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Lighting up Christmas lanes throughout Huron

BY SYDNEE MITCH

According to the official Huron, SD, website, the Christmas lane tradition has been a part of Huron's history for almost 60 years.

In 1962, Campbell Drive home owners were the first participants. Each resident on the street "put up a candy cane built of stove pipe, painted white and decorated with red oilcloth." The residents on 12th to 14th Street SW on Campbell Drive are still decorating their homes with the Christmas themed candy to this day. The neighborhood is now known as the popular Candy Cane Lane during the winter holidays. Since then, over 40 more neighborhoods in Huron have joined the holiday custom.



PHOTO BY SYDNEE MITCH

The homeowners on 1878 Illinois Avenue SW in Huron light up their home and yard every Christmas season. The family has been decorating for the holidays since 2013 and continues to wow onlookers.

"The imagination of local residents creates the ideas for the design the lanes will feature." (huronsd.com) Each year, additional people in town join in on the fun decorations and light up

their streets and yards for the Christmas season.

The lanes feature all different types of themes. From Christmas Card Lane, to Gingerbread Lane, and Nutcracker Lane, each

neighborhood gives viewers a new theme to look at.

The holiday ornaments are purposeful in entertaining Huron residents and people who may just be visiting the town. Families are able to

take their children, or even just themselves, out to see the decorative designs at night time to create happy memories.

The Parade of Lights Committee, made up of Huron residents, chooses a special Christmas lane to be acknowledged and awarded at the December Business After Hours event. All of the lanes are taken into account and judged based on their bright appearance. The committee also recognizes the best lit house in town, which receives the honorable Clark Griswold Award.

The lanes are a joyous Christmas tradition in Huron, that really make the holidays as happy as they can be.

District prepares for wild winter weather

BY NOAH BECK

Throughout the Huron School District, there are various departments that have a hand in winter maintenance and keeping the district running through the winter. At the transportation department, where all the buses and vehicles are stored and maintained, things change when the temperature drops. The district has between 32 and 35 vehicles used on a daily basis.

Maintaining all these vehicles through the winter is a difficult job, lasting from the middle of November to usually the first of April. Jared Beck, mechanic at the transportation department, says his job can get more

difficult in the winter if a bus breaks down, gets up, or gets stuck, or if he has to work outside. The buses undergo changes once the temperature drops below ten degrees, including switching to number one diesel fuel and placing covers on the grilles of the buses.

The Buildings and Grounds team also has a lot to do to prepare for winter. The team gets to work in July, ordering a semi truck full of ice melt, and continues their preparations throughout the fall season, striving to be ready for whatever the weather throws at them by the last week of October. As the inclement weather draws

closer, the team has various tasks to complete.

The Grounds team is in charge of shutting off and blowing out the underground sprinkler systems, mowing up and hauling off all the fallen leaves, and shutting down outdoor-use equipment like the tennis courts.

The Maintenance team makes sure all the heating systems across the district are up and running, and prepares places like the concession area at Tiger Stadium for the cold months ahead.

Both the Grounds and Maintenance teams work to service and store summer equipment and prepare winter equipment. "We have a

lot of good equipment to help us with meeting our outdoor weather needs," says Director of Buildings and Grounds, John Halbkat. Some of the equipment used includes front end loaders and Bobcat Toolcats, equipped with either a snow blade or broom and an ice melt spreader.

The work doesn't stop once the snow flies, though. The Buildings and Grounds team is responsible for all snow removal within the district. They work with two outside snow removal companies to help with moving snow in the parking lots of the buildings, which allows the team to focus on clearing sidewalks and troublesome

areas. The team also handles the spreading of ice melt as needed.

Halbkat says his job doesn't get any more difficult during the winter, but "The urgency behind getting outdoor work completed is greater. If the Arena has an event, we need to make sure that the lot and sidewalks remain cleared of snow and ice while the event is in progress. This requires my team to work early morning and late nights throughout the winter as needed."

Both Beck and Halbkat agreed that their jobs are year-round undertakings that help keep the district rolling.

Angel Tree program continues community impact for children

BY NOAH BECK

Over 50 years ago, the Angel Tree, a program hosted by the Salvation Army, started helping families in need to make sure their children had gifts for Christmas. The program helps around 70 local families and around 150 children per year.

The process begins when a family in need goes to the Salvation Army Community Center and completes an application, including a financial assessment. Qualifying families receive a number and a card for identification, and Angel Tree cards for the children to fill out with necessary clothing items, and one or two Christmas gifts. Then, individuals from the community go to the Angel tree location, Runnings, pick up the cards, and shop for the items on the cards.

After the cards are returned, the items are sorted and gift wrapped.

The items all stay local in the Huron, Iroquois, and Wessington Springs areas.

This event impacts every person involved in a positive way. "People are always grateful for the gifts received as it helps bring hope to not only themselves, but their children as well who are able to see that there are people in our community who do care enough to help make a positive difference in their lives," says Lieutenant Matthew Darrow, Corps Officer at the Huron Salvation Army.

Darrow also feels the impact of the Angel Tree. "I grew up never having a lot myself, so I had to work for everything. I came from a household where my brothers and I were put on free/reduced lunches at school, so it's from a very personal place that I can relate to the families that benefit from this program. Through the latter half

of my childhood, after my parents divorced when I was six years old, I truly experienced the generosity of others who showed that they cared not only about me, but about my brothers as well. The generosity of these individuals was always welcomed at Christmas, though it was always a surprise to the three of us each year, as we would receive gifts that we knew our parents were unable to afford, but somehow we always seemed to be blessed every Christmas due to the generosity of others. Being in charge of a program like the Angel Tree brings me great joy in knowing that children who are in need, just like my brothers and I were as kids, are being taken care of during the Christmas season," says Darrow.

Thousands of children have felt the impact of the Angel Tree, and the program continues to positively affect the community each year.



PHOTO BY NOAH BECK

A gift sits underneath the Angel Tree waiting to be delivered. This gift was purchased by the HHS student council.

The real reason for the season

BY DYLAN LICHTY

With it being the holiday season most people start to think about all the shopping deals that are going to be happening. What we should really be focused on is our family and friends during the time of the holidays.

During the holiday season, most people like to think of it as shopping season. This is because of Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and Christmas shopping sales. Many people will spend these days shopping, away from family and friends, and only caring for themselves.

Instead, people should be taking the time to be with

their loved ones, and creating memories. The holidays were first a time intended for thanks and celebration.

Sophomore Cashton Caudell said, "I really enjoy seeing everyone, and when we get together it's a very fun experience." Caudell also mentioned that his family spends most of the holidays playing games and hunting with family members.

Over the holidays, I have missed many opportunities to spend time with family that I don't get to see very often. This is because I've made the choice to go get clothing 40% off or try to get as many items

as I could on sale. Looking back, I wish I would've taken more time to get to know more of my family members and spend time with them. Now that I am older and busier than when I was younger, I no longer have the time available.

Spending time with family is something we should try and focus on more during the holidays. You get limited time with certain family members. With the time and opportunity gone, I wish I would have spent time with my family rather than shopping.



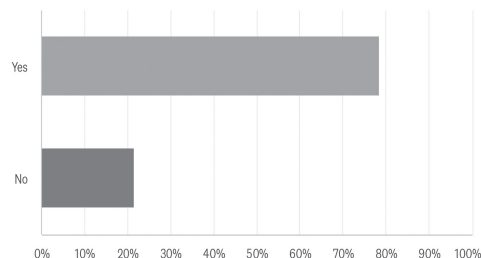
PHOTO BY CASHTON CAUDELL

Kaiden Caudell (far left) and Cashton Caudell (far right) spend their Thanksgiving break taking family pictures and creating new memories. The twins love being with family and catching up with loved ones they do not get to spend time with often.

Christmas break: Too long or too short?

BY ROGER PUTERBAUGH

Every year the time comes when students, teachers, and parents discuss whether Christmas break is too long, too short, or just right. We asked the students of Huron High School what they think about the length of our Christmas break. According to the survey, 78% of students are in favor of a longer Christmas break, while 22% said it was just right or wanted it shorter.



GRAPH BY SURVEY MONKEY

Test taking is not only way to measure students' intelligence

BY DYLAN LICHTY

Every high school course you have taken has ended the semester with some sort of semester test. There are also countless other tests you have to take throughout the school year.

There is one very important quality to being a great test taker, and that is memorization. Memorizing information that could possibly be on the test can be very difficult, especially when you don't know exactly what is on the test. This gets even harder when you have to do it for multiple classes. Another added difficulty to tests is that sometimes they have to be completed in a certain amount of time. Both of these factors can also lead to stress.

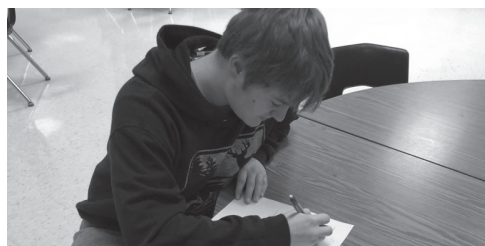


PHOTO BY DYLAN LICHTY

Junior Kelby Dickson digs deep into his mind to remember the information on the test. He is trying to remember the formulas in the current chapter for Pre-Calc.

Stress can lower students' focus on their upcoming tests because they are focused on what is stressing them out.

Problem-solving is also an important skill that is not often tested in students. Students that excel in

problem-solving then see the skill not as useful in school.

With all of these factors that can affect scores, students may have great quarter or semester grades, but low test scores will bring their overall grade down.

Should students have practices over Christmas break?

BY ROGER PUTERBAUGH

For most students, Christmas break is a time to relax with family and friends, or even go on vacation. But this isn't the case for everyone. Student athletes have a much different Christmas break than most. It's full of practices and other activities that make it hard to travel and see loved ones, or spend time with family from other places while they are in town.

As everyone probably knows, Christmas break begins on December 23. This is also the day that the state-wide moratorium takes place for all school activities.

A moratorium basically means that no teams are able to practice or hold any events for the duration of the period. The moratorium ends December 27, and most teams will go right back to practice on that day. This means that



PHOTO BY ROGER PUTERBAUGH

The boys basketball team warms up before practice. Shown in the photo are seniors Jayden Beck and Isaiah Decker, as well as other members of the team.

all of the student athletes will get a whopping four days off for Christmas break.

Now although that may sound like a lot of time, it's really not for the people who

want to travel. Christmas break usually consists of families traveling to visit loved ones and other family members. If you want to spend Christmas somewhere

far out of town, there's just not enough time to do anything.

On the other hand, practice over Christmas break is necessary in order to be

competitive with other teams. If other teams are practicing then we probably should too.

However, most teams won't have games until days after the new year begins. In fact, January 4 is the first day where any sports activities can compete. Meaning, if teams aren't playing until January 4, then why are we going back to practice nine days before that?

Personally, I don't believe that the problem is with any of the coaches. In fact, a lot of people don't believe that this is a problem at all.

I think the state should possibly give kids a longer moratorium period to relax. A longer moratorium leads to less stress and more family time. With a longer break, we can spend time doing some things that are a little more important, like spending time with family.

Later start may mean student improvement

BY KYLIE HANEUBUTH

For years, people have debated the time school should start. Should it start later or at the same time it usually does? The *Tiger Stripes* Staff interviewed English teacher, Chris Stahly, to get her views.

Q. Do you think that it is beneficial for students to start at 10:00a.m? Why or why not?

A. *I think it would be worth a try to start school at 10am. Lots of studies show that if we would delay the school start time, it might help teenagers get a healthier amount of sleep each night. That, in turn, might mean fewer tardies/absences and fewer "zombies" sleeping during their first period classes, all of which would improve their academic performance.*

Q. Is it beneficial for classes to start at 10a.m. and have an optional studyhall at 9a.m?

A. *Having the optional study hall at 9:00 would be beneficial. It give kids a chance to get their assignments done or get help with their assignments from their teachers.*

Q. Do you think it would help students who have practice before school? Why or why not?

A. *It would help students who have practice before school because they wouldn't have to get up so early.*

Q. Do you think if school started late would there still be "A" and "B" days?

A. *We would probably have to make slight adjustments to the schedule, but I don't know why it wouldn't work to have "A" and "B" days.*

Here are the pros and cons of school starting later.

PRO

- Practice before school won't be as early in the morning.
- Could use time before 10 a.m. for an optional study hall.
- Kids who work late at night can sleep in a little more.
- Students can also work early in the morning before 10 a.m.

CON

- Classes may be shorter.
- School may end later.
- Practice after school can end late in the evening.
- Since class periods could be shorter, it can be harder for students to catch up after missing school.

Too old for Toboggan Hill?

BY BRAILEY WALLS

Toboggan Hill in Huron is a great place to make memories with friends and family. I've personally had many great experiences there. Some people have traditions at Toboggan Hill, such as the Senior Slip-and-Slide and going during Christmas break. Sadly, last January, Toboggan Hill was closed due to the James River flooding repeatedly. However it was reopened with plenty of time for the Slip-and-Slide.

I tend to go to Toboggan Hill at least three times every year. I like to go with my family at least once, and I love to go to Toboggan as many times as possible with my friends. Now that I am in high school it seems as though my friends don't want to go anymore. Once people reach high school they tend to think that they are too old to go sledding anymore. In my mind, you're never too old to go sledding.

Most people went to Toboggan Hill a lot in middle school. I remember that my classmates used to be there all the time during the winter. Now, I would be lucky to see a classmate forced by their parents to be there. Toboggan Hill is a great place to spend your time this winter, and I think that more high school students should go.



PHOTO BY SARAH RUBISH

Pictured above from left to right are Colton McNeil, AnneClaire Rubish, Audrey Rubish, and Jamee Kattner. They're catching their breath after slogging up Toboggan Hill.

"Would you rather" Christmas edition

BY BRAILEY WALLS AND KYLIE HANEUBUTH

The *Tiger Stipes* Staff surveyed the students of Huron High School to see what they would prefer for Christmas. Here are the results from the "Christmas would you rather?" survey.

Would you rather have a real or fake Christmas tree?

Real Christmas tree
37.6%

Fake Christmas tree
62.4%



Would you rather have wrapped presents or more stocking stuffers?

Stocking stuffers
9.6%

Wrapped presents
90.4%



Would you rather stay home for the holidays or go on a trip?

Go on a trip
24.8%

Stay home
75.2%



Would you rather shop on Black Friday or on Cyber Monday?

Cyber Monday
36%

Black Friday
64%



Would you rather eat Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas dinner?

Christmas dinner
47.6%

Thanksgiving dinner
52.4%



Would you rather receive a digital Christmas card or a paper Christmas card?

Digital card 9.5%
Paper card 90.4%



Chamber orchestra tunes into the holidays

BY SIKE MA NOKE

What is chamber orchestra? According to Beth Neitzert, Huron High School's orchestra teacher, "A chamber orchestra is a small orchestra of string players ranging from 5-25 musicians." The name originated from ensembles frequently playing in a palace or living "chambers." The difference between chamber orchestra and concert orchestra is the latter is larger. A concert orchestra often times performs in big concert halls organized for major string or full orchestra works, while a chamber orchestra is a more condensed ensemble performing at much smaller venues.

Huron High School's own chamber orchestra started in October of 2021 and consists of 12 players, which include three seniors, two juniors, two sophomores, and five freshmen. To join the group, each student was required to submit a recorded audition, and then a judge was selected to build the orchestra from those results. For now, there are only string instruments: violin, viola, cello, and bass. Depending on the music, there may be soloists in the future.

The group rehearses every Monday from 3:30-5:00. Since the musicians do not require a

conductor to practice, Neitzert can fill in any positions that are needed.

For the month of December, the players are working on Christmas music. After the holiday season, Neitzert hopes to try out rock covers from bands like The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Radiohead, The Rolling Stones, and more. They might even pull out electric instruments and fire up the booming amps for this type of music.

This year, the ensemble traveled to Pierre to play for Christmas at the Capitol on December 11. Additionally, Neitzert is also working on plans to visit the National Music Museum. This is located at the University of South Dakota, which will be open to the public after their renovation. Neitzert also has future ideas for run-out concerts. A run-out concert is where the orchestra takes their program on the road to cities and other venues.

Their most recent performances were for the residents at the senior center and "Christmas in the Commons."

In the future, the group looks forward to different performances around the community and across the state.



PHOTO BY BETH NEIZERT

Members of the chamber orchestra pose for a picture during one of their rehearsals. The group meets weekly every Monday after school to practice their music.

Oral Interp takes over Huron High School

BY COLT DUNKELBERGER

Thanks to Oral Interp, on December 3, there was no school. This created a three-day weekend for students to unwind and relax before semester testing kicks in.

This event took every room in the high school, and there were a couple of different things the team had to do to get ready. They had to come in the night before and go through every room to put in what was needed and to make sure they were ready for the big day.

Many people don't understand what is involved with Oral Interp. When someone has to give a speech in a competition, they need to memorize a five-minute speech on any subject. Sometimes they may do an extensive speech or even a speech on pens.

Something people may not think about is the nerves that a person may experience when giving the speech. Because of these nerves, some people say they have forgotten their speech on the spot. At this point, it's important for them to stay confident while they wing it.

"We are the people that talk to walls," is how senior Tanner Cronin explained how he would get ready for a speech. There are other ways to get ready, but most of the time, this is how it is done. The reason for staring at the wall is because this way they feel like no one is listening.

This year was a good year for State Oral Interp. When it was all over, the commons was full of students that

Salvation Army Christmas Basket returns to HHS

BY SIKE MA NOKE

The annual Salvation Army Christmas Basket Program is a fundraiser for food baskets and programs that are used throughout the year. They are for less fortunate families in Huron and surrounding areas. This year's program, the 73rd annual, returned to the Huron High School auditorium after being virtual last year. It lasted for four days -- Monday, November 29 through Thursday, December 2.

Twenty groups made up this year's entertainment, and started with the Huron Middle School seventh and eighth grade chorus, followed by the Huron High School Choir, Madrigals, and Concert Band. The evening was closed out by the HHS Jazz Band.

On the second night, the James Valley Christian School Choir started the show, followed by their band,

and then the Wolsey/Wessington High School Choir and Band. The day ended with the HHS faculty choir singing a tune.

On the final two nights, there were a multitude of choirs, bands, and orchestras who performed. They included Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Choir, Bethesda Church Group, the Holy Trinity Choir of Angels, the First United Methodist Church Choir, and the First United Methodist Praise Team.

The last night of the fundraiser had Huron Middle School Honors Orchestra, HMS seventh and eighth grade band, HHS Concert Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra, and the program ended with the Huron Municipal Band. In the end, the program raised around \$25,000.

Dinner and a show...before the show

BY COLT DUNKELBERGER



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Members of JOY (Just Orchestra Yo) entertain guests during the 2018 Christmas in the Commons. The members performing in this group are seniors Katie Schoenfelder, Gonzalo Quispe-Laura, Maggie Knippling, Cami Rathjen, and Kylie Hanebuth.

There are a variety of unique holidays that are celebrated at this time of year and many different ways to do it. From all of the different foods, drinks, and events, there is no question that this time of year is exciting.

One of these exciting events is "Christmas in the Commons," dinner which was held on Monday, December 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The dinner was followed by the annual Holiday Extravaganza concert which features the band, choirs, and orchestra.

"Christmas in the Commons" is a fundraiser for Huron High School's music department: jazz band, chamber orchestra, Madrigals, and brass quintet. The meal was served by parent volunteers, and featured roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, buns and homemade cakes, baked every year by Beckie Freeman. While people ate, the various music groups entertained with music selections.

When people arrived to this event, they experienced many different sights, sounds, and smells. Like any event this time of year, there were all kinds of amazing decorations. On top of the decorations, nothing but the best food, catered by Leonard Doll, was to be expected. Although the focus was on the meal and the music, a silent auction was also happening, with donations from many music parents.

Although the school helped with the program, it's the Music Parents organizations who are the ones to thank. They were the ones that served all of the food. They also decorated everything as well.

While the Holiday Extravaganza concert that followed the dinner was the culmination of the first semester, there will be other concerts throughout the year that these groups will perform. To find where they will perform and when, go to Huron High School's website, www.huron.k12.sd.us, click on activities, then find Music.

Volleyball digs new direction

BY ETHAN HUNTER

The girls volleyball season has been quite different this year, as all the girls have to adapt to a whole new team with new leaders and also a new head coach. The new head coach is Joshua Lien, and he is taking over for former head coach Shelly Buddenhagen.

Lien has plenty of coaching experience under his belt as he was the sophomore coach for two years from (2019-2020). He also coached at Rapid City Stevens for eleven years (2002-2013), as well as one year in Irene, SD.

Coach Lien currently works at the National Guard Armory serving as the Administrative Officer in the 153rd Engineer Battalion. Lien is married to Crystal and is also a father of six boys including Tyler, Tyson, TJ, Teagan, Tucker and Tristan.

Lien has made a huge impact on the volleyball team this year. "I really like him, he pushes us and he is really good at preparing us for our next opponent," according to senior volleyball player Reese Rozell.

Lien has also set up some new pre-game rituals this year. "When we travel, it is very important that Rudy (our bus driver) takes us to get coffee. It has become a new tradition

for the varsity team and it seems to be a new favorite of players. The girls have always worn matching bows in their hair during matches. They also have an extra bow for me; however, I have to wear my bow on my shoe laces, because it wouldn't hold very well in my hair!" said Lien.

Lien led the Tigers to a 14-10 season, with the highlight being defeating Sioux Falls Jefferson in the fifth set to go to state in Rapid City this year.

Anyone can make memories and memories make us who we are. "My favorite memory during volleyball is getting revenge on Pierre and Mitchell after falling short against them both times before," said Rozell.

Game day is always an exciting day as it signifies an opportunity to compete and showcase all the hard work players put into their sport. Being on the court or field is always a surreal feeling, especially seeing the crowd and your family cheering for you. Rozell said, "My favorite part about game day is hearing the crowd and bench cheering for you."

Girls can wrestle too

BY ETHAN HUNTER

Girls wrestling is a new opportunity that is available in South Dakota. It debuted in 2020. Many people are very wary about girls wrestling as they think it may be unfair to the girls as they have to practice with boys or may even have to wrestle boys, but that is not the case.

There are nine girls in wrestling this year, which is more than double last year. There have been doubts and concerns for them but they have shown that they can wrestle just like the boys. Last year two girls made it to state and competed for placement. This year they will get the opportunity to do the same and practice with more girls to get better.

With the number of girls this year and throughout the state, there might be new trend. This will allow female wrestlers to go against each other more consistently rather than them going against male wrestlers.

Eh Ler Klay, a junior, is one of the girl wrestlers and was one of the two who went to state last year. Klay joined because when she lived in Texas former female wrestlers convinced her. She hopes to wrestle in the 132 lb weight class this year. To maintain the weight Klay doesn't have a diet or necessarily a go to meal. She maintains it by the hard workouts during practice. Klay's goal is to eventually become the state champion in her weight class.

Girls wrestling is still in its infancy but there will be gradual growth as many girls will see how it is not just a guys sport and that they can do it too.

Boys hit the hockey rink

BY TITUS PICHURA

With hockey season starting, the boys team is pumped for the season.

Senior Connor McCloud believes that with a new set of coaches and a determined team they will have a good shot at doing well this year. The head coach is Nick Ferguson, and his assistant coach is Waylon Walters. With enough players to have three strong lines, the team should be able to take longer breaks which will allow them to perform better.



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Connor McCloud skates with the puck toward the net. Seconds later he scored a goal to secure a win.

The team captains this year are Foster Ferguson and Lucas Sibley with a possible third team captain still to be determined.

As a senior, McCloud has seen the team's dynamic change throughout the years and believes that they all know each other's styles and thought processes which should allow for better teamwork and hopefully more wins. "Compared to past years, the locker room has a very relaxed feel which is good for the team's focus" McCloud stated.

With that being said, the numbers are low compared to some other teams, so instead of having both a JV and varsity there will only be a varsity team. This means that the younger players will have to step up because they won't have the same transition to varsity like some of the other players had.

The team has trained both on ice and on dry land throughout the year to better themselves so they can have a more successful season.

Hockey girls take it national

BY ETHAN HUNTER



PHOTO SUBMITTED
The hockey girls are dressed and ready to take the ice. From the left is Kylee Small, Azalea Nelson, and Devin Hunter. They are excited to be involved with their hometown team again this winter.

The Huron All-Stars girls hockey team started their season off in the Bergman Aarena against Aberdeen on November 19. The hockey season starts in mid-November and usually ends in the beginning of February for most players, but not all. A few players take their talents to the national level and compete around the country.

These three students are Kylee Small, Devin Hunter, and Azalea Nelson. The girls compete year round in hockey and they make the most of it. These girls play on the South Dakota National team, but on different teams as Hunter and Nelson play on the 19u team and Small plays on the 16u team.

On average they play 3 to 4 games on the weekends, and they also have a tournament at the end of March that they compete in so they can qualify for nationals.

As the saying goes "practice makes perfect" and these girls take that seriously as they not only compete at the national level, but also with their attitudes to practice hard to not only better themselves but better the team.

Managers: more than just watergirls

BY TITUS PICHURA

In nearly every sport there are managers who help things run behind the scenes. Tori Larson and Betty Donovan are two managers at HHS.

First up is Larson who has been a wrestling manager for four years. Her job is to take stats, record matches, clean mats, and lastly keep the coaches in order. Larson said that she doesn't enjoy cleaning the mats a whole lot because of all the blood and sweat, which according to her, wrestlers have a lot of.

On the plus side, Larson loves being around the other managers, wrestlers and coaches. As a wrestling manager she has a lot to juggle so staying organized can be a challenge.

Overall, Larson loves being able

to travel around with the team and meet new people.

Betty Donovan is one of two managers for gymnastics. Having been a manager for five years, Donovan has gotten really good at getting numbers ready. She tries to make sure all the gymnasts get along and have an amazing time.

Donovan loves everything about being a manager, especially being able to travel around and have a blast with the team. Donovan said, "Being a gymnastics manager is super easy, really fun, and allows you to make new connections."

Other than wishing they had dress-up days, Donovan loves the gymnasts and coaches and wouldn't change a thing about her role on the team.



PHOTO BY TITUS PICHURA
Pictured on the left is Tori Larson, the wrestling manager and on the right is Betty Donovan one of the gymnastics managers. Both of the girls enjoy their roles on the team and are looking forward to the season.

National Guardsman Nickels

BY CAMI RATHJEN

This past summer, senior Gwyn Nickels faced a challenge like no other. From May 25 through the beginning of August 5 Nickels attended Basic Combat Training (BCT). At Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, she was trained to be a soldier.

Nickels made the decision to join the National Guard due to her family's military roots. Both her dad and sister are enlisted in the National Guard, and they inspired her to do the same and carry on the family legacy. A bonus to joining was the financial aspect, serving as a considerable route to paying for college. Nickels stated, "One day I got up and decided I was interested in it, so I made an appointment with my recruiter. Less than a month later I enlisted and got sworn in." Nickels shipped out to Fort Leonardwood, Missouri three months after her enlistment.

At basic training, Nickels practiced medical and resilience training, executed land navigation, qualified with an M4 rifle, performed several physically demanding

obstacle courses, accomplished three field training exercises of varying length, and much more. Contrary to before BCT, her daily life shifted during those ten weeks. She was treated like a soldier. Her Drill Sergeants weren't very polite and targeted the platoon she was in. "They called us 'trash' and 'Turd Platoon'," Nickels disclosed.

Nickels affirmed that every day was mentally and physically challenging; however, each felt rewarding. She made it apparent that every basic training base is proposed similarly, but all Sergeants teach relatively.

This upcoming summer, Nickels will return to Fort Leonardwood to continue her training at AIT (advanced individual training). She will train to be a CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear defense) specialist.

Currently, Nickels continues her career by working one weekend a month in Sioux Falls, where she is preparing to ship out to AIT in June. Nickels plans to stay in the National Guard for twenty years.



SUBMITTED BY GWYN NICKELS

Gwyn Nickels smiles for her picture taken at Fort Leonardwood two days after arriving at the base. She was awake for thirty-six hours prior to the photo.

HHS alumni fill substitute ranks

BY CAMI RATHJEN

Within the past couple of years, some familiar faces have been appearing throughout the district. HHS graduates have lent the school district a helping hand by returning to classrooms from different perspectives — as substitutes.



Bethany Larson, 2020 graduate, became a sub in the Huron School District to benefit her life path in education. "I started subbing in Huron because that's where I was attending night classes at HCC (Huron Community Campus). It worked out so I could work full-time on top of college." Returning to HHS, Larson stated that it feels a little weird, yet its worth it. She added, "Because of COVID, most of the students in High School didn't even know who I was. The other half of the time I was working with younger students and they are just cute!"



Brenden Schlader, 2020 graduate, is also attending college for education — specifically, math. Schlader made it apparent that attending college while subbing is a great learning opportunity for him as he can make connections between subbing practices and his own classroom material. In his field experiences at college, Schlader appointed the diversity Huron comprises. He explained, "A great thing about Huron is how diverse it is. Subbing at Huron immerses you in diversity relating to functionality, cultural identity, socio-economic status, and gender identity as well as many others."



Taylor Stuart, 2020 graduate, is attending NSU for a major in Elementary-Ed and a minor in E-Learning. As one would expect, Stuart admitted it was super odd coming back to her hometown to sub. However, she explained, "I was especially grateful for this opportunity and to see all the teachers and others because we did not get to officially say our goodbyes my senior year due to COVID-19." After each day of subbing, Stuart feels rewarded that she is taking a further step into the right profession.



Carson Hruby, 2018 graduate is planning on working in administrative athletics. Working with students who he knows personally can be challenging. Hruby explained, "It's hard to be in charge of people you have known your entire life, and now they're suddenly seeing you in a different light. I still know plenty of high schoolers, so I don't feel like I have the ability to discipline if needed." Originally, he started subbing to make some extra cash for college. Now with more experience, Hruby genuinely enjoys subbing on a daily basis.



Jamie Holforty, 2019 graduate, is attending NSU to major in Elementary-Ed, to minor in Special-Ed, and to get an ELL endorsement. Holforty plans to teach at HHS alongside the faculty in which she enjoys working with as a sub. She mentioned, "While it is fun to be close in age with the students, it can be tricky as they sometimes tend to treat me like a classmate, which leads to difficulty keeping the class under control." Despite this, she believes that the close age range helps her relate to the students emotionally with troubles they may be facing.

HYLC hosts Trinity Hill concert

BY GWYN NICKELS

Huron Youth Leadership Council (HYLC) will be hosting Trinity Hill for a Christmas concert. HYLC is a club that encourages philanthropy, volunteerism, and community involvement.

This club helps with Meals-on-Wheels, the Backpack Program, volunteering at after-school programs, and more. HYLC President, senior Roger Puterbaugh says, "This club is very helpful". Overall, HYLC is led by student members and guided by HHS faculty members.

HYLC annually hosts a mid-December concert as a fundraiser for the club. This fundraiser has occurred annually for nearly a decade. Unfortunately, Covid-19 prohibited HYLC from putting on the event last year.

In years past, the Hegg Brothers from Sioux Falls were chosen to perform. Instead of the Hegg Brothers, HYLC has chosen Trinity Hill to perform this year.

Trinity Hill is a worship band including the members Jamie O'Neill, Sylvia Kattner, and Will Smith. Special guests included in the concert are Karlie Bigelow, Jonathon Blom, Tony Hulst, and Jamieson Gross.

Trinity Hill has performed at Huron's First United Baptist Church, the Salvation Army's Christmas basket, and the South Dakota State Fair.

One reason why HYLC chose Trinity Hill was because of lead singer, Sylvia Kattner. Kattner used to attend HHS and was involved in HYLC as well.

HYLC's fundraiser will be of a free-will donation. Community members are welcomed to come in before the concert and donate money to the club. HYLC will use the donations to provide grants to other youth-based programs later in the spring. Free of cost, the concert will be held December 22, at 7:30pm, in the HHS auditorium.



PHOTO BY TRINITY HILL FACEBOOK PAGE

Members of Trinity Hill pictured from left to right; Jamie O'Neill, Sylvia Kattner, and Will Smith. O'Neill plays the piano, Kattner is the band's lead singer, and Smith is the guitarist.

Preparing to drive in winter emergencies

BY BLAKE HOFER

As winter approaches, dangerous weather follows. Among other threats, drivers get stuck in the snow, get in car accidents, and have trouble starting their vehicles.

The *Tiger Stripes* staff asked HHS students, "Have you ever gotten stuck while driving in the winter? If yes, what happened?" Here are two students' experiences.

Senior Madelynn Lord said, "Yes, many times, but once I hit a patch of ice on a dirt road and spun around, and my back end got stuck under the barbed wire fence, and there was a lot of snow around my car. My friend that I was with had to call her dad, and he had to come help us get out. He used his truck to pull us out. My tire also ended up being popped, so he had to change that for me as well."

Freshman Aurora Dreyer said, "Yes, one time we were heading to Wisconsin to see my grandma. We were only like halfway there, and my dad couldn't see anything. So, he stuck his head out the window, and we ended up stopping at my cousin's mother-in-law's house, and we slept on the floor."

It's easy to see how winter can be treacherous, especially in South Dakota. To ensure safety, be sure to pack a heavy winter coat and gloves for warmth, an ice scraper for a frosted window, a flashlight for a source of light in the dark, a first aid kit for the event of an injury, and a charged phone to call for emergency help.

Overall, prepare to take proper precautions before taking a spin out into the cold.



PHOTO BY SARAH RUBISH

FedEx is stuck in the Rubish household driveway after attempting to make a delivery. Former students Henry Rubish and Landon Claeys help the FedEx driver get his vehicle unstuck.

HHS prefers shooting and casting

BY BLAKE HOFER AND JACK WONSOMOS



TYLER CRONIN

"I like hunting better than ice fishing. I haven't been been fishing, but, in my opinion, hunting is a lot more fun. It's not as much waiting around as fishing is, but that depends on the type of hunting you choose to do. My favorite memory is when I shot my first deer off the deck of my house about thirty yards away from me. I like the adrenaline rush of knowing that I might be able to get something."



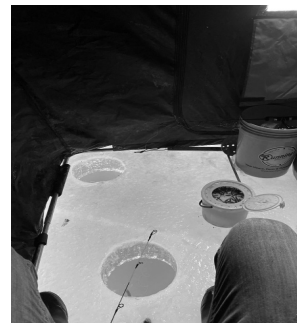
ZANDER WOLF

"I like hunting better, but, specifically, because I like sitting out in the field for a couple of hours, and I like having conversations with friends and family while hunting. I love the adrenaline rush that hits me all at once before taking the shot. My favorite memory of deer hunting is when a deer stood right in front of me and my dad for about three minutes and wouldn't move."



CAMDEN MEYER

"I prefer hunting over fishing. Me and a friend went out duck hunting. Keep in mind that this was my friends first time duck hunting. So, much to my surprise, when some ducks came finally into our decoys, I was shooting at ducks while my friend was shooting at the decoys, mistaking them for ducks. Once we were done shooting, I looked down towards our decoy spread, and half of the decoys were slowly sinking into the water."



DREW ARTEMAN

"Ice fishing. It's hard to choose, but I have such good memories ice fishing, and there's nothing better than fishing through the ice. My favorite memory is when we had a snow day because it was so cold, so we went ice fishing from morning to night. We caught a lot of fish and had way too much fun."

Urzabia transfers teaching from the Phillipines to Huron

BY JACK WONSOMOS

While many students from HHS have made the trip across the border to live and work in the United States, one teacher has done the same. Christina Urzabia moved to the United States to extend her passion for teaching to more students across the world.

When asked why she chose South Dakota, she said, "I have never been wrong from what I have expected that people here in SD are nice and accommodating. My big thanks!"

Some of Urzabia's favorite things to do are cooking and singing. The majority of her luggage included her video speaker, so she can sing anytime she likes. Apart from singing, she really enjoys the community of Huron. Specifically, she appreciates that there are so many welcoming people in Huron who have helped her settle comfortably. Huron's community has opened Urzabia's eyes to what an involved community looks like.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA URZABIA

Ms. Urzabia smiles for the camera amid many lanterns. She was eating at an iconic Phillipine restaurant, Pande Amerikana.

For Urzabia, moving to the states had been a long term plan of hers, but it took her years to get hired as timing for new teacher positions wasn't convenient.

In the Philippines, she started out teaching middle school students. However, mid-year she saw an opening at Huron High School. Previously, she had taught English and Research subjects. Therefore, she had a good chance to earn a position at Huron High School.

Filled with excitement to make

the transition, Urzabia made the change to come to the U.S. Urzabia filled out an application for freshman English and was granted the position.

All in all, Urzabia is thankful she for the opportunity to transition to the U.S., and she is glad everything went smoothly.

Although she went through a lot of preparation to be here, she said she enjoyed the trip and wouldn't change anything about the long haul over.

Ethnic traditions of Christmas

BY DARLENE KRAMER

Plenty of students at HHS celebrate Christmas. However, not everyone celebrates Christmas the same way, especially students whose families root from different countries. A few students were kind enough to share their personal Christmas experience. There are many similarities to the "norm" of Christmas celebration.

A senior whose family is from Thailand, involves church in their celebration. The Saturday before Christmas, her church performs a play, and exchanges gifts with other church members. Teenagers and toddlers are gifted clothes, while adults are gifted dishes. Such dishes include plates, cups, and cooking sets. On Sunday, during their church service, the church hosts a Christmas feast. A lot of the food that makes up the feast is brought by the families that attend the church. It consists of pork, goat, beef, salad, and many varieties of drinks and soups. Ever since she can remember, Christmas has always been



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY TATIANA ORELLANA

Orellana is decorates her Christmas tree with her baby cousin.

known as a celebration of Jesus' birth. When asked if she's going to celebrate the same way when she is older with her own family she responded, "Yes, I would [will] celebrate Christmas to show my family how important it is to celebrate Christmas, and the meaning

of Christmas.

Tatiana Orellana, is a sophomore from El Salvador, celebrates Christmas on December 24, instead of December 25. Her family eats panes rellenos, tamales, and poncho de fruta. Which translates to filled bread, tamales, and fruit punch. It's

not the typical fruit punch that comes to mind. It's hot fruit punch made with fresh and dried fruits. Toys, electronics, and clothes are gifted. Her family is closer during this holiday. Orellana wants to continue this tradition with her own family.

Another sophomore, Ani Ramirez Bartolon, roots from Guatemala. Her family also eats tamales and drinks ponche de frutas. Usually her family puts lights around the house, or around the trees in her front yard. During Christmas her family is much closer. They have celebrated Christmas like this since she was around six years old. She also wants to continue these traditions with her family. She "...would be so glad to do so."

Although these students originate from different countries, their traditions aren't very different than how the vast majority celebrates. The food is related to meals and drinks the students eat regularly. Do you see any similarities from their traditions to personal ones?

Goodbye small town, hello big world

BY JOSALYN HEPPER

Jack Mitchell, sophomore, went on a trip to Dubai with his dad on October 24, and stayed all through October 31. Mitchell said he accompanied his dad on a work trip. He said that the hotel they stayed at was pretty cool and the people were nice.

Mitchell had two top favorite places that he liked the most out of everything. These were the Burj and skiing. He liked the Burj, because it was so high up. Skiing was described as an awesome experience. Since it was 90 plus degrees or more in Dubai, Mitchell was able to ski indoors.

When asked if he didn't like anything about Dubai, he replied with, "No, everything in Dubai was super cool and clean." Mitchell rated the trip a 10 out of 10 and said, "It was fun just hanging around with my dad."

Another student that took a trip out of state was Haiden McCloud. McCloud went to San Diego on November 5, and stayed there until November 8. He went to San Diego to run half a marathon, McCloud signed up for this in the month of July.

He decided to sign up for the half-marathon to start training for hockey. McCloud said, "It's a lot easier than you think to run half a marathon." While he was there he visited Ocean Beach, and said that it was his top favorite thing there.

McCloud mentioned that it was a lot of relaxing and eating a lot of food. He said, "I tried goat cheese, it wasn't very good, but it's always good to try something new." For the whole trip, McCloud rated it an eight out of ten. He wished it was longer and a little more in the summer.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JACK MITCHELL

In the first photo Jack Mitchell and his father, Tony Mitchell, are enjoying the indoor skiing resort. The resort, Ski Dubai, is located in the Mall of Emirates. In the second photo, McCloud stands first on the podium for placing in the top five in his age group. Although McCloud placed second, he stood on first due to no one else showing up for photos.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY HAIDEN MC CLOUD

Top 15 Peculiar presents

BY KENZIE PAULSON

When asked about the funniest or quirkiest gift they've ever received, the majority of the HHS students said they've gotten coal or a pair of underwear, but there were a few presents that stood out.

"Toilet paper"

"A back scratcher"

"A mug with an old man on it"

"A new sister"

"Grapes"

"A jar of pickles we called Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"

"Pomegranates"

"A lot of boxes"

"Potato"

"A fluffy notebook journal with a singular piece of gum and a necklace with a duck on it"

"Wasabi candy canes"

"Crochet toilet seat cover"

"A razor for my legs from my dad"

"A pair of socks with my mom's face on them"

"A model phone"

Zodiacs as Christmas movies

BY KENZIE PAULSON

Aries (March 21-April 20) - Krampus

This movie takes a different approach to the holiday season with it being one of the few Christmas-themed horror movies out there. Aries are natural born leaders and are often called the pioneers of the Zodiac signs.

Taurus (April 20-May 21)

Unaccompanied Minors

Taurus are head-headed, but are very dependable and love to live in the moment. This movie where five kids run wild in the airport on Christmas Eve, facing trouble and having fun, is just like a true Taurus.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Home Alone

Geminis are introverted but loud and very clever; they are also impulsive just like Kevin in the movie *Home Alone*. Left alone in the house over Christmas vacation, Kevin has to set traps and learn to survive the holidays all alone.

Cancer (June 21-July 23) - Elf

Buddy the Elf is loyal, caring, sensitive and family oriented, just like a Cancer. Buddy is very layered, making *Elf* a good representation of a cancer.

Leo (July 23-August 22) - The Grinch

Leos love to be the center of attention, have a lot of jealousy and are known to have big personalities, explaining the grinch perfectly.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) - The Nutcracker

Virgos are known to be perfectionists. In many ways they are known for their attention to details, just like a ballet the Nutcracker Ballet in this case.

Libra (September 23-October 22) - A Year Without a Santa Claus

Libras need balance, two sides to every story, and in *A Year Without a Santa Claus* we are introduced to Heat Miser and Snow Miser, a perfect representation of two sides to every story

Scorpio (October 23- November 21)

The Nightmare Before Christmas

Scorpios are very complex and mysterious and aren't afraid of anything, making Jack Skellington and the *Nightmare before Christmas* an ideal movie for them.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21)

Polar Express

Sagittarius love to explore the unknown, are fearless and want to know about everything they can. *The Polar Express* is a movie about a boy who wants to believe in Santa and goes on a journey to prove it to himself

Capricorn (December 21-)

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Capricorns want to prove their own abilities to themselves. Never looking for attention, they are drawn into it just by being themselves, just like Rudolph and his bright red nose.

Aquarius - The Muppets Christmas Carole

The muppets put a little twist on the original Christmas Carole, Aquarius are big on individuality a love putting their own unique twist on life.

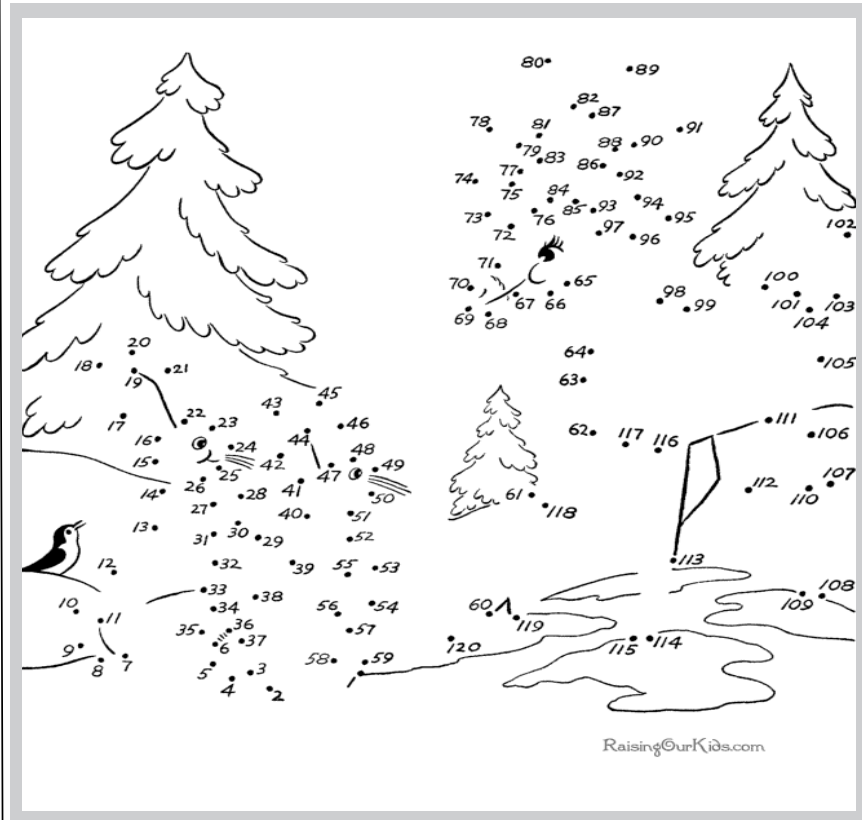
Pisces - A Charlie Brown Christmas

Pisces can be incredibly childish and very grown up at the same time. Pisces are emotional and are big dreamers. Like the *Peanuts* movies, they combine all of these traits together to get along with everyone.

A reindeer visits

BY DARLENE KRAMER

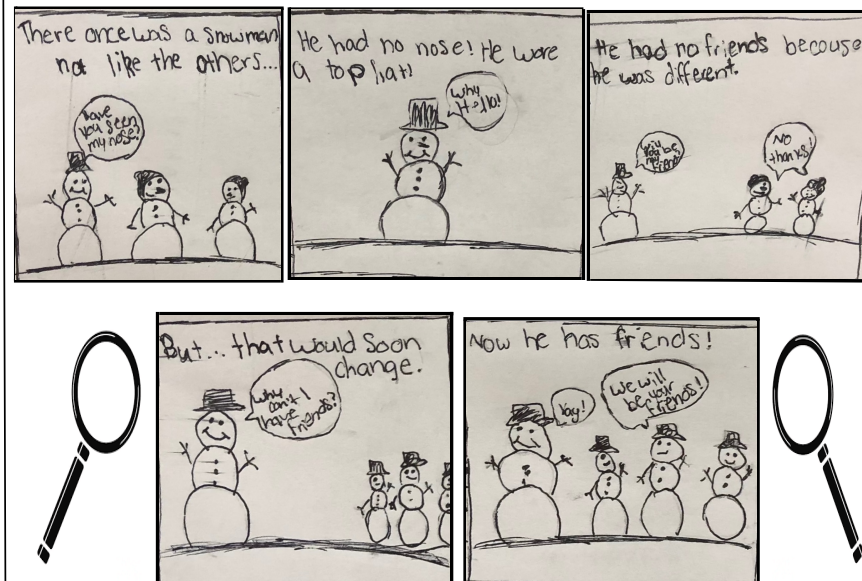
Who is the reindeer visiting? Connect the dots to find out.



“The Hunt for Friends”

BY BREE ANN FRIESEN

This comic is about a snowman on the hunt for some friends after being bullied. He is being bullied for wearing a tophat instead of a beanie, and not having a nose. Eventually he finds a group of snowmen with no noses that wear tophats as well. Now he has friends. If interested in submitting a comic to the *Tiger Stripes* please email to Sarah.Rubish@k12.sd.us



'Tis the season

BY MADISON FRAZIER AND MADISON PERRY

From left to right, top to bottom: Madison Frazier, Tatum Peterson, Noah Beck, Eh Ku Shee, AnneClaire Rubish, Katie Schoenfelder, Kylie Hanebuth (with family), Heaven and CJ Gainey, Mrs. Kaufman, Emily Dale, April and Benjamin Ahlers, Darlene Kramer (with family), Mia Kesterson, Quincee, Quenton, and Brailey Walls (with family), Migdalia Monterroso Rodriguez, Allison Janes, Lizzie Gilbert (with siblings), Paycee Head, Zoe Martin, Greta and Grady Bott, Lexi Krueger, and Aurora Dreyer.

