



# HURON HIGH SCHOOL TIGER STRIPES



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## Ice cream shop opens in Huron

BY REILLY HOOPS

An ice cream shop is in the process of opening to the public in Huron. This ice cream store is named “POP.” “This name was chosen due to the positive, vibrant and simple word, while being so versatile used as a noun, adjective or verb. We really feel it describes our brand,” states the owner, Jeff Pownell.

Mr. Pownell, who is an entrepreneur, along with his wife Yendy, who is an artist from Venezuela and the painter of the murals located within the shop, chose

to locate POP in Huron because his family roots here date back to the 1880s. They felt they “needed something to unite the family without driving them all insane.”

POP will be in the decades-vacant Habicht's department store right off the main downtown intersection of 3rd and Dakota. The building was very neglected as many other downtown properties are. They have spent the past 18 months putting in countless hours to restore the building, for which they were

rewarded with recognition by the South Dakota State Historical Society, a Deadwood Grant for Preservation, and placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

This was particularly important to the Pownell family because they wanted something unique while still preserving the history that has formed the town of Huron.

To add to its appeal, POP is not a chain store; they are not copying any formula that someone would see in a franchise. It is not located in the

common strip mall.

Since POP is a family business, they have flexibility to listen to their customers to see what works best for ice cream flavors, food menu items, and opening hours. Pownell's grandmother's award-winning cookie recipe is one such example of combining a love of tradition and history with something the customer will enjoy.

Pownell said a grand opening is planned for some time in the month of May.

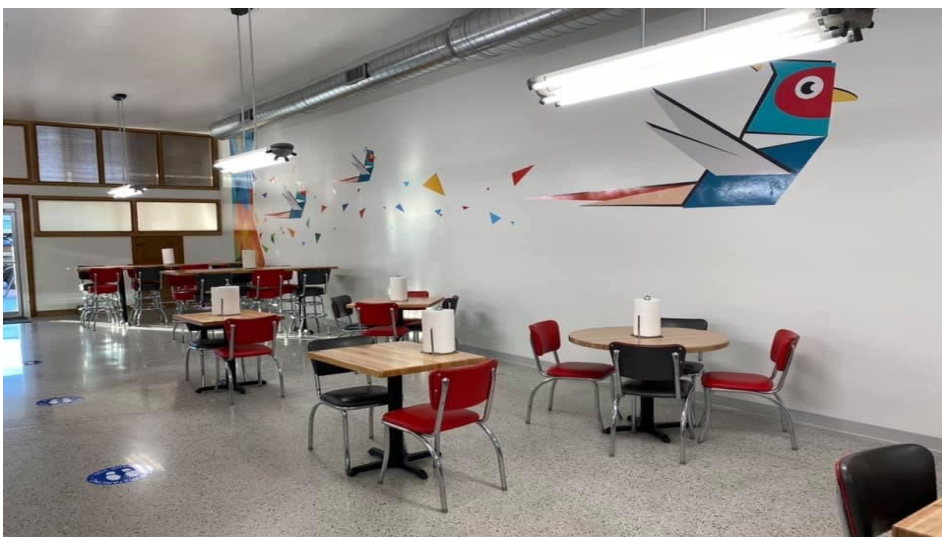


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The inside of the new ice cream shop POP has a mural of the business's logo, a pheasant. The new shop is full of vibrant colors and is a fun place to spend time with friends and family. The Pownells (on the right) are excited to show off their new shop at their grand opening in May.

## How the end of the year will look: COVID edition

BY TORREY VANBERKUM

The end of the year is approaching quickly, and there are many events happening in May.

For the first time in four years, Key Club will be hosting their Homeless Sleepout event on May 7, at 7:00 pm. The event will last all night until 6:00 a.m. Students bring cardboard boxes to make forts in the field next to the high school. There will be activities throughout the night. Due to COVID, students must bring their own snacks.

Class Day will be held on Tuesday, May 18, in the Huron High School Auditorium. Class Day is an assembly where all of the graduating seniors are given their honor cords, NHS stoles, and Key Club medallions. All of the scholarships that the seniors are awarded will also be announced. This assembly is held to honor the seniors for all of the accomplishments they have made in high school. For Class Day, the juniors and seniors will sit in the auditorium with seats in between them, while the underclassmen will watch the assembly on Channel 6. As of now, it is undecided whether or not parents will be able to attend the assembly.

Baccalaureate will be on Wednesday, May 19, at the Huron Arena. No changes have been made to the ceremony except the chairs will be spread out from one another. Baccalaureate is a religious service held to honor the graduates and their parents on the Wednesday before graduation. The guest pastor is chosen by the graduates. Baccalaureate is not a mandatory event for graduation.

Graduation will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, at the Huron Arena. In the past, the seniors sat on the Arena floor with parents sitting behind them and up in the balcony. This year, parents are allowed to sit on the Arena floor, but there will be fewer chairs than usual and they will be spread out- including the chairs the graduates will be sitting in. There will be no limit to the number of people able to attend the Graduation Ceremony.

## Autism Awareness Month

BY TORREY VANBERKUM AND EMMA LITTLEFIELD

The month of April is Autism Awareness Month. The month was dedicated to autistic people in 1970 to promote awareness and to ensure autistic people are able to achieve equal rights. By showing acceptance for autistic people and gaining knowledge about the disorder, everyone has an idea of how to help autistic people.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is one of the fastest growing developmental disorders. Learning more about it helps neurotypical people (people without ASD, ADHD, or other similar disorders) understand that they do not

**No two people are impacted by ASD in the same way.**

need to be afraid of the disorder. It also helps people to better support their autistic family, friends, and peers.

Autism spectrum disorder is a broad range of developmental disorders that 2.21% of American adults have. About 1 in 54 children in America are diagnosed with autism, and boys are four times more likely to have the disorder than girls.

ASD impacts the nervous system. The range and severity of autism varies for each person. Common signs of autism include difficulty with social interactions and communication, repetitive behaviors, and obsessive interests.

However, ASD is such a broad disorder with multiple other signs and symptoms. No two people are impacted by ASD in the same way.

Although there has been speculation that ASD is caused by vaccines, there is no scientific evidence to support those claims. There is currently no cure for ASDs, although there are many therapies that help mitigate the symptoms.

Year-round, and this month especially, non-autistic people are encouraged to listen to what autistic people have to say about their disorders.

In order to help celebrate and promote autism awareness, there are multiple things neurotypical people can do. People should learn about autism safety and share information with others. Supporting fundraisers made to help autistic people benefits the community positively. Starting a conversation about autism raises awareness and brings insight into knowledge about the autistic community.



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The rainbow infinity sign is the accepted symbol for ASD. It represents the diversity of ASD and the neurodiversity movement.



# Anti-trans sports bills

## Solving an issue that doesn't exist

BY NATE LYON

Athleticism knows no gender. Comparing a man's ability to compete in sports to a woman's is inherently, and quite obviously, sexist. A wish for equality in sports, or better yet, society in general, should not be a controversial opinion. Unfortunately, achieving said equality for the world of sports has been nothing short of an exhausting path.

Women's History.com explains this by saying "Nineteenth-century campaigns against higher education for women sounded very much like campaigns to prevent women from taking part in active sports.

"As nineteenth-century America honed white masculinity through warfare and capitalism, baseball and basketball, it also restricted women's competition in public spheres of sports and politics by retaining inconsistent ideals about a woman's innate ability to endure pain, injury, and manual labor."

This excerpt from the article speaks specifically about attitudes and views from the nineteenth century, therefore, because that period was so many years ago, it would stand to reason that things have changed, right?

Well, thanks to South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, that sentiment is not just incorrect but actively being prevented from happening. Not only has she shown support for the anti-trans HB 1217 bill but also excitement for signing it, according to National Public Radio.

"Only girls should play girls' sports," Noem tweeted in late March. "Given the legislature's failure to accept my proposed revisions to HB 1217, I am immediately signing two executive orders to address this issue: one to protect fairness in K-12 athletics, and another to do so in college athletics." The goal of the bill is to "protect women's rights in

sports."

Unfortunately, this sentiment fails to understand that trans women are women, and their lives are not any less valid than anyone else. The concern that these bills are based upon on is whether transgender women and girls have an unfair advantage over cisgender women. The concern also includes cisgender men who may attempt to join a woman's sport.

Much to the dismay of our lawmakers, however, this simply just does not happen. And not only that, these anti-trans bills are scientifically baseless. National Public Radio featured Dr. Eric Vilain who has spent much of his career researching.

"Vilain," National Public Radio explains, "is a pediatrician and geneticist who studies sex differences in athletes, says there are no good faith reasons to limit transgender women's participation in sports, especially at a high school level.

Sports in schools are supposed to be primarily about inclusivity."

The only way to allow for the aforementioned goal of justness is to refuse to follow Noem's example, and lead with an embrace of inclusivity.



PHOTO FROM ACLU.COM

Activists protest against the wave of anti-trans legislature across the US. HB 1217 is just one of these many bills targeting trans athletes.

# The paradox of gun control

BY NATE LYON

The second amendment is arguably the most controversial in both American society and politics. The amendment states that "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Each word of this amendment has been debated. Is the right to bear arms applicable to the modern world? Or is the second amendment necessary for the people to defend themselves?

Regardless of its interpretation, there are many individuals who take the latter much too far. Too far to the point of being a domestic terrorist. As a result of this, several methods of gun control have been put into effect in the United States including fines, taxes, and background/criminal record checks.

Despite all of this, the United States has one of the highest rates in the world for gun-related deaths per one million people. To put this in perspective, vox.com says that in 2012 alone, Australia had 1.4, Germany had 1.9, and the United States had nearly 30. This data clearly shows that gun control is necessary, but here's the issue: it doesn't work in its current form.

As mentioned above, gun control is enacted through restrictions, taxes, fines, and background/criminal checks. On paper, these efforts are supposed to solve gun violence. But the people they truly effect are the poor, the homeless, and minorities.

According to talkpoverty.org, "Gun violence is strongly correlated with both poverty and inequality. A recent World Bank study found that inequality helped predict the difference in murder rates between states in the United States—as well as

between countries."

How far does this go? If we look to the facts about inequality in the United States, and apply the above information, we receive a frightening link between systematic racism, inequality, and gun violence. The poor cannot afford taxes and fines, and marginalized people of the United States are specifically targeted by means of criminal background checks.

Many minorities are poor as a direct result of their skin color, and our capitalist society rooted in systemic racism is only going to maintain the status quo. This is why gun control affects the wrong people, as opposed to those who actually incite the violence.

We are locking ourselves into a cycle that leads to minorities being wrongfully thrown in prison, as opposed to the true killers who are left to run free. These killers are not just "having a bad day" or are acting in "self-defense" they are murderers who should be treated as such.

It is also important to understand that this is not a utopian pipe-dream, it is empirical. Germany, Australia, and Japan have virtually no gun violence as a result of their sensible gun control. The laws regarding the National Firearms Agreement in Australia, for example, focus around military grade weapons and strict licensing of even the smallest hand gun.

If the United States truly wanted to end gun violence, we would treat gun ownership as a privilege, rather than a right. It is time we took the power away from criminals, dismantled the system that keeps minorities and the poor in both poverty and prison, and made a conscious effort to keep Americans safe.

# Is college necessary?

BY NIGHTIN DAY



PHOTO BY NIGHTIN DAY

Senior Augustine Hendrickson plans to attend Mitchell Tech for Information Technology. He chose this route because it is cheaper and closer to home than other colleges.

Since the beginning of our school careers, many people have told us that in order for us to be successful we had to have the best grades. Though good grades are preferred, they are always changing based solely on the work you do in a classroom setting. The material we learn is only taught one way without alternatives and that can be a problem when a student doesn't get that certain way of teaching.

You're taught from kindergarten and throughout elementary school the "right" way to work through a math problem and the "right" way to structure a paragraph without taking into consideration the different ways people think. Teaching skills that work for the majority of the class won't and don't work for everyone, and it's really unfair to compare a student who understands the material but not the method to someone who understands and excels in both. So due to those reasonings, I don't think letter grades are what should separate the "smart" and the "dumb."

In some instances, people that don't have the best grades can choose not to go to college but to go trade schools, beauty schools, or even the military. I would agree that college is important if it were still in the 80's when you really couldn't get any high-paying job without a relevant degree.

However, entering the world now, when so many things have changed, I would disagree. For example, a person who wants to be a welder can go to tech school for two years and get their certificate. They are fully qualified and may have several opportunities to get a job through companies associated with the school. It would be a waste of time for them to go to through a regular college if they are not going to use the classes. Even if you have a degree in the field you want to work in, employers don't look at education, they look at experience. Two-year degrees give people experience without extra classes they don't need.



# Mythbusting: is senioritis real?

BY LE YANG

Senioritis is a term used to describe the decreased motivation towards school work shown by students who are nearing the end of their high school career. After three long years of high school, you go into your fourth with mixed emotions. Some feel stressed out by the amount of work and effort required and just don't feel motivated anymore. It's something that they can't control. Others are just lazy and use senioritis as an excuse to avoid work. Whatever the case may be, students display an array of symptoms like low energy, frequent naps, procrastination, lack of concern about grades and tests, and just generally not caring about school anymore.

So why does this phenomenon happen? Some people just want to be done and get out of high school. They want to move on with their life and therefore don't care about school. Others are just flat-out bored of high school. They've been here for three years and have been going through the same systematic process. They view their classes as nothing more than just a hurdle to get over. Here's the big question: is senioritis real and actually a valid argument to students slacking off?

Some may say yes, that it is real and it's something we can't control. It's a psychological stage of our high school careers. Others may say no, viewing senioritis as an excuse to be lazy. The thing is, everyone feels the same way when they are almost to the finish line. It doesn't have to be high school. There's a part of you that knows the end is near, so you are filled with excitement and anticipation of the future. If your mind is already on what is next, you won't dwell on what's currently at hand and kind of want to get it over with.

When senior Carter Hott was asked about his thoughts on senioritis, he said, "Yes, I believe senioritis is something most seniors have. It's not necessarily that we dislike school, it's the excitement of being done and completing the journey we started four years ago." This seems like a pretty valid argument for the lack of motivation and slack. This does not mean that you are at the finish line just yet. There is still work to be done and you should want to end your high school career on a good note. While I believe that senioritis is real, it is still possible to finish strong and keeping up the quality work towards the end.



BY LE YANG

**Carter Hott, on the couch, feeling just a bit out of it and slacking off. He was supposed to be doing homework during his open period, but felt unmotivated and decided to take a nap.**

## Snapchat *Superior or inferior?*

BY EH HSER HTOO

One thing has consumed teenagers in the internet age, and you won't believe what it is.

Snapchat is a big part of a lot of people's lives. Sophomore, Kelby Dickson said, "I use Snapchat every day. It's a part of my life and I use it to communicate to people."

Snapchat has taken away part of communication. Like texting, there is no face-to-face talking, but with Snapchat people take pictures and send them back and forth. Conversations aren't the same because most of the time there aren't any.

Having Snapchat is not bad, but you don't have to live your life on it. It controls the lives of many people. There are other options like texting and FaceTime or maybe talking in person. You can also reduce the use of it and not make it an every day thing.

Another reason why Snapchat

sucks is because people get their feelings hurt over it. Like any social media, there are internet bullies and internet crybabies. Some people don't mind other people's business and it's just annoying. Snapchat can spread bullying.

Another negative is the content that is shared. Most of the content is just random stuff. Why do we let such unimportant information consume our days away?

If you have Snapchat, the most you can really do is have a conversation or a streak. Speaking of streaks, they are just another useless excuse to go on Snapchat. You can get streaks by "snapping" a person for at least three days in a row. People have streaks just to go on it and snap other people once a day.

There many upsides to Snapchat, but there are just as many downsides, and we should try to use it less.

## The truth: award shows

BY EH HSER HTOO

With award shows going on since 1929, many have been skeptical about how they work. Everyone has their biases, but some award shows have us wondering, are they rigged?

Most shows have a voting system that determines the winners, but it seems like some award shows prefer a specific type of winner, especially the Oscars.

Since the 1970's, the Oscars have produced a pattern of winners. About 71% of Best Picture winners had a director or a cast member who was previously nominated for an Oscar, a trend that carries until today. This isn't the only pattern. More than 90% of Best Pictures are drama films.

This doesn't mean the Oscars are rigged. These types of award shows are all business. After winning an

award, a film can generate a bunch of money.

I don't think award shows are rigged at all. I think it is based on the votes that have been cast. Don't assume something is a set-up unless there is undeniable proof.

If you feel strongly about something and it doesn't go your way, why assume that there was something bigger in the making, that you were cheated. Yes, that film was good; yes, that actor did a tremendous job; yes, that song was inspiring. If a person, film, song, or etc., doesn't win, it's fine. The most important thing is that you enjoyed it and supported it even if it didn't win.

At the end of the day, if they win they win. Yelling "cheated" doesn't change that fact.

## How to survive life after leaving high school

BY LE YANG

Some people think that High School is the end of your education and everything else after will be easy. Truth is, high school is just the beginning and there will be a whole world out there waiting for you. Most people plan on going to college and this can be a tough transition. Below are some tips that you should keep in mind going into college.

- **Enjoy your time in college:** While college may seem stressful and something that is hard to handle, it's going to be exciting and exhilarating. Despite the pressure of college debt and living own your own, this should be a part of your life when you take charge on your own.
- **You will be just fine:** It may seem like a lot, starting school all over again and attending difficult classes. On top of that, you will have to meet new people and make new friends. However, this will be your life for the next four or more years, so get use to this life and you will do just fine.
- **Some friends will drift away:** Obviously going to a new school will mean separating with your friends. Some will drift away but you will also make new friends at college. In fact, most of the college friends you make will last throughout your life.
- **Don't burn bridges:** So you've made your college decision. In the process, you have also rejected offers from other colleges. Just because you're not going to a college doesn't mean you should lose contact with them. It's always good to keep the contact in mind. You'll never know what happens in the future and keeping a good relationship with multiple colleges can always come in handy.
- **Going to college is a huge accomplishment:** You should be proud of yourself for this huge accomplishment. Having different colleges accept you means that they acknowledge your abilities and believe that you will be a great addition to their school.
- **Keep in touch with your parents:** Many people will view going to college as a way of getting away from your parents. You are finally free and will be independent. However, that does not mean that you should stop talking to your parents. They can still be very helpful and assertive in your college career. So make sure to call them often.
- **Know what you want:** For those who decides to go straight to work, make sure you have a layed out path and a concise plan on what you want to do. It is quite easy to be lost, so know what you want to do.

There are also those who decide not to go to college and go straight into the workforce. That is completely fine as well. Regardless of what choices you make and what paths you follow after high school, just be sure to embrace the whole process and enjoy the journey.



## Eighty years of honors

*National Honors Society holds  
— annual induction ceremony —*

BY HEI SAY

National Honor Society is an organization for high school juniors and seniors who exemplify these four pillars: service, leadership, scholarship, and character. The members volunteer in multiple service projects during the year such as Reading Buddies and the Salvation Army Christmas Basket. They also hold fundraisers to provide scholarships for its members at the end of the year.

The National Honor Society induction ceremony is a formal ceremony where the junior members will be presented their certificates. Due to COVID, the seniors were unable to be presented with their certificates last year, so they will receive their certificates as well as their pins. They will also sign their names in the NHS book (which has been a tradition since the 1900s).

This has been the first year that advisor Rachel Kary has planned the induction ceremony. Sarah Rubish, who was nominated by the society members, will be giving the speech. The ceremony is on April 22, at 7:00.

## “Spring” into play

BY HEI SAY



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**Sophomores Elizabeth Estrada and Noah Beck have a singing battle in their scene “Song of the Dead”. The masks tell a little about who their characters are.**

Although it’s been a difficult year trying to navigate around COVID guidelines for most activities, the drama department did not fail to uphold its entertaining reputation last week.

The theatre department held their spring play, *In a Grove: Four Japanese Ghost Stories*. The show featured four separate acts derived from different Japanese folk stories. Although the title may have sounded like a horror show, there were quite a few elements of the play that gave the audience a good laugh and interesting masks that certainly did not fail to pique everybody’s interests.

When asked what she thought about acting with masks, senior Mu Mu Soe did not fail to look on the good side. Thanks to the masks she says, “I can hide my smile when a scene may be funny.”

## Friendship set to music

BY HAYLEE PETERSON

Core Kinetics will be holding two performances of its annual dance recital on May 26 and 27, at 7 p.m., in the James Valley School Auditorium. The show features students from preschool age to 12th grade from various schools in the area, and dance styles ranging from ballet to tap to Broadway, and everything in between. There are nine seniors this year, six from Huron High and three from James Valley Christian. Each of the Huron seniors will be performing their own senior solo and participating in a student-choreographed senior farewell dance, in addition to seven other dances of various styles. Don’t miss this opportunity to watch Huron students of all grades showcase their talents.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY HAYLEE PETERSON

**The 2021 Core Kinetics seniors pose for a picture during practice. The girls from James Valley Christian are Andrea Eckmann, Caitlin Swanson, and Julia Blom. The girls from Huron High are Torrey VanBerkum, Jamee Kattner, Audrey Rubish, Aubrey Rutledge, Haylee Peterson, and Cassie Valer (not pictured).**

*“What has been your favorite part of dance, and what will you miss the most about it?”*

**Aubrey Rutledge:** “My favorite part of dance is being able to hang out with my best friends for hours while also getting a workout. I will miss our teacher Chad and his random injuries and genius ideas the most.”

**Cassie Valer:** “My favorite part of dance is being able to let loose and share my passion for dancing with my friends. I will miss everything about it.”

**Haylee Peterson:** “I love every aspect of dance, from Chad’s stories at rehearsals to performing on the stage at our recitals. Since I’ve been in dance since I was in Kindergarten, I will miss everything about it and I will always keep the memories close to my heart.”

**Audrey Rubish:** “I’m going to miss dance so much. I love dancing with amazing people and sharing my love for dance with others. I will miss the laughs shared and the feeling I get from letting go and just being myself.”

**Jamee Kattner:** “My favorite part of dance is being able to feel like my true, authentic self when I’m dancing, and that everyone there is welcome. I will miss everything about it.”

**Torrey VanBerkum:** “My favorite part of dance is being able to spend time with my friends while doing all kinds of different dances. I will miss it all, especially the way we uplift each other even when we doubt ourselves.”

## The sound has finally been found

### We Found Sound show choir hosts final shows

BY HAYLEE PETERSON

After 17 years and 128 performances, We Found Sound hosted their final performance on Sunday, April 11, at the Fine Arts Center.

We Found Sound began in the summer of 2004, when Kristi Kattner and Katie Scheibe decided to start a show choir together. In their farewell letter to their members and their families, they wrote, “We wanted to give kids an opportunity to dance, sing, and shine, all while helping them build their self-confidence on the stage. We Found Sound was built from the ground up, and we spent a lot of time and energy forming it into what it is today.”

Senior Emma Friesen was in We Found Sound for 10 years, starting in second grade when she was just eight years old. “My favorite part of We Found Sound has been meeting so many new people,” she says. “We Found Sound has taught me all the fun ways that dance moves can be added to any song, and I will really miss getting together every week to sing, dance, and have fun.” Although Friesen doesn’t have any plans involving music in the future, she is grateful for the experience of We Found Sound and everything it’s taught her.

“We have prayed and talked about this a lot together,” wrote Kattner and Scheibe regarding the news that this would be their final show, “This was not a quick decision; no time is the right time, but we feel that this is the right time for us. We cannot even put into words what We Found Sound has given both of us, so much love, so many friendships, and lasting memories. We are so proud and thankful for all the amazing kids that have been a part of our We Found Sound family. And we cannot say thank you enough to all our family and friends that have helped us in so many ways.”

The final show was filled with many tears and hugs shared by everyone. It was an incredibly emotional finale that touched the hearts of the We Found Sound members, directors, alumni, and audience members. Even though We Found Sound may be ending, the love and passion for music that it instilled in the hearts of many will live on forever.



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**The Last Group of We Found Sound seniors pose for a photo. In the back row, left to right, is Regan Hamilton, Malachi Mann, and Cassie Valer. In the front row, from left to right, is Haylee Peterson, Audrey Rubish, Jamee Kattner, and Emma Friesen.**



# Back on the track

BY EDUARDO TRUJILLO

During the 2019-2020 school year, track and field, like many other sports, was cancelled right before they had a chance to shine. Luckily, they're back on the track this year and ready to work and win.

Some changes have been made this season regarding staff, Covid safety and many other things.

New head coach, Angie Thomas, had these great things to say regarding coaches, "Kelly Hennrich is back and he coaches hurdling. There are also two new volunteer coaches: Shane Hartman, who helps with javelin, and Kent Vliger, who helps coach along side Tim Buddenhagen with long distance." The track team has already opened in these new additions with open arms, hoping to gain new wisdom, insight, and experience through their efforts.

When questioned on how to keep safe during a pandemic, Coach Thomas had this to say: "We have the same Covid restrictions, as far as seating charts and masks on the bus. At meets they must wear their masks unless they're warming up

or competing." Like all sports, these restrictions aren't new, but still affect the athletes the same way.

Seniors that didn't get to compete their junior year are certainly making an impact on the team. Coach Thomas said, "Lexy Gilbert continued to work on her speed even though the season got cancelled, she is a leader on the team. Tanner Marone has been out for track all four years and I'm looking forward to him doing well in throwing."

Tanner Marone said, "I'm looking forward to throwing javelin this year." When asked about his favorite track memory he said, "My favorite memory is playing in finals for shot put and discus in Brookings sophomore year."

Senior, four-year track member, Lexy Gilbert, had this to say, "I'm looking forward to actually having a season, because we didn't get to have one last year." When asked about her favorite memory she said, "Going to the gas station with Tenley at 11 at night, we ran over there." Those are some fun memories with a great team.



PHOTO BY EDUARDO TRUJILLO

Pictured above is senior Tanner Marone winding up for his discus throw. Marone placed highly overall, representing the Tigers in a positive way!



PHOTO BY KERRY RENAY VAN ZEE-HASS

Pictured above is senior Lexy Gilbert getting ready to blast off into competition. Gilbert is an elite runner in her field.



PHOTO BY LEAH BRANAUGH

Pictured here is the 2021 Huron High School boys tennis team posing for the classic game-day group photo. This year's tennis team has great chances for success and leads with a strong set of seniors: Eh Dah, Moo Sher, Lay Kpaw, and Eh Kalu.

# Tennis time all the time

BY JAMEE KATTNER

The boys tennis team had their season cut short last year like many other spring-time athletics, but they have taken advantage of the new year and are looking hopeful heading into the season. When interviewing head coach Tim Hedblom, he had the ropes of the season figured out and was eager to tell us about the great team he is building.

How did not having a season last year affect everything this year?

"Players lost a year of competition and also skill development, Many of the boys played a great deal of tennis once they were able to."

What are you looking forward to this season?

"I am looking forward to getting back to competition. Our team has put a lot of time in on the courts. This group has been building towards this season for the last five years. Our team has the potential to do great things."

Is there any other important information you would like us to know?

"This team is fun to watch and are going to accomplish great thing this year. Make sure to come out and watch them."

# Golfers gear up for season, hopeful amidst COVID chaos

BY EDUARDO TRUJILLO

The Golf team also suffered from COVID, having their season cancelled last school year. However, this year they plan on coming back better than ever.

When interviewed, head coach Chris Rozell had this to say on his hopes for the upcoming season: "I am looking forward to a season of golf with this great group of girls. We didn't have a season last year which was unfortunate because the potential to succeed was high. Fortunately they are all returning this year for another opportunity. My hopes for this year after the loss of last year is that they are motivated to work hard and along with their experience will be one of the best teams in the state."

Rozell continued, "Senior Karlie Bigelow can be at the top of the leader

board at any meet. Junior Kenya Bigelow has proven her ability in the past by earning all conference honors in the past. Sophomore Bryn Huber has shown great improvement over the past two years and has the chance of posting really low scores. Finally junior Libby Picek is solid player who I expect to play well to help our overall team score. Newcomer Emma Miller may be able to add depth to our team."

Rozell added, "My hopes for this team is to be able to record a team score each time we go to a meet. We are able to bring 6 golfers to each meet and 4 scores count. With only 4 experienced golfers this is added pressure for the girls. However they all have a lot of experience so I have confidence they will achieve many great things this season."



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Shown above is senior Karlie Bigelow driving the ball full force. Bigelow stares at her golf ball willing it to become a hole-in-one. Bigelow has high spirits for the season and hopes to place in the top fifteen at state.



## Student Spotlight Cassie Valer

BY LEXY GILBERT

Behind the scenes, senior Cassie Valer has been doing much to help Huron High School thrive for the past four years.

Among her many responsibilities, she does the lights and sound for the plays, assemblies, and events in the auditorium. She is also an anchor for the announcements, and has been class president since freshman year. She has also been a basketball cheerleader, a football video manager and she is currently in HYLC.

On top of all the school activities she participates in, she also does much more outside of school. She is in Core Kinetics Dance and We Found Sound. She is a very busy girl but she finds time to be as involved as possible.

The main way she assists Tiger Nation is through her job with Tiger Network (a.k.a. Channel 6). Her job is to broadcast events such as the State B basketball and volleyball tournaments that take place at the Huron Arena. She also broadcasts the school board meetings.

Valer says that she has gained many opportunities to help the school through Tiger Network. At the school board meeting where she discussed why there should be dance at prom, she

hadn't even planned to speak. "I was only at the school board [meeting] because I was working for Tiger Network, and when Nebelsick started talking about having a dance for prom I thought I should say something."

Valer also said that as class president many people come to her and think she has all the answers. They were asking about a dance at prom and she wanted to be able to answer their questions. When asked why she is so involved in the school she said "I think that if I want to be able to complain about stuff I should be an active member".

Even though she has done so much for HHS, she is very humble and states that she personally does not think that she has done very much for the school. She mentioned Shelby Vandenhoeck, who she says taught her how to use the tech equipment for the plays and announcements. Valer says that she is never alone in doing tech and that she has people alongside her to lend a hand.

As class officer she also has help from the three other officers that help her make decisions as well as higher ups such as Mr. Nebelsick and Mr. Radke to help her get her ideas across to all students and staff.



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Cassie Valer sits in the studio tech room preparing for announcements. She has been doing this for the past four years.

## Parking Lot Life

BY COLBY HOTT

Generally when one thinks of a parking lot, they think of a place to park your car and that's it. From witnessing crazy things to having daily rituals, people claim the HHS lot is far more than ordinary. Here are just a few of the many stories and events that happened in the (in)famous Huron High parking lot.

*"I was driving out of the parking lot with my friends and a car had these clown type masks on and were staring at us and moving their heads weirdly as we drove away!"*

*"A guy was driving a fourwheeler and backed out of a parking spot really fast and tipped the fourwheeler over then just flipped it back on four wheels and left like nothing happened"*

*"The little circle of people making out."*

*"I once saw a kid playing with fireworks in their car."*

*"Thai Say and Colby Hott throwing sharp icicles at each other and smoking a car behind them."*

## Dropping out to succeed

BY COLBY HOTT

It used to be rumored the only way to succeed was to finish school. Yes the majority of jobs require certain schooling to be qualified, but that doesn't mean you can't be successful.

The U.S. drop out rate is close to 9% for high school. Like every other school, every year, Huron High School has a few students make the same choice.

Jeff Lewis is a former HHS student, but he decided to drop out last year. He saw no need to stay in high school and wanted to get a jump start in to adulthood. When asked how life is outside of school, he replied, "Life outside of school is great." Lewis currently works at Karl's delivering appliances. When asked if he could change anything, he replied "No, I wouldn't change anything, I'm happy with my life the way that it is." Lewis had planned his future without high school and has still found success and

happiness.

Hai Thaw also decided to drop out when he turned 18. He didn't like studying and wanted to be able to help his parents. When asked how it's going, Thaw replied "It's going great, I'm making good money." He plans to continue to work and help out his parents and also wants to visit Thailand in the future.

Mackenzie Christensen made the decision to drop out of high school because it was affecting her mentally. Christiansen stated, "I would be sitting in credit recovery and just start panicking." Although high school wasn't the right fit, she still plans on finishing her education. She plans to get her GED while working at Taco John's as a shift supervisor. Her goals are to complete her GED and to save up enough money to move out of her parents' house.

## Differences in leadership Student Council and Class Officers

BY LEXY GILBERT

Many student have a hard time differentiating between the Student Council and class officers.

Both groups organize school-related events, but they are very different in most other ways.

One of the main contrasts is the number of members. There are only four class officers elected for each grade. Student Council also has a certain number of students elected per grade, but that number varies and the senior class gets an extra representative.

Student Council also organizes many more events and fundraisers. These include organizing Homecoming activities, Winter Blast, selling candy grams and Match-O-Matics, and sometimes serving breakfast in the commons. They also host Mister'y HHS, a fundraiser for

the Children's Miracle Network. All members of the Student Council, no matter what grade they are in, help with these activities. Class officers, on the other hand, do not host events like Student Council, and each set of class officers does different things.

While all class officers, freshman through senior, are in charge of decorating hallways for Homecoming, this is the only event freshman and sophomore class officers do.

The junior class officers are in charge of prom, picking out the theme and decor for it.

Senior class officers are in charge of graduation, helping decide the class motto, flower, colors, and speaker. They also speak at graduation.

So while each group of leaders is responsible for different things, both are integral to the success of HHS.



Jeff Lewis is currently on the job at Karl's Appliance Store living life to the fullest.

Hai Thaw is working at LSI on 4th shift in Alpena, SD.

Mackenzie Christensen is on track to get her GED this year while working at Taco John's.



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# Students choose military

BY CARTER HANSON

With the school year coming to an end, what happens after high school is beginning to come into perspective. Many students at HHS are going into the military to serve our great country and make a living.

Cody Ruedebusch will be going into the South Dakota Army National Guard. “I chose the SDARNG because I didn’t want to go active duty, but I also wanted to continue on my family’s legacy of being in the Army. I didn’t really know if I was going to join or not, but when I turned 17 there was a bonus of \$20,000 if you swore in so I decided to swear in. I see the SDARNG as a career because of all of the benefits you get for being in the National Guard. I want to learn how to be a leader and get military experience that can transfer over to the civilian world. The SDARNG offers full-time benefits for part-time work, and I think the National Guard would be a good option for anyone who doesn’t want to serve active and don’t know what they want to do after high school and to get college paid for.”

Gwyn Nickels is going into the South Dakota Army National Guard as well. “I chose this branch because both my

sister and father are in this branch too. I have always wanted to go into the military because I saw my dad do it when I was little. I do not see this as a lifetime career because I am not going active duty, only as a reserve member. My job or occupation is a 74 Delta. 74 Delta’s are chemical, radiological, biological, and nuclear specialists. I wanted to join the military for the skills it can teach me and the monetary benefits.”

Dawson Solomon is going into the military to be a vehicle mechanic. “I chose this because I have multiple family members who have gone into the Guards and I would like to serve our country. I don’t know if I’d go in full time or just a couple years so that would depend on how much I like doing it I guess.”

Cole Wolff is going into the Army for wheel mechanics. “I chose the Army for the benefits and you rank up the fastest. I’ve wanted to go into the military for as long as I can remember. I plan on seeing myself retire out of the army. I want to travel the world, meet new people, and learn to become a mechanic.”



PHOTO BY CARTER HANSON

From left to right: Dawson Solomon, Gwyn Nickels, Cody Ruedebusch, and Cole Wolff. All four of these teens have enlisted in different branches of the military.

# Different era in HHS

BY EMILY DALE

It might be hard for students to believe, but life went on before they existed, and it will continue to go on after they’re gone. It is important to recognize HHS’s past, as it has contributed and led up to the present. Below are a few pictures from past classes of Huron High School. They are captioned just as they were originally in the yearbooks from the 1970’s.



A large crowd was on hand to watch the great performance.



Student hangs sign for art club.



Treble Clef members pose for a picture.



The students of HHS are enjoying a gourmet meal and relaxation.



Paula Peppers and Yvonne Van Whye spend “Life in the Fast Lane.”



Students in art club paint signs for the game.

# Students offer best lines

BY CARTER HANSON

## What is your best pick-up line?

- “I think there’s something wrong with my phone. Your number’s not in it. “
- “Are you a minecraft fence? Because I can’t get over you. :(“
- “Well here I am. What are your other two wishes?”
- “You are 9/10 and I’m the 1 you need”
- “Are your legs tired? Because you have been running through my mind all day.”
- “If you were a cat I’d spend all my nine lives with you.”
- “Are you a chancla? Because you hitting different.”
- “Are you a parking ticket? Because you have FINE written all over you.”
- “ Are you mathway? Because when I look at you all my problems are solved.”

## What qualities do you find the most attractive in someone?

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| • Personality | • Resilience      |
| • Appearance  | • Comical         |
| • Honesty     | • Smile           |
| • Respect     | • Similar Beliefs |
| • Facial Hair | • Voice           |
| • Loyalty     | • Hair            |
| • Empathy     | • Money           |



## Newest additions to Tiger Nation

BY MIKENA MOORE

Here at the *Tiger Stripes*, the staff loves baby animals, and apparently, so does the HHS student body. Here are a few of the many submissions received!



Kelsey and Peyton Schuchhardt got a brand new puppy named Jetta.



Huntley Steele and family finally convinced their dad to get baby goats.



Kaydence Tschetter's cow had babies. This little calf is in need of a name.



Mikayla Torres just got a baby kitten named Sasha.



Brailey Walls recently got a new puppy. Her name is Zuri.



Jolie Carrillo's baby hedgehog is named Ellie, but she goes by Hedgie.



Gonzalo Quispe-Laura got a new puppy named Milo and, it's already learned to pose perfectly for pictures.



Chloe Watson has two baby bunnies. The floppy-eared one pictured is named Lola.



Tyson Lien's new kitten's name is Hagrid but they call her Hagrid the Horrible because she is so naughty.



Jolie Carrillo got a new baby chihuahua named Birdie and loves sleeping.



Danci Dunkelburger has added an addition to her horse family, Mouse.



Kimblery Yanes has a new baby puppy named Gismo. He pouts for his picture.

## Easter Egg Page Hunt

The following eggs are hidden within the pages of this *Tiger Stripes* edition. Each page has a hidden egg somewhere on it. Have fun hunting!

