN.com and a 76% rating from Metacritic. Although the game has not been out for very long, and its reviews aren't great, it can improve from updates and DLC's in the future.

*Cold War* is made up of three parts: campaign, multi-player, and zombies. The campaign part of the game received complaints about how short it was, but overall, received good reviews. On the other hand, multi-player and zombies have had quite a few complaints and very few compliments. People feel that in multi-player the movement is awkward, and the maps are poorly put together. For zombies, people reported that the game would consistently crash.

Because a portion of the complaints are due to bugs, the game will most likely be fixed in the future.



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**Call of Duty: Black-Ops Cold War is still a relatively new game. The game was released on November 13, 2020.**

## Naughty or nice?

BY AUBREY RUTLEDGE

As a kid during this time of year, the question that would often plague my young mind was, "Will I be on the naughty list this year?" Well, since we at *Tiger Stripes* couldn't quite reach out to Santa, we decided to ask students at Huron High School to anonymously submit their best guesses for who is on the naughty list and who is on the nice list!

### Nice List

"Reilly Hoops for donating so much food to the food drive."

"Mr. Stueckrath because he complimented me on my playing."

"All the cute girls."

"My dog Jake and my lizard Merlin."

"Vanya Wagemann"

"My boyfriend, hockey team, and sometimes my family."

"Lizzie because she's always there for me, and Shrek because he is hot."

"Myself, so I get a present."

"My doctor"

"Food, because it keeps me alive."

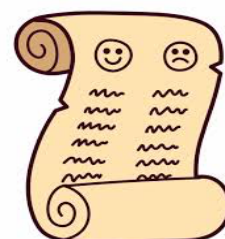
### Naughty List

"My teacher is on my naughty list because she ruined my straight-A streak by giving me a C."

"The Sioux Falls Roosevelt student section."

"My cat, he tries to escape our house everyday."

"COVID, because."





## Hard earned hardware

BY EMILY DALE



PHOTO BY BOB LANDSTROM

Pictured from left to right are Tenley Buddenhagen, Lexy Gilbert, Mikena Moore, Shelly Buddenhagen, Libby Rounds, Mattie Huber, and Brooke Schiltz. They ended their final season with a bang.

The Huron Tiger volleyball team went into state ranked third overall, with a record of 16-4. They started the tournament strong, dominating both games against Brandon Valley and Sioux Falls Roosevelt in three

sets. This got them into the championship game, and also proved that out of all of the teams, they had the best chance of winning against Sioux Falls O'Gorman.

In the championship match, O'Gorman took the

lead early on, winning the first two sets. Huron fired back in the third set taking the lead by a big margin, and winning it.

Around that time, other volleyball teams including Brandon Valley, Aberdeen,

SF Roosevelt, SF Washington, Harrisburg, and possibly others all came together in the Swiftel Center to cheer on Huron.

Despite Huron's efforts in the fourth set, O'Gorman took the lead, winning them the game. The Tigers fought very hard and are proud of their second place trophy.

The Huron Tiger volleyball team will be graduating six seniors this year, and the Tiger Stripes wondered what they will miss most and what is a favorite memory from their years of hard work.

**What will you miss most about volleyball?**

**Tenley:** "I'll miss spending time with my teammates the most."

**Libby:** "What I'll miss most about volleyball is playing the games."

**Brooke:** "I'll miss spending time with my friends on and off the court."

**Mattie:** "I will miss the memories and relationships made with my teammates the most."

**Lexy:** "I am going to miss competing and playing with all of my teammates."

**Mikena:** "I'll miss cheering and spending time with my teammates the most."

**What is your favorite volleyball memory?**

**Tenley:** "My favorite volleyball memory is getting into the state championship."

**Libby:** "My favorite memory was winning the ESD championship."

**Brooke:** "My favorite memory was when our coach, Shelly, said, 'I pity the fool.'"

**Mattie:** "My favorite memory from volleyball is the game winning point against SF Roosevelt."

**Lexy:** "My favorite volleyball memory is when we beat Watertown in three."

**Mikena:** "My favorite memory is when Brooke held me to the ground after we made it to the 'ship.'"

## Swim team dives into season

BY TORREY VANBERKUM

The Huron swim team, the Dakota Riptide, has consisted of 87 members ever since Huron combined with Mitchell to form one team. The Dakota Riptides are coached by Bonnie Biel, and they practice at the Nordby Center every afternoon.

As with every activity this year, adjustments have to be made due to COVID. The team wears masks before they get into the pool and once they get out of the pool, and they try to social distance as much as possible when they can to help everyone stay healthy for their competitions.

The Dakota Riptides are competing this year in surrounding towns as well as in Huron. They compete on the weekends, and each swimmer competes in different events. Freshman Kayeleigh Bowden says, "Swim team this year is really different and an uncomfortable transition for everyone, but I'm glad to be back in the water competing."

## Happy holidays from Key Club

BY EMMA LITTLEFIELD



PHOTO BY SAWYER HENNRICH

Ireland Hennrich (freshman), Emma Littlefield (senior), and Jayda Hennrich (senior) hold their holiday treat boxes. Key Club made them to deliver to the nursing homes in town at their November meeting.

## Wrestling with COVID

BY EH HSER HT00



PHOTO BY KIMBERLY DEWALL SAMMONS

Huron wrestler, Jeran Sammons, fights for a position to score against his Brandon Valley opponent. He fought hard but came up short in the end.

COVID-19 has affected many sports, and wrestling is one of them.

Wrestling is very physical, with lots of close contact, so there was doubt as to whether the sport would happen this year. Luckily, with some changes, the team is moving ahead with their season.

The people who understand the changes best are the wrestlers. Tyson Lien is a senior, and this season is his last. Lien said, "There aren't as many rule changes this year, but I don't like the new hair rule. We wear a mask walking into the building and walking

out, and we also have more duals than tournaments this year to limit how many people are inside a building."

Huron's wrestling team is also competing in memory of their late coach, Tom Baszler. Jeran Sammons, junior, says, "It's been hard, but it's been harder for the heavy weights because Baszler would help them."

The team is grateful they are getting a chance to compete, and they are looking forward to a good season.

Their next home dual is on Thursday, January 14, starting at 7:00 PM, at the Arena.

## BY NATE LYON



PHOTO BY DAWSON SOLOMON

As humans, especially teenagers, we always seek a place to belong, a place to congregate with our peers and meet new like-minded individuals. One of these places happens to be, of all places, the Lewis Drug parking lot.

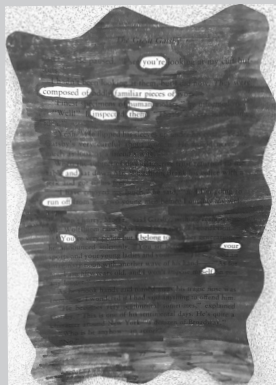
To learn more about this society of automobile-loving young adults, *Tiger Stripes* interviewed HHS senior Dawson Solomon. When asked about the types of people that congregate there, Solomon stated, "It's kind of a mixed bag, it's like the lunch tables at school, the friend groups stay together, such as the 'nerds' at one table and the popular kids at another."

This also applies to age groups, as peers tend to hang around themselves. "Once again its based off of friend groups. I see plenty of freshman there, to older even mid- to high-20-year olds." said Solomon. The mixed-bag theme also extends into the vehicles, as Solomon said, "In my friend group I think I have the only truck, all of my friends own SUVs or cars. Most parents are just willing to pay the extra price for a fancy truck for their child, resulting in certain kids in a 'truck' group. So it's based more off of friends than vehicle choice."

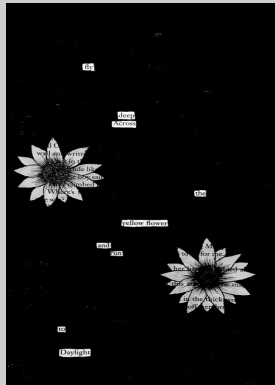
To conclude, Solomon told *Tiger Stripes* the Truck Circle is “an ongoing trend that friends just meet up there to drive around or just to talk. My dad used to flip the loop when he was a teen, so I guess its just been an ongoing thing for decades.”

## BY AUDREY RUBISH

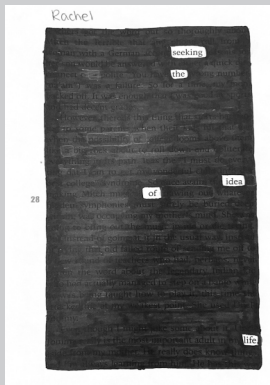
Each year, Mrs. Perry does a unit on poetry in her LA11 classes. For the past three years she has used a new way of teaching it that seems to really get through to her students: Black Out Poetry. "I love to see how creative the students can be. The poems are always really good, and some of them are amazing artists," she says. Here are some of this year's best.



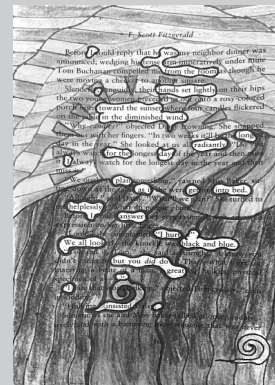
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## BY CARTER HANSON

your foot along the ground until you find the line and clear off the entire line too make sure your vehicle is parallel to the lines.

One of the many ways to park better is opening the door when parking to tell where the lines are in relation to the vehicle. Knowing the size of your vehicle is another way to enhance your driving and parking skills. When snow covers the lines in the parking lots, simply run

Maintaining control of the vehicle is essential to safe and stress free-driving. Do not speed up too fast,

especially on a crowned or sloped road because the wheels can slip and lose traction and slide downhill or spin. With rear wheel drive vehicles, if the rear wheels slip and the vehicle starts to rotate, keep the steering wheel pointed in the direction you wish to move.

When braking, do not push too hard on the pedal because the front wheels have stronger, tighter brakes and will lock up, taking away your ability to steer. Newer vehicles have anti-lock brakes, the grinding sound of the brake pedal when depressed too hard. If these tips are followed and performed correctly, winter driving and parking can be stress free and make for less accidents, and better drivers, year round.

## BY EMMA LITTLEFIELD

Many students in HHS have exciting plans for their future. Some already have dream colleges and tech schools picked out. "If you could attend any college or tech school, anywhere, which would it be and why?" Here are what some students had to say:

*"I would attend the University of Hawai'i, because it has a really good science program."*

*"SDSU because they have a good mechanical engineering program."*

*"STI because my dream job is sonography. I would love to be able to give ultrasounds and let pregnant women see their babies."*

*"University of Nebraska-Lincoln because I've heard good things about that college."*

*"USD because they have a good business school."*

*"Huron Community College, HOME TEAM BABYYYYYYYYYY"*

*"I would attend Lake Area Tech, because it's a tech school that isn't Mitchell Tech."*

*"UCLA because it's far away from South Dakota, and I wouldn't mind living in California."*

*"UCLA, because it is the best college for sports."*

*"Minnesota Duluth for hockey."*

*"Black Hills State University, they have so many artistic opportunities."*

*"I would attend Liberty University, it's a good Christian college."*



## Stocking stuffers gift-guide

BY HAYLEE PETERSON

During this time of year, many shoppers try to find the perfect gift for the people treasured the most in their lives. However, they often overlook those little finishing touches that can make a present more personal. Here are some ideas for some smaller gifts that are sure to make your friends and family smile.



**Keychains** - There are endless possibilities for keychains, and they can be as colorful, unique, or personalized as you want. Something special that is becoming more and more popular is a personalized Spotify code keychain. There are many, many sellers on Etsy that can take a playlist, turn it into a scannable code, and put it on a keychain. There are several different versions that can be customized with colors, images, or engravings for a low price.

**Makeup** - If you have a special girly-girl (or boy) in your life, makeup is always a good option. Many popular stores like Sephora offer travel-sized options for different products. Packaging is everything - the cuter the better. A bright lipstick or a fancy highlighter are great options for a finishing touch.

**Hand Sanitizer** - Hand Sanitizer is not only a practical gift, but a very timely one for a year like this. There are many different scent options, and it's fun to choose which kind will suit friends and family. If the hand sanitizer can attach to a bag, that deserves bonus points.

**Jewelry** - Jewelry is another option that can be personalized in special ways. If buying for a significant other, giving them a simple necklace with a monogram on it, or a locket with a cute picture inside, is a good idea. There are many ways to personalize jewelry based on the interests of the person receiving the gift, and it doesn't have to be expensive to be beautiful and meaningful.

**Socks** - Socks are an essential part of every outfit. Socks can make a bold fashion statement that showcase personality, and they can be any pattern or color imaginable. Socks can be a thoughtful gift, because they can be chosen based on the loved one's interests.

**Chapstick** - This one is a classic and obvious choice. Everybody needs Chapstick at some point in their lives, especially when the weather gets colder, and it's surprising how many scents and flavors they come in these days.

**Candy** - This one may seem like a childish option, but everyone has at least one favorite candy no matter how old they are. It's a cheap and easy gift that will let loved ones know you're thinking of them.

## Christmas crushes

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The Christmas season is the perfect time of year to cozy up by the fireplace with that special someone, sipping hot cocoa and gazing lovingly into each other's eyes. The question is, who is willing to make the first move? These brave souls took that first step and submitted their Christmas Crushes to the *Tiger Stripes* - because all they wanted for Christmas was love.



### Aubrey and Anna



**"My Christmas crush is Anna Kruse, because all I want for Christmas is for her to come back to school"** ~ Aubrey Rutledge

### Hannah and the Grinch



**"My Christmas crush is the Grinch. Why? That's kind of a personal question..."** ~ Hannah Moeding

### Mariano and Jim Carrey



**"My Christmas crush is Jim Carrey, and if I met him I would put my arm around him just like this"**

~ Mariano Gonzales

### Brooke and Sebastian



**"My Christmas crush is Sebastian Cardona, because he's my manz"**

~ Brooke Schiltz



## Christmas quiz: What Grinch character are you?

BY KENZIE PAULSON

Everyone has different feelings about the holidays, and the way you answer these questions will tell you if you're more like the Grinch or if you're a little Cindy-Lou Who from the classic Christmas movie, *The Grinch*.



1. When do you put up your Christmas decorations?  
A) Never, I hate Christmas decorations.  
B) Right after Thanksgiving!  
C) Whenever I get around to it.

2. When do you start playing Christmas music?  
A) Never, worst music genre ever.  
B) All year round!  
C) When I'm in the Christmas mood.

**Mostly A's:** The Grinch! You most likely hate the holidays for some reason. Everything about Christmas annoys you, the sweaters, the songs, the decorations. Everything. But, your heart might grow to love Christmas one day... (hopefully).

**Mostly B's:** Cindy Lou! You absolutely LOVE everything about Christmas, and want everyone to love it too. You are at your happiest during the holiday season. You love giving gifts, singing Christmas carols and baking cookies! Christmas is your favorite time of year.

**Mostly C's:** Max the dog! If you answered mostly C's you are like Max. You are honestly just chilling, doing whatever, baking cookies when you want them, putting up Christmas decorations when you are in the spirit and listening to Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas is You" every once in a while.

3. Do you own any ugly Christmas sweaters?  
A) No, they are hideous!  
B) UGLY!? They are the cutest sweaters ever!  
C) Only for school dress up days.

4. What's your favorite Christmas movie?  
A) *The Grinch*, obviously.  
B) *Polar Express*.  
C) *Elf*.

5. Do you enjoy giving gifts?  
A) No, but I LOVE getting them!  
B) Absolutely!  
C) I'll get you one if you get me one!

6. Who do you hangout with on the holidays?  
A) No one.  
B) All of my family members.  
C) Preferably just my pets.

