

HHS honors veterans

BY ZOE MARTIN

Each year, students and staff from Huron High School prepare to show appreciation for local former military personnel on Veteran's Day. Between the program in the auditorium and the flags placed in front of the school, HHS honors our veterans in a plethora of ways.

The Veterans Day program is organized annually by Rita Cook, a psychology, sociology, and personal finance teacher at Huron. She takes care of finding a guest speaker, contacting the American Legion or VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and making sure the slideshow is put together correctly.

The program begins with either the VFW or American Legion color guard opening the program. The Star-



PHOTO BY BRANDI FITZGERALD
Student Council members place flags along 18th street to show respect on Veteran's Day. The goal is to encourage the community to remember the important day.

Spangled Banner is then performed by a small group of HHS music students.

A guest speaker is also chosen to speak at the event. Last year,

Josh Lien, State Training Officer for the S.D. National Guard and HHS volleyball head coach, gave the speech, and this year it will be

SFC (E7) Libby Flemming.

The speaker is chosen by finding a veteran or military member who has a connection with students.

A slideshow is also displayed, which shows a collection of pictures and descriptions of relatives of students and staff who are veterans. The program is then closed by the colorguard.

Another way the school honors our veterans is by placing small American flags in front of the school. The HHS Student Council places the flags in the ground lining 18th street. It is a simple but meaningful way to show support on this day of remembrance, and it hopefully reminds students and community members to take a moment to thank a veteran.

Serving Huron one meal at a time

BY SIKE MA NOKE

HHS helps the community in many different ways. Clubs and groups such as Huron Youth Leadership Council (HYLC), Key Club, National Honor Society (NHS), Student Council, Pep Club, and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) all take part in all different acts of service.

Although there are many different volunteer opportunities students in these groups can help with, three common ones are Meals-on-Wheels, Backpack Program, and the upcoming food drive.

Meals-on-Wheels has been offered in the community for countless years. By picking up and delivering hot meals, students save a senior citizen the laborious work of making their own meals. Meals-on-Wheels has plenty of student participation in all clubs.

The Backpack Program, which is offered to most clubs, involves packing sacks of food for different community members in need. FBLA advisor Mike Carda says, "I usually have no problem getting participants, it's just a matter of letting everyone have an opportunity to help."

Moreover, another volunteer opportunity is the food drive, which is organized by Student Council. This year it is held from November 7-18. The food drive is a fundraiser for non-perishables, and the items are then handed over to one of the food pantries in Huron. Last year, it was dropped off at The Salvation Army of Huron.

When asked what is the largest number of food items Student Council has received in a year, advisor Jennifer Fuchs stated, "Generally, we have at least 500+ items collected each year. It really depends on how much the student body gets involved and challenges each other to bring the goodies. A couple of years ago, we had a baby pool of food brought in by a couple of young men ... with well over 1,000 items! The classes did a great job of competing that year and knocked it out of the park, with the ultimate winners being those that needed the food!"

All of the food donated from the student body goes to a local food pantry. The pantry then makes the food available to members in the community. The class that donates the most food will win root beer floats.

Planning for post-high

BY SIKE MA NOKE

Every week, counseling office secretary, Crystal Lien, provides the student body with a newsletter called the *Counselor's Corner*.

The informational newsletter consists of material related to college, career, and military opportunities, as well as scholarship listings, college visitation details, financial aid details, apprenticeship opportunities, information regarding post-high applicable aid, and much more. It is mainly geared towards seniors and their parents, but juniors can also look it over so they know what to expect for next year.

Mrs. Lien puts together the newsletter, and the whole process takes about three days. First, Lien has to gather the information which will be useful to students. Some of the material is retrieved from emails and flyers sent to the office, and for some information, Lien has to research and find it herself.

A lot of the scholarship information and apprenticeship details Lien receives are sent to her from South Dakota cooperatives, universities, and businesses.

After finding applicable information and creating a format for the newsletter, Lien sends it out. Every Thursday, juniors and seniors receive the *Counselor's Corner* newsletter via email. The newsletter is also available to view on the bulletin board located next to the counseling office.

Lien strives "to create a newsletter that is both interesting and informative without being redundant or boring" every week. Students may also receive a special surprise in the counselor's office if they read all the way to the end...

Candy-Coated Christmas lights up Huron

BY ZOE MARTIN



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Bright, festive floats parade down Dakota Avenue. These floats were designed by a variety of different groups in Huron to show their Christmas spirit.

The Parade of Lights, which is an annual event, is a showcase of many different community groups and businesses in the form of well-lit, decorated floats. Each year, board members from the Chamber of Commerce choose a theme and organize a fun community event to kick off the Christmas season in Huron.

This year's theme will be "Candy-Coated Christmas". The parade, taking place on Friday, November 25, will begin on Market Road at 7 p.m., and will run down Dakota ending at 21st Street South. Callee Bauman Watchter, who is the Chamber of Commerce committee chairman, says, "The floats range in theme and size and are as varied as night and day. It is always fun to see the creativity brought forth by the entrants."

Christmas time is a notably happy time of year, but it is not that way for everyone. Bauman explains, "Too often, on these dark, cold days, many can feel isolated and disconnected from their friends and neighbors. The parade is a joy-filled event that allows people to come out and enjoy the lights and displays put on by our community businesses, organizations, and groups."

Students can also involve themselves by joining the parade, either putting together a float or becoming a street volunteer to ensure the safety of attendees. To create a float, follow the link and sign up: <https://www.huronsd.com/visitinghuron/special-events/parade-of-lights>. To become a street volunteer, email cvb@huronsd.com.

Controversial history of Thanksgiving

BY GAIL TRANDALL

In 1621, in what is now the state of Massachusetts, the Plymouth Pilgrims invited those of the Wampanoag Tribe to celebrate with them their first successful harvest in the New World. The celebration, generally remembered in the US as the "First Thanksgiving," was not immediately recognized in the early colonies until the late 1600s.

Though basic and boring, this is generally the concept taught in most elementary and middle school history classes. Students briefly learn of the Pilgrims and their travel to the New World, as well as their various struggles and successes, and just as quickly move on to other events in our history. The question, now, is if this is correct.

Research finds that the true Thanksgiving was much darker than previously thought—a story of theft and murder. Are teachers' lesson plans historically inaccurate for ethical reasons—for kids'

sake—or are they borderlining on the erasure of indigenous people's history?

The feast did take place in 1621 and that part is true, but the facts have been brushed aside for a more "kid-friendly" version. According to the *New York Times*, there is no evidence dating back to that time that the Wampanoags were invited to the feast.

The Pilgrims did not contemplate their successful harvest quietly and were not solemn; instead, the feast itself was a celebration, and a garish one at that. The chief of the Wampanoag tribe, Ousamequin, sent a small army of men to investigate the loud gunfire that was part of the commemoration, and that confusion led to the belief that it was a mutual gathering between both parties. Afterward, already ravaged by disease that the foreigners had brought over, the Wampanoags were met with deadly conflicts by colonists who wanted

their land and wanted to assimilate them into their Christian customs.

The colonists performed an outright genocide against the Native Americans. In 1676, the colonists claimed a "day of public thanksgiving," because there was little that remained of the indigenous tribes, as they were either killed, sold into slavery, or left.

The main problem is deciding if teaching younger grades the truth of what happened contradicts morality, or if the watered-down history is truly an erasure of indigenous culture and background.

Personally, I strongly believe that Thanksgiving should be celebrated as a literal translation of its name, giving thanks. Rather than dwell on the past, we should learn from it to fix our mindsets and recognize our mistakes. Giving thanks is for all.

Is Student Responsibility Block really necessary?

BY GAIL TRANDALL

SRB, or Student Responsibility Block, is a topic of controversy among students. There are those who acknowledge how it works in the school schedule and have no bias if it benefits the school experience students have. There are also those who find it is rather dull and not worth going to.

SRB used to be at the end of the day. Before that, it was called homeroom and was only once a week. Now, its meaning has changed, as well as its time. Because students felt it wasn't worth the time going to, it was commonly skipped. It was moved to where it is now in hopes of combatting absences and to remind students that it is their responsibility to get their work done and be punctual.

Elizabeth Estrada, a senior at HHS, thinks that SRB is an unneeded block in the school schedule. When she has lunch beforehand and a study hall afterward, she finds that it's unnecessary to come back for "thirty minutes just to do nothing."

Though she is able to get work done during this time, it appears to her that others in her SRB, who need to be self-motivated to use their time wisely, use this time to mess around.

On the other hand, "it is important to some people, but not all." Those who are on top of their

work and excel in classes could do many other activities instead during their SRB time.

If the schedule changed and SRB was erased, Estrada thinks the extra time should be added to lunch, then it would be an hour long instead of forty-five minutes. It is especially helpful this way for students who live out of town and go home for lunch. Though many club meetings happen during SRB, Estrada believes that before or after school times would be able to replace them.

In contrast to Estrada's opinion, River Peterson, a junior at HHS, has another opinion. They finds that SRB is a nice break from classes "especially if you don't have a study hall." Peterson is able to finish their work as their SRB is relatively quiet. They believe it is "important for kids to take a break and relax." SRB is a vital cushion in between classes, especially for students who need to study for a test in the next class or to finish homework.

If SRB were to be replaced, Peterson also believes the extra time should be added to lunch as it gives students the same break and ability to catch up with friends. On the topic of meetings, "the people involved in the meetings could set up a time that works for all of them," Peterson stated.



PHOTO BY GAIL TRANDALL

Elizabeth Estrada and River Peterson stand back to back. Even though they share differing SRB opinions, they can both agree that a longer lunch would be great.

Blocked from full education in school

BY KELSEY SCHUCHHARDT



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Ireland Hennrich, junior, stresses while doing her math homework. She is trying to access a video for pre-calc, but she is unable due to YouTube being blocked at school.

Here at HHS, the internet plays an important role in almost all schoolwork. Students use various websites on a daily basis to complete their assignments. How are students supposed to finish their homework if the websites they need to access are being blocked by the school?

Various websites for watching educational videos, learning specific information, and for plain entertainment have been blocked; however, these

websites aren't restricted for no reason. According to Rodney Mittlestedt, the HHS assistant principal, "The Huron School District subscribes to a network service that filters allowable internet content. If school district administrators determine that inappropriate websites are still being accessed via the district network, then those sites are also blocked by the network service."

The Huron School District administrators are working towards getting educational websites unblocked.

Blocked websites have been affecting student life negatively. Many students have been complaining over not just the websites they need for school, but also the ones they need for entertainment. When students work on their homework, many of them prefer to listen to music. Now, they can only listen to music in class if teachers allow phones, which can lead easily to distractions. Also, games are now blocked on the iPads, so students are more tempted to get on their phones for entertainment instead.

Educational websites being blocked has impacted HHS students' lives for the worse. Griffin Storm, sophomore, has personal experience with blocked websites preventing him from learning, and he thinks that people would be better off without restrictions. According to Storm, "Most things on Wikipedia that are important such as diseases, books, authors, and jobs are restricted to only have moderator access. I believe that above all else, Wikipedia could be used as a resource to make finding sources on topics much easier."

All in all, some website restrictions are needed for students to focus at school, but not all of them are necessary.

Dahmer on Netflix

BY CHLOE CULVER

On September 21, Netflix released the Dahmer TV series. The series reviews the life and killings of serial killer, Jeffrey Dahmer, and also highlights the lives of a few of his victims. The murders were absolutely horrific and gruesome, and the remake shows all of the very graphic encounters. Although very intriguing to watch, the show was completely unnecessary.

The whole time while watching, it felt wrong. The remaking of the gruesome murders made me wonder, is this really what Netflix should be making a show about? This is more than just a story about historical facts, this is the final moments of those who lost their lives, displayed for people across the nation to see.

Instead of producing a show that idolizes the actions of one of America's most well known serial killers, it would make more sense to make something that memorializes the victims, or, just not make anything at all.

Although the show is well put

together and has the ability to grab the attention of the viewers, it could've been more heartfelt, instead of trying to sympathize with the actions of Jeffrey Dahmer.

While sympathizing with Dahmer, the series did show respect to those who lost their lives. A few episodes mainly consisted of the lives of some of Dahmer's victims, and captured them as a person and not just a name of someone who was murdered. Still, the show was completely unnecessary in the re-enacting of the gruesome murders of those lives who were lost.

The Dahmer TV series has more than eight hundred million hours of watch time, as well as being currently listed as number two on Netflix's "Top 10 TV Shows in the U.S. Today", since it was released. Although it is highly ranked, I believe the show doesn't deserve the attention it has received, mainly because of the way Dahmer is portrayed. Making the viewers want to sympathize with him feels wrong.

Students' culture represented by flags

BY KATELYN RADKE



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Flags representing different cultures hang in the commons before the 2019 construction. The flags were put up by former principal Demi Moon.

When asked about changes in the school, most of the senior class would say they wish the tiger on the commons floor and the flags in the skylights would make a comeback.

The flags in the commons were hung with two flags to each skylight, and each flag represented each of the different countries the Huron High School's students came from.

When asked about why they were put up in the first place, former principal of Huron High School, Demi Moon, stated that, "Huron High School's demographic changed drastically between the springs of 2008 and 2009. We grew rapidly and we diversified rapidly, so we wanted to make sure that all of the new faces at Huron High School felt like their culture was represented."

The flags had been up for about a decade before being taken down, and students often wondered: where did all of the flags come from? So, I asked

Moon who was responsible for putting up the flags.

Moon said, "The librarian at the time actually helped us identify all the necessary countries and get the correct flags. There were a couple Eastern European countries and Eastern Asian countries that were very difficult to find a flag for, so we had to order through some specialty locations, just because they were flags of culture groups that were not necessarily as well known, so it was a little bit more difficult to get a couple of those flags."

The flags were taken down during the 2019-2020 school year because of the construction being done to the front of the building, and then they were never put back up. For this reason, many of the underclassmen don't even know what they were.

Many students believe that the flags in the commons gave us something that made our school unique, and a little different from other schools in the state.

Thanksgiving feast favorites

BY CHLOE CULVER AND KATELYN RADKE

When most people think of Thanksgiving, they typically think of two things: family and food, but mostly food. The food can range anywhere from turkey to pizza. People have their own preferences, so the Tiger Stripes staff asked, "What is your favorite and least favorite food for Thanksgiving dinner?"



Freshman: Davis Osier

Favorite Food: "Ham, because it's the superior meat."

Least Favorite Food: "Pecan pie. The texture isn't good."



Sophomore: Aurora Dreyer

Favorite Food: "Mashed potatoes, because my grandma makes the best mashed potatoes."

Least Favorite Food: "Stuffing. It's nasty."



Junior: Bryan Ramirez

Favorite Food: "Stuffing and turkey. It makes me bigger and it has protein and carbs."

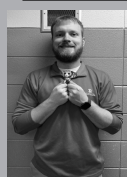
Least Favorite Food: "Green beans; we ain't about that vegetable life."



Senior: Madysen Schroder

Favorite Food: "Mashed potatoes. They just so yummy in my tummy."

Least Favorite Food: "Stuffing. It's a little overrated."



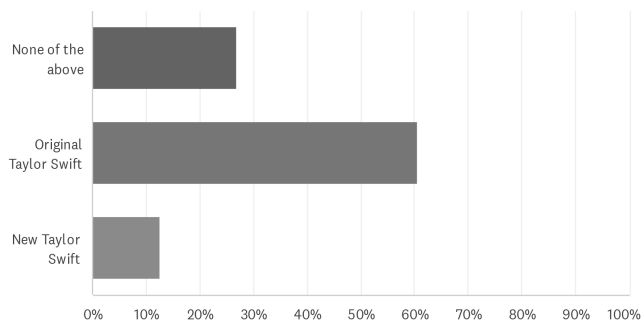
Staff: Mr. Stueckrath

Favorite Food: "Mashed potatoes and gravy, because they fill in all the gaps in your stomach so there's always room."

Least Favorite Food: "Sweet potatoes. Why have sweet potatoes when you can have regular potatoes?"

Old or new? (Taylor's Version)

BY CHLOE CULVER AND KATELYN RADKE



The Tiger Stripes staff asked the student body, "Which do you prefer: old (original) Taylor Swift or new Taylor Swift?", the response were 61.29% in favor of old Swift, 13.98% for new Swift, and 24.83% had no response. We prefer her older content and her unreleased works.

The dilemma of “falling” into winter sports

BY MARISOL DUBON

Many student athletes at HHS believe it is unfair that they get a very short break in between sports.

The head coach for boys basketball, Tim Buddenhagen, believes, “The biggest discrepancy is between girls volleyball and girls basketball because the girls volleyball teams that make the state tournament only have one day off in between seasons which is not good for athletes.” Breaks on the body are important, but athletes still need to have enough discipline on themselves to stay fit for their next sport.

Isabelle Ellwein is an athlete that only receives two days between volleyball and basketball. “I think an athlete transitioning between sports should get at least a week and a half to 2 weeks off,” said Ellwein. She agreed with Coach Buddenhagen that girls volleyball and basketball players are more affected than the other sports. “I think only the girls basketball is affected by this because football gets over earlier than volleyball so they have time to start open gyms and stuff before the season starts.” Ellwein believes giving athletes enough time to rest and be more prepared for their next sport has them more focused for when the new season starts.

The short break between fall and winter sports may affect an athlete mentally because of the small



PHOTO BY MARISOL DUBON

Pictured above is senior Isabelle Ellwein along with senior Reilyn Zavesky. Each of them have different opinions on the amount of time they get off.

amount of time they get to focus on themselves.

Coach Buddenhagen said, “Individually we need to determine how important the sport is on a personal basis and then make the decision whether I need a break or not.”

When asked if a longer break gives athletes more time to focus, Buddenhagen replied, “Focus is an individual choice. If an athlete enjoys the sport, they will be focused no matter the condition.”

Senior football player, Reilyn Zavesky, thinks, “One week is more than a long enough break for

athletes.” He also thinks giving them too much of a break would actually make them lose focus. “I think it’s easier to keep focus by going right into the sport with no break.”

Dru Strand, head coach for boys football thinks that all athletes are different when it comes to how much of a break they should have, “You can ask some and they are ready to go into the next sport, but others want a longer break.” Strand uses an athlete in today’s sports for a better understanding, “They never have a day off. They are always working on something, whether it is the sports specific practice or hitting the weights to improve on their sport.”

Strand believes that the athlete does not necessarily lose focus, but they have to try to figure out the change from one sport to the next, one coach to a new one, and the different teammates the athlete will have. “Athletes’ bodies can be put into a lot of stress if they compete for championships and the hard work they put into the sport.” Strand claims his coach once told him something in his high school years that still sticks to him to this day: “High school sports you never get back, college and NFL there’s always redshirt year to give you more opportunities for the next NFL season, but high school sports, you only get once.”

Huron Lady All Stars fight to promote mental health

BY JOLIE CARRILLO

Fight Like A Ninja, a girls hockey tournament for 19U and 14U teams, has been held annually since 2015. It takes place at Scheel’s Iceplex in Sioux Falls on the first weekend of November. The tournament is organized by HHS alumnus, Angela Drake, in remembrance of her daughter, Brittany Corcoran. The idea of the tournament is to bring awareness to suicide and its prevention.

Brittany Corcoran played as a goalie for the Sioux Falls Flyers. Her quick reflexes and overall skill in the

net earned her the nickname “ninja.” Her favorite color was purple, so she was also referred to as a “purple ninja.” She fought hard on the ice, but unfortunately lost a long battle with anxiety and depression when she took her own life in March of 2016.

Following her death, her mother, Angela Drake, received a bouquet and thought about how upset Brittany would be at people wasting money on flowers. She wanted to find something positive to do instead. Later that fall, the Fight Like A Ninja Tournament was created in her honor.

This year, the tournament took place November 4-6, and had eight teams attending, including the Huron All Stars girls varsity team. The eight teams are split into two pools, or groups: the teal pool and the purple pool. Each pool consists of four teams who play against each other on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, depending on how a team ranks in their pool, they would play against the coordinating team in the other pool. This determines who places in the top spot.

There is also a \$4,000 scholarship

awarded to a senior at the tournament. The scholarship is funded by raffling off prize baskets at the event. The winner is picked based off of who has similar values to Brittany Corcoran and shows those values both on and off the ice.

The Huron All Stars lost their first game on Friday against the Brookings Rangers 2-12. On Saturday, they beat the Ninja team 5-4 and later fell to the Mitchell Marlins 2-11. The team went into Sunday as the third-seeded team in the purple pool, but lost to the Oahe Capitals, 1-7.

Crow’s nest sign gets new design

BY JOLIE CARRILLO

Tiger Stadium’s crow’s nest sign was recently taken down due to it being in need of a replacement. It is set to be replaced by a new sign; the arrival time of the new sign has not yet been determined.

While a design has also yet to be set in stone, John Halbkat, Director of Buildings & Grounds, stated, “The company we contract with for this project will work closely with Tiffany Eckmann who does design work and makes sure outside vendors follow our trademark policies.”

What started as simply replacing the sign, sparked the beginning of a districtwide rebranding project. The goal is to rebrand identifying signage to include the copyrighted Huron Tiger logos. Halbkat added, “Scoreboards, building signs, and menu boards will all have our school district branding, which could include our

iconic ‘H’ and tiger.”

The project will affect signs around Huron, in schools, at the Huron Arena, and Tiger Stadium. The project has no set date for when it will go into effect because Halbkat and his team want to get it done all at once. He estimates that the plan will cost over a million dollars. Rebranding will help set a clear image so that when people think of Huron, their minds instantly go to the copyrighted ‘H’ and tiger.



PHOTO BY SARAH RUBISH

The old sign sits atop Tiger Stadium on the back of the crow’s nest where the announcers sit. It was removed in the fall of 2021.

Tiger athletes earn statewide awards

BY MARISOL DUBON

Five students from Huron High School were recently recognized for their exceptional athletic achievements in their sports. Ronaldo Pineda, Sha Sher, Moo Gay, and Lauy Kue Say were all recognized for soccer. TJ Lien was recognized for cross-country at the All-State level.

The player who made the first All-State team was sophomore Ronaldo Pineda; this is the second year he has made it to the first team. Senior Sha Sher was named to the second All-State team for the third year in a row.

Though sophomore Moo Gay and senior Lauy Kue Say did not make the All-State teams, Moo Gay was listed as an Honorable Mention, and Lauy Kue Say was recognized as Academic All-State.

In order to be chosen to be on the All-State teams, the soccer players are voted by other coaches in the state of South Dakota, who will nominate who they believe



PHOTO BY MARISOL DUBON

Pictured above from left to right is Sha Sher, Ronaldo Pineda and Lauy Kue Say. Not pictured are Moo Gay and TJ Lien.

are the top 25 players in the state out of roughly 400 players.

Leah Branaugh, who is the head coach of the boys soccer team, stated, “All three helped us to have a successful year, win the ESD Championship, and have a #1 ranking all season.”

Sophomore TJ Lien placed 15th at the State AA Cross Country meet in Huron last month. He is the first Huron Tiger to place in the boys

division since the state meet in 2009. He also ran a new personal record of 16:59:10.

When Lien was asked how he felt about being the first boy to place in cross country for a while, he replied, “Absolutely amazing. It’s been my goal all year.” When asked about how he felt about making a new personal record, he said, “It’s great that I broke 17 minutes. It’s like the icing on the cake to a really good race.”

Students recognized for All-State achievements

BY NOAH BECK AND EH LEE PAW

The South Dakota All-State Chorus and Orchestra, the largest gathering of high school musicians in South Dakota, is a very special stage for choir and orchestra students.

Each year there are thousands of students around the state that audition. The chorus is composed of 916 students, and the orchestra has around 150 students, according to SDHSAA All-State Choral Chairperson, Trisha Fisher.

The All-State Chorus event has been around since 1952, and the combined event with the All-State Orchestra has been around since 1953, with the first combined event held at the Huron Arena.

This year in particular was special, because HHS had three students receive the All-State Chorus' four-year participation award at the concert on October 29 at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center in Sioux Falls.

This year, seniors Jake Holforty, Noah Beck, and Mason Davis were selected to represent Huron at All-State Chorus for the fourth time. All three participated in 2019 and 2022, but the event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19. Holforty was selected to the All-State Orchestra in 2020 and 2021, with Beck joining him for the 2021 orchestra. Davis was in the chorus every year.

Since going to All-State is a

different experience every year, when asked about his favorite year, Davis answered, "My freshman year was my favorite, because I really liked the music we sang, and it was fun to be in such a great choir as a freshman."

Another historic event from this year's event was freshman Karly Knippling's participation in the All-State Orchestra. Knippling was the first viola player from Huron to be selected in over twenty years, and the first freshman to be selected since orchestra director Beth Neitzert was selected in 1995.

The audition process for HHS choir students is a rigorous challenge. The audition consists of selections from the concert repertoire, along with sight reading and tonal memory exercises. The audition is recorded and sent to an outside judge, according to choir director Ian Krekelberg.

Orchestra members prepare an audition with concert material and perform in front of a live judge at the audition site at the Huron Community Campus Fine Arts Center.

Krekelberg credits the senior members including Davis for their leadership in preparation for All-State Chorus, saying that HHS choirs have "a lot more drive" in rehearsing the music, as compared to other area schools.



PHOTO BY LAURA BECK

Students in All-State Chorus and All-State Orchestra are gathered at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center in Sioux Falls. Their grand performance took place on October 29, and the stands were filled with over one thousand students.

Fisher, Davis, and Krekelberg all look forward to the future of the All-State Chorus and Orchestra. Fisher says her favorite part of the event is "seeing the many people in our state who love to sing come and create music together!"

Davis' advice for anyone wanting to audition in the future is, "It's a fun experience if you like singing because of all the good singers in the

state coming together to perform. You might as well audition if you are questioning it, because you never know if you'll make it if you don't audition."

Krekelberg hopes to have more four-year members in the future, and with Knippling's selection to the orchestra as a freshman, the door of opportunity has been opened for more four-year awards in the future.

HHS's hidden gem

BY NOAH BECK

Huron High School has a rich military history, with many servicemen and women coming from the ranks of HHS students, faculty, and alumni. One of these veterans is Dr. Frank Palleria, a substitute teacher at HHS.

Palleria, who many may recognize as an emcee from the annual Salvation Army Christmas Basket, has been substitute teaching in the Huron School District for many years. Before his retirement, Palleria served in the US Army from 1976 to 1980. Palleria enlisted in the 18th infantry unit, which was the unit of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Throughout his military career, Palleria was involved in many important events, including the funeral of Eisenhower's wife, Maime Eisenhower, in 1979. While at the funeral, Palleria opened the car door for United States President Richard Nixon.

Palleria was also active in fine arts portions of the military. In his unit, Palleria was the editor for a periodical newspaper. He was a writer, editor, and photographer for the paper. When he left the army, Palleria's rank was sergeant, with an E5 pay rank. Though he was offered a direct commission to become a first lieutenant, he declined it because it came with a one year unaccompanied tour in South Korea, which would have meant a year without his family.

After returning from his service, Palleria returned home to South Dakota, where he was school superintendent for area schools. Then, he was offered a job at Huron College as dean. After earning his doctorate degree, Palleria returned to being superintendent before his retirement. After retiring, Palleria returned to Huron and began substitute teaching. He now substitutes regularly in the district and can be seen in the high school or middle school most days.

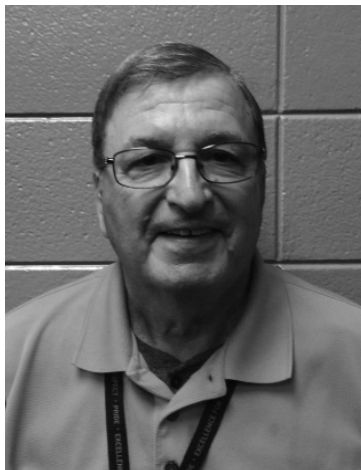


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Dr. Frank Palleria, a US Army infantry veteran, substitutes in a wide variety of classrooms at HHS. Palleria served from 1976 to 1980, then returned to South Dakota and now works with children in the Huron community.

Palleria became involved with the Salvation Army Christmas Basket Program almost two decades ago. He is an emcee for the event and commentates throughout the four-day telethon. In recent years, he has taken on a larger role in organizing the event. He has helped to revitalize the event by bringing in new talent, like the Huron Municipal Band, which he directs, and the all-new Fair City Brass Choir, which makes its world premiere on December 1.

Music boosts GPA

BY EH LEE PAW

Just recently, it was announced by the music directors that grades for music classes would be applied to students' GPA. This surprised students, along with teachers, because many weren't aware that the grades earned in music classes weren't already counting towards GPA.

According to Principal Mike Radke, music credits and grades hadn't been applied to each students' GPA since the 1990s or early 2000s. This decision was made after considering the reasons given by the music directors, one of them being that students were getting multiple A's toward their GPA for taking the same class multiple times, which was not allowed for other classes at the time.

This new change with the music programs is aimed to have a positive effect and improve GPAs. If students are worried that this might lower their GPA, they should not fret. Radke says, "I have not found any students whose GPA's would go down from this change, but if we find any we will not make the change for that student as this is a change in procedure for us."

When asked about how this will affect her, senior Bree Ann Friesen, who is in band, choir, and orchestra,

says, "I think the biggest effect it has is that it will feel like the music classes that I take are being noticed. That way the kids that take the music classes such as band, orchestra, and choir get credit for all the hard work they put in for these classes and activities."

Beth Neitzert, the school's orchestra director, says that having music grades in GPA might help boost enrollment, as well as place more value on the music courses they take to get an A.

Olaf Kruse, another student involved in all three music classes, adds, "I think that's really nice because it makes getting a better GPA easier, plus we're taking the class so it might as well apply."

Kruse decided to take more difficult classes this year and also says that because of the music credits, it will be easier to keep grades up. This not only applies to Kruse but many of the other music students as well. This allows them to focus on other studies and the music classes they participate in without worry.

Overall, including grades of music classes seems to be a positive thing and students can look forward to improvements in their GPA.

Munce takes lead of NHS

BY KELBY DICKSON

National Honors Society (NHS) is an organization that has been around for over 100 years. NHS has four principles: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

According to NHS advisor Vanya Munce, "Scholarship deals with the student's academics, service to organizations in and out of school, leadership within the school setting, and their personal character."

Munce took over as the new advisor this year. Munce hopes to have as big of an impact on the students and community as her predecessor Rachel Kary. Munce and the rest of the NHS members are hoping to help organizations and people in the community.

Munce says, "We have a great time in NHS. There are so many opportunities for us to give back to the community. We go to Buchanan

Elementary K-1 Center and read to kindergarteners and first graders. They love that time with the students. The high school students feel like rock stars when they work with these younger children."

Currently NHS helps with many activities around the community including the Christmas Basket Program, which is four days of performances by musical groups, starting November 28.

Meals-on-Wheels and the Backpack program are additional volunteer opportunity for NHS members. They deliver food and other goods to the elderly people around the community.

On top of all of that, NHS helps students with homework in the highschool, Harvest Fest, United Way, and many more.

By far, the biggest event that is

hosted by NHS is Cherry Prom, which is in late February. Ticket sales for Cherry Prom go to NHS as a fundraiser for scholarships and to help towards the cost of the dance.

Students who can apply for NHS are juniors and seniors who have a 3.5 GPA or higher. The application process takes some time and effort. Students must write an essay talking about the four principles of NHS.

They must also secure character ratings from teachers. Applications are reviewed according to a specific rubric, and then the final selections is made.

Senior member, Brynn Gose, enjoys NHS because it is a good way to give back to the community. Gose thinks NHS is a big deal because not everyone gets accepted, and it is challenging to keep your grades up to stay in the organization.



PHOTO BY KELBY DICKSON

New NHS advisor Vanya Munce reviews application material at her desk. Munce is always willing to help and give back to the community.

Craft club crazies

BY BRYN HUBER

Craft club is a club for any student who wants to craft with others or learn a new skill such as sewing or knitting. It is a relaxed club where everyone meets together and works on their own craft.

The club meets every first and third Thursday of the month in the commons, at the tables closest to the auditorium doors. So far, there are around eight members in the club.

The idea of craft club came from last year's students including senior Mia Kesterson. Head of the club, Abigail Hoellein, wanted to start it up again this year. She states that she finds her craft ideas from the internet.

"Craft club accepts all crafts, it does not matter if it's paper mache', or felting, as long as the materials can be used within the school building," said Hoellein.

Craft club is a free-roaming club where members can arrive and leave at any time they would like to.

One idea the craft club is working on is a community scarf that anyone and



PHOTO BY BRYN HUBER

Abigail Hoellein smiles with crafts she has made this year. Currently, the members are working on snowmen ornaments, scarves, or cross stitch.

everyone can work on. However, they have not worked out all of the details or started on the scarf yet.

FFA newsletter

Beck takes on important role

BY KELBY DICKSON

The Huron Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter has announced their own newsletter, *The Blue and Gold Gazette*. The letter is written by senior FFA officer, Noah Beck.

The letter was first suggested at one of the summer FFA officer meetings where Beck offered to take charge of the letter. Mr. Postma, the FFA advisor, and the rest of the officers, thought this would be a good way to get the FFA name out and to get new members to join.

Postma stated, "We are hoping that it may get others interested. It is also for letting people know what we are doing, especially parents."

Beck enjoys writing the letter, which consists of fun FFA activities that the chapter partakes in. The letter includes graphics, information, pictures, reminders, and important dates. It also includes the new FFA T-shirt and hoodie designs as well as current events such as fruit sales.

Beck says, "I plan to add more fun things like trivia in the future." The letter is currently posted on all of the Huron FFA social medias, as well as an email to all of the members. One member, Kaden Scheibe, believes the newsletter is very beneficial to the chapter.

Scheibe says, "The letter gets all the information out to the public and around the internet to inform people about what our chapter is up to."

The next edition of *The Blue and Gold Gazette* will be released next week, November 21-25. The FFA newsletter can be accessed in students' emails.

Future teachers at HHS

BY BRYN HUBER

Educator's Rising is a group to support and explore the teaching profession. The group is for students who think they might want to work in the education field later in life.

Once the group is officially established, there will be monthly meetings in which each standard, or pillar, of education is discussed in order to better understand the ins and outs of education. There is not an official group as of now, because they have just started the process of getting more students who are interested in education experiences outside of HHS.

Educator's Rising is not a club, but they would like to

get one started up in the near future. The goal of Educator's Rising is to try to attend different learning expositions around the state and get more students interested in the education field.

"Eventually we would like to have an official Educator's Rising club and maybe go to more events and participate in their state competitions," said Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Junior Samantha Swanson, who wants to be a teacher, was one of the students that attended the Northern State University exposition. She said that they listened to lectures, but one person particularly stuck out to her. A third grade teacher told

them about how she uses the ABC's to explain what she liked about teaching.

Swanson claimed that she liked the letter "Y" because the teacher stated that when students say "I can't" she always adds the word "yet" behind it. Therefore, she is making it positive instead of negative.

This same teacher then explained that teachers aren't just teachers; they have to be nurses in case of accidents, fix kids' jewelry in case of any bracelets breaking, and be counselors for kids who cry and need someone to talk to.

Swanson said that NSU stuck out to her because they have a really good education

program. They have a lot of hands-on activities, and she even got to type on a real typewriter.

"Their staff was very sweet and answered all of our questions," stated Swanson

The students attending NSU helped throughout the whole day as well.

Swanson said that overall NSU has "a really positive environment."



PHOTO BY BRANDI FITZGERALD

Educators Rising students pose for a group picture. They attended the teaching exposition at NSU in Aberdeen.

Hunting with Camden

BY TYSON RUTH

Hunting season is one of the most active times of the year for a lot of people in Huron. Around here, people look forward to this season all year long. One of them, HHS senior Camden Meyer, offered an inside look at what a day in the life of a duck hunter looks like.

To effectively execute his hunt, he needs to wake up very early. Meyer "wakes up at the crack of dawn" so he has time to prepare for the hunt. He then dons his waders and warm clothing. He grabs his guns, gear, and decoys, and he loads them into his pickup truck. Meyer gives his hunting dog, Toby, the honor of keeping an eye on the equipment while he rides in the back of the truck.

Once he arrives at the water about 45 minutes before sunrise, he carefully sets out all three dozen of his decoys in the dark, then he finds a comfy place in the reeds to hide while he waits for the ducks to come flying in. He must be settled in about half an hour before sunrise and be almost perfectly silent so that he remains undetected by the ducks.

Once he has waited long enough, the ducks will begin to fly in right around the time it becomes bright enough to shoot them. When a duck comes close enough, all Meyer's hard work pays off when he finally takes aim and fires.

On a good day, he fills his limit of six ducks per person in his group. Other days don't go as well, according to Meyer, "Sometimes, Tate [Meyer] will make a mistake and shoot one of the ducks that have antlers, but I just pretend I



PHOTO BY CAMDEN MEYER

Toby (dog) triumphs over his spoils in the back of the truck. He retrieved twelve ducks that day.

didn't see it."

After the duck goes down when Meyer shoots it, Toby finally gets to have his fun. He braves the harsh elements to go and retrieve the duck from its final landing spot.

After all is said and done, Meyer takes his ducks home. He cleans the meat, prepares it to be cooked, and enjoys the rewards of his hard work.

2022's hottest movies

BY ANTONY SORTO

There are a variety of highly anticipated movies that have been or will be released soon. After surveying the students of HHS, *Tiger Stripes* has narrowed down the top movie picks for fall and winter of 2022. Here is a list of the most-anticipated movies as ranked by HHS. Summaries courtesy of google.com.

1. *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* - Nov. 11, 2022

"Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye and the Dora Milaje fight to protect their nation from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa's death. As the Wakandans strive to embrace their next chapter, the heroes must band together with Nakia and Everett Ross to forge a new path for their beloved kingdom."

2. *Black Adam* - Oct. 21, 2022

"In ancient Kahndaq, Teth Adam was bestowed the almighty powers of the gods. After using these powers for vengeance, he was imprisoned, becoming Black Adam. Nearly 5,000 years have passed, and Black Adam has gone from man to myth to legend. Now free, his unique form of justice, born out of rage, is challenged by modern-day heroes who form the Justice Society: Hawkman, Dr. Fate, Atom Smasher and Cyclone."

3. *Avatar: The Way of Water* - Dec. 16, 2022

"Jake Sully and Ney'tiri have formed a family and are doing everything to stay together. However, they must leave their home and explore the regions of Pandora. When an ancient threat resurfaces, Jake must fight a difficult war against the humans."

Fantasy football: taking a closer look

BY TYSON RUTH

The autumn season is any football fan's favorite time of the year. There's something particularly relaxing about sitting down on a Sunday afternoon and watching a favorite NFL team battle it out on the field. However, there is a way to make every game interesting, even if a student's team isn't playing in it: fantasy football.

Fantasy football has taken HHS by storm this season as an increased number of students have begun to participate in their own leagues.

Fantasy football, although some don't see why it is so popular, gives casual NFL fans a reason to watch games featuring teams they wouldn't otherwise be interested in watching, while also giving them a way to compete with their friends.

For those that don't know how fantasy football works, participants "draft" players at the beginning of the NFL season, and when those players play each week, they are assigned a certain number of fantasy points based on their performance. Teams are matched up within their

league, and whoever's team scores the most points wins. Participants can also trade players with each other throughout the season.

Players from the Huron High football team have started their own 16-man league, and they have even put money on the line, amassing a prize pot of over \$400. HHS senior Mason Davis, the league manager and front-runner, says he is optimistic that he will win the cash prize.

While the participants with the best teams compete for the prize money, that isn't the only motivation to do well in the league. The participants who finish last at the end of the season will have to worry about receiving a punishment: a bad haircut chosen by the rest of the league.

HHS junior and league underdog Conner Johnsen had this to say when asked how he plans to avoid the punishment after starting the season with a 1-5 record through week six: "I just acquired Joe Mixon, and I am confident that I can continue to make smart trades going forward."



PHOTO BY TYSON RUTH

Elliott Devries, senior, proposes a "W trade" to Kelby Dickson, senior. In the trade, Devries would receive Alvin Kamara and Kyler Murray in return for Tony Pollard. The trade was declined.

Eyes on skies, upcoming meteor showers

BY ANTONY SORTO



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Char Carda, HHS science teacher, is preparing to explore the night sky with her telescope. She has been stargazing ever since she was young.

Throughout the year, there are a variety of celestial events that can be seen illuminating the sky. Ranging from meteor showers and comets, to solar and lunar eclipses, these magical events are constantly taking place in the farthest reaches of space. Here are just a few events that can be seen from the comfort of home near the end of the year.

The Leonids meteor shower is an annual wonder that will be visible on November 16 and 17 of this year. The meteors will be best seen at around midnight and last until dawn. It features about 15 meteors an hour that travel at a speed of 44 miles per second. The meteors can also be seen in a variety of different colors.

Geminids is another meteor shower that will occur on December 13 and 14 of this year. This meteor shower contains about 120 meteors per

hour, which makes it one of the best and biggest of the year. For anyone who isn't fond of staying up late, the event will be seen around 9pm to 10pm, giving people the opportunity to catch a glimpse of them before they go to bed.

Mrs. Carda, the Earth/Space Science teacher at HHS, has generously provided a few tips on the best ways to view these phenomena for any newbie star gazers.

"Meteor showers are easier to see out in the country where there is less light pollution. They recommend letting your eyes adjust to the darkness for 15-30 minutes, and then you just have to wait and watch. Make sure you are looking at the right area of the night sky. If you are not sure, there are many apps available that will help you find constellations in the night sky," Carda recommended.

Celebrity look-alikes

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Celebrity image from RollingStone.com

James Stueckrath's celebrity look-alike is singer-songwriter, Ed Sheeran.



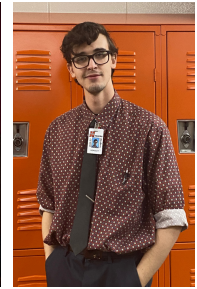
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Paycee Head's celebrity look-alike is ventriloquist, Darci Lynne.



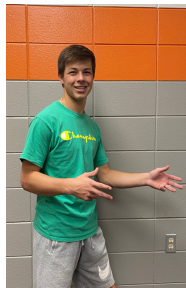
Celebrity image from Last.fm

Adam Heagley's celebrity look-alike is singer-songwriter Will Wood.



Celebrity image from Wikipedia.com

Dylan Lichty's celebrity look-alike is Sheen Estevez, voiced by Jeffery Garcia, from the TV show *Jimmy Neutron*.



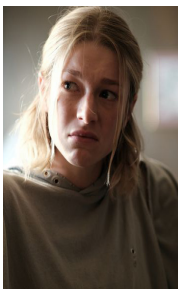
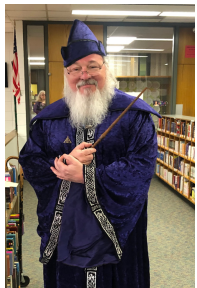
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Olivia Rink's celebrity look-alike is Bethany Hamilton, played by AnnaSophia Robb, from the movie *Soul Surfer*.



Celebrity image from Pinkvilla.com

Mitch Gaffer's celebrity look-alike is Dumbledore, played by Micheal Gambon, from the *Harry Potter* series.



Celebrity image from DigitalSpy.com

Lizzy Heinen's celebrity look-alike is Jules Vaughn, played by Hunter Schafer, in the TV show *Euphoria*.



Celebrity image from Nickelodeon.com

Ian Krekelberg's celebrity look-alike is Freddie Benson, played by Nathan Kress, from the TV show *iCarly*.



Celebrity image from POPSUGAR.com

Cashton Caudell's celebrity look-alike is Zac Efron from the movie series *High School Musical*.



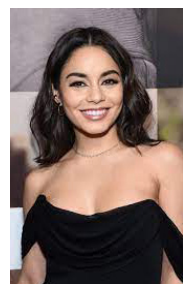
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Jack Mitchell's celebrity look-alike is Prince Charming, voiced by Rupert Everett, in *Shrek II*.



Celebrity image from Pinterest.com

Antony Sorto's celebrity look-alike is Steve Urkel, played by Jaleel White, from the ABC/CBS sitcom *Family Matters*.



Celebrity image from ArchitecturalDigest.com

Hamtyn Heinz's celebrity look-alike is Vanessa Hudgens from the movie series *High School Musical*.

