



Gaffer to end 40 years teaching at HHS

BY GRACIE WARREN



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Mitch Gaffer stands in front of some of his team's many trophies. Gaffer's room is full of photos and mementos of his years as a teacher and coach.

After 40 years at HHS, Mitch Gaffer will retire this year from teaching speech and debate classes as well as coaching the speech and debate team.

Prior to coming to Huron, Gaffer was an assistant coach for two years at Vermilion High School, and spent one year at USD as the head debate coach.

When asked if he is looking forward to retirement, Gaffer replied, "Yes, I'm looking forward to it. As I get older, I find it harder to do what I've done for the past 43 years. I'm ready to take life a little slower. I have plans to write a book about teaching and my experiences in education, but mostly, I plan on doing what I do now but slower and more often: playing guitar in my basement studio, visiting grandkids, reading for pleasure (not grading assignments!), traveling, seeing concerts, etc."

Gaffer expressed that he will miss the respect and appreciation that HHS

has offered him. He even adds that he'll come back to help volunteer if needed.

Gaffer has had an impact on many, many people over the years, both students and staff. One of those is teacher and alumnus Benjamin Halbkat who stated, "It's very much a bittersweet sensation, because of my entire high school life and six years I've been teaching, Mitch has been a very influential mentor. He has taught me and shown me the ropes of coaching, and has honestly become a very good friend. I am not sad that he is retiring, but it will leave a big hole once he is gone. It will be a different dynamic when he is not at the school."

Gaffer's retirement begs the question of who will replace him. Current oral interp coach, Laura Iverson, will step into the role.

When asked how she feels about this new position, Iverson states, "I know that I have big shoes to fill."

So long, Swenson

BY SHAR SER

Concluding a long career teaching welding and automotive classes, Jerald Swenson is retiring after 26 years at Huron High School.

Swenson is looking forward to a calm and relaxing retirement.

He also plans on starting a small custom welding and repair business in Huron.

Another thing he's looking

forward to is attending the races all summer and traveling to Florida.

Swenson is most excited about the freedom in his retirement. He says, "Just like the seniors this year I am looking forward to not having to follow a schedule every day. Now I'll be able to do what I want when I want every day."



PHOTO BY SHAR SER

Jerald Swenson and his welding class are working on a project for his garage. They are building a cart for torch tanks.

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Seniors discuss skip days, senior trips

BY EMMA AHLERS

There are always big discussions among seniors on what they want to do for a skip day and when they will do it.

Some of the seniors also like the idea of a potential senior trip. What are some of the ideas that they have?

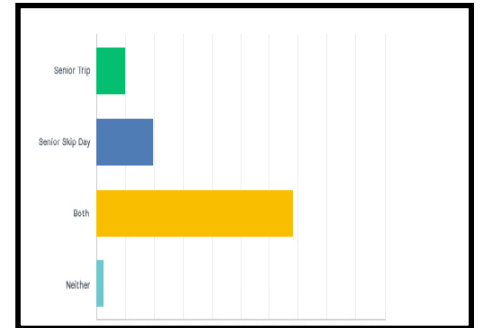
The *Tiger Stripes* surveyed the senior class asking what they would like to do for a skip day or senior trip. For a skip day, lots of people responded to the survey by stating that they would simply like to sleep in or hang out with friends. There were also some more specific ideas, like getting together in large groups and getting brunch, going to the movies, or going bowling.

As for a senior trip, there were multiple locations people had in mind. Most people said they would want to go to Sioux Falls or other towns in South Dakota like

Mitchell or Rapid City. Others mentioned going out of state or even out of the country.

Personally, I like the idea of having a dedicated activity for a senior skip day. It could be really fun to go with a group of friends and just goof off and have fun together. Since there are not a lot of choices in Huron, I think the idea of going out of town for the day would also have exciting opportunities.

Organizing a senior trip would definitely be difficult, but it could be fun as well. It would be a great way for the seniors to create great memories. The main problems that I could see coming from trying to do a senior trip would be deciding the location, overall costs, and organizing what the class would want to do in the place they would decide to go.



GRAPH FROM SURVEY MONKEY

An overwhelming majority of the the students who responded to the survey voted that they wanted both a skip day and a senior trip. Out of all of the responses, a very small minority voted that wanted neither of those options.

Senior skip days are not sponsored or sanctioned by Huron High School

Overcrowded parking lots cause frustration

BY KIRSTEN DEGEEST

As everyone at HHS knows, we have started a long-awaited addition to the school. With that being said, a lot of our parking spaces have been taken over due to construction, and I, personally, have an issue with this.

I find it very frustrating when I get to school and there are no parking spaces. Considering the low number of parking spots, students have started parking in places that are not technically spaces. This seems reasonable to me because, in most cases, it does not hurt anything; in the cases where they are blocking traffic, however, I do agree that is a problem.

As a senior, I have open campus every other morning. When I use this open and show up at 9:30, there are no open parking spaces in the east parking lot. This is very annoying, because I should not have to skip one of my opens (which is something every student looks forward to and works hard for) just to be able to get a spot. Going off being a senior, I also think the east parking lot should be a junior and senior parking lot, especially now with all of the construction. I am getting burnt out, and when I still show up and cannot park, it is upsetting.

Not only this, but students are starting to get parking tickets for parking in those triangle spaces. If we are expected to come to school, then we need a place to park or be told where to park.

Instead of being so abrupt, they should have handled the parking situation differently, like providing us with an alternative solution.

~ Senior Val Hohn

I know there is the argument that some schools do not have space for their students to park so they pay for a spot, or do not drive, but I do not think that is a fair or valid argument in the case of Huron High School.

This should have been thought through at the start of the year or before construction began. I think the students think this is a bigger issue than the administration does because it is incredibly frustrating not being able to park.

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Opinions vary on prom vs post prom

BY JILLIAN RENO

Prom and post prom are two exciting events that the Huron High School students look forward to. While prom is the big night where everyone dresses up and goes to dance, post-prom is what takes place after prom, giving students more chances to have fun and play games together.

Many students at HHS have different opinions on prom and post prom. About 38 percent favor post-prom, where only five percent prefer prom. A handful of students said they would like to have better music, and more space to dance and take pictures at prom. According to Allison Janes, senior, she stated, "I really liked post prom the last two years, but I also love the dance at prom because it is so much fun." Although, there are some dislikes from prom, students do enjoy the dancing, dressing up, and being with friends. Anyone who has the chance to go to prom should use it to their advantage, and have a great night with their friends.

Even though post-prom is preferred to prom, students want to make it better by having more free food, and more games like karaoke. Some also believe that the seniors should get first choice for the prizes. Currently, both juniors and seniors have a fair chance at winning some big or little prizes; however, a rule was made last year that certain college gifts will be for seniors only.

There are many reasons why post prom is favored over prom. Lots of students' responses said their favorite part is the games. The games are relaxing and exciting at the same time because they allow people to escape from reality while still engaging in competition. The more games played and won, the more chances there are to receive a prize at the end of the night.

Post prom is also a time for relaxing and being comfy. This is especially nice after being dressed up and taking pictures at prom.

Just because more people prefer post prom over prom doesn't make one better than the other. It's mainly reliant on certain opinions and beliefs. 33 percent of HHS students enjoy both, but there are 24 percent that don't think either is any fun. Prom and post prom both have their highs and lows and the potential of being really fun. It's mainly what the people who show up make out of it.



PHOTO BY SARAH RUBISH

The vibrant crowd of HHS students attend post prom and anxiously await the prize giveaways. Last year there was a mix of smaller and larger prizes up for grabs, which brought everyone together to see what they could potentially win.

Students testify at SD State Legislature

BY LILY HALTER

On Monday, March 3, sophomore Izzy Schafer and I went to Pierre to speak at the Capitol in a Senate State Affairs Committee meeting about House Bill 1259. This bill would prohibit transgender individuals from entering a restroom of the gender they identify with.

The bill would not logistically change anything for most students. One would still go into a stall, lock the door, and do what they need to.

Personally, I think there is no point to this bill. When I'm using the school restroom, I'm not concerned about who is in the stall next to me. I'm usually just

trying to get in and out as fast as I can due to our five minute passing period. This bill is just harmful to the small percentage of transgender students, those who are already fearing getting bullied just for being who they are.

I spoke to Schafer about her thoughts on the situation. "It's very frustrating to see that we still allow these differences to completely divide us," she says. It's saddening to see that our community is so discriminatory towards these students.

We only found out we would be speaking two days prior, so there was not a lot of time to be nervous about it. When

asked if she was scared to speak in front of the committee Schafer said, "No, they're just people. They deserve the same respect they give us, so no, I wasn't scared."

When asked if she would return to Pierre to speak again, Schafer replied, "Yes, absolutely, it's important to show people, especially those of us in high school, that we care about these issues and that we also have a voice."

The bill passed in the senate on March 10, was sent back to the house floor on March 11, and unfortunately was recently signed by Governor Rhoden, meaning it will become law in July.

Springtime steak showdown

PHOTOS AND ARTICLE BY ETHAN NEMMERS

With the weather warming up, the *Tiger Stripes* staff decided to have a competition of who could make the better steak: Kolby Hofer or Colton McNeil. During fourth period one day, they went next to the shot put pit and both cracked open their portable grills, fired up the burners, and threw their cuts of meat onto those grills.

Hofer's plan was to cook the steak to medium rare at roughly 145 degrees Fahrenheit. He put the steak on a piece of tin foil on the grill to try and keep the steak juicy. He then threw on lemon pepper and Farm Dust seasoning, and rubbed those seasonings in on both sides of the steak. Hofer said that the secret to making a great steak is keeping it juicy.

McNeil's plan was similar in the temperature and doneness of the steak, but he, however, preseasoned his steak with pepper and Lawry's seasoned salt. McNeil decided to put the steak right on the grill with no tin foil inbetween.

After the taste testing, there were many ranging opinions on how each steak had turned out. Hofer's steak was bigger in size than McNeil's, but McNeil's steak had a better char. Some, on the other hand, preferred the flavor and juiciness of Hofer's steak. The consensus among everyone was that both steaks had turned out great and some of the tasters had even struggled to decide on which one they liked more. After everyone voted, the steaks tied at eight votes each.



Both McNeil's (left) and Hofer's (right) steaks were sirloin steaks. Pictured below, from left to right, is Colton McNeil, Logan Leyendecker, Kolby Hofer, and Ethan Nemmers.



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Now I will be able to do what I want when I want."

Swenson said that his biggest concern about retirement is the many projects his wife, HHS head custodian Sandy Swenson, wants him to do when he's officially done teaching.

When asked what he feels his biggest accomplishment is throughout his career, Swenson responded, "I believe that many of the students that I have worked with

over the years only made it to graduation because of their desire to take my classes. The classes I teach show many students a path to a future. I have many former students working in the various industries in Huron. I would like to think that I had a small part in their success."

Swenson went on to say that the most important lesson he learned over the years was, "Lead by example and never compromise your integrity."



Spring baseball returns

BY COLTON MCNEIL

Spring baseball had a disappointing season last year according to the players, but are hoping to come back with a great season.

The team started mandatory practice in the last week of February. When asking head coach, Jason Babl, about how they have been preparing he said, "We started at the PDC [Player Development Center] back in January a couple days a week to get some repetitions. With the nice weather we have been able to get out to the field and get some work on fielding and batting practice."

The team was supposed to play its first games on March 29 in Rapid City, but they were cancelled due to weather. The

season ends in late May with the state tournament.

The team is looking to rely on their seven HHS seniors: Logan Leyendecker, Kolby Hofer, Trace Wenz, Tanner Gilbert, Brady Feenstra, Bubba Peterson, and Jack Pederson. Babl said, "We will rely on their leadership and experience both on and off the field to help guide their team in a winning direction."

One of these seniors is Brady Feenstra. When asking Feenstra about the season he said, "I think the season is going to go pretty decent." Feenstra also said the best part about the season is "being able to hang out with all of your friends."

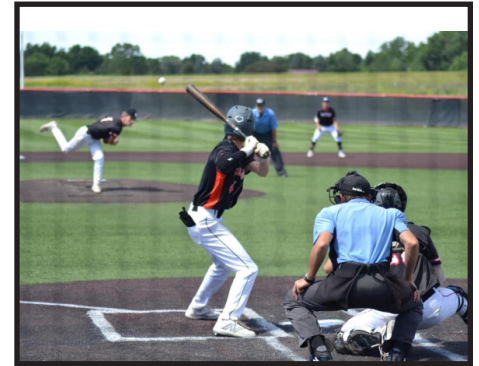


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Batter, Logan Leyendecker, is about to hit a bomb over the outfielders head. They were playing against Brandon Valley in a tournament last spring.

JO Volleyball begins

BY CAMERON RUTH-STYER

Junior Olympics Volleyball (JO) is a form of club volleyball for third graders to eleventh graders.

Some of the students here in HHS play volleyball, and some are even coaching.

Chloe Carr, junior, is participating in her last year of JO Volleyball this spring. Carr has been in JO Volleyball for eight years. When she was asked what the difference between JO and varsity volleyball is, she explained that in varsity season they can play up to five sets per game, and they are competing for seed points. In JO volleyball, they play only two sets, and they are competing to win a tournament.

For JO volleyball, they practice at either the Norby Center or the middle school

gym. Carr's team's coach this year is HHS alumnus Jayda Shillingstad.

Sam Mangmoradeth is coaching her first year of JO Volleyball this year. She used to participate in JO as an athlete, but can no longer participate due to her age.

Mangmoradeth will be coaching the twelve-year-old team this year. She will be coaching alongside Kirsten DeGeest. Mangmoradeth and her team will be practicing on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Mangmoradeth thinks that she will enjoy coaching volleyball because she has always loved playing volleyball. She is excited to teach younger kids about the whole meaning of volleyball and that it isn't always about winning.

Jumping into track season

BY CAMERON RUTH-STYER

Track and Field is a spring sport that involves running events, such as the 100 meter dash or 3200 meter run, and field events, such as long jump or high jump.

Some people choose to do the running events, while others choose to do the field events. Some of the athletes even choose to do both. Kyla Peskey and Emma DeJong were asked questions about the field events they do.

Kyla Peskey, junior, does long jump and triple jump. Long jump is an event in which the athlete jumps off of one leg and tries to jump as far as they can. Triple jump is an event where the athlete performs a hop, step, and then a jump and tries to jump as far as they can. Peskey's coach is Char Carda. Peskey does these events because they improve

her jumping for volleyball and they keep her core strength up. Peskey loves both of her events.

Emma DeJong, senior, does high jump. High jump is an event where the athlete jumps off of one leg and tries to make it over a bar and onto a mat without knocking the bar over. DeJong's coach is Lynn Soward. DeJong does this event because she is tall, which helps with jumping high. She also does this event to keep herself in shape for her other sports. DeJong enjoys her event very much due to how high jump challenges her limits. High jump is better for DeJong because she is not a fan of running but enjoys field events, "Soaring through the air is a mix of my strengths and agility."

Boy's Basketball earns 6th place at State

BY KOLBY HOFER

The Huron Tigers boy's basketball team competed in the State Tournament on March 20 through March 23.

They played Mitchell in the first game of the three-game tourney. After a close first three quarters, Mitchell pulled away and defeated the Tigers 50-41.

On the second day, Spearfish battled Huron in the consolation semifinals. From beginning to end, Huron stayed in control of the game. They defeated the Spartans 49-35.

Finally, in the consolation championship, The Tigers fell one point short behind the Sioux Falls Jefferson Cavaliers. Losing the game 61-60.

The Tigers finished the season earning 6th place. Junior Blake Ellwein was happy with how the team competed and how they did not give up. He stated, "It was sad



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that it was the last time we could play with that group of guys. But I'm glad that we never gave up." The Tigers end the season with a record of 16 wins and 8 losses.

The Huron boy's basketball team poses with their newly earned sixth place plaque. They had fun competing in Rapid City's large arena, The Monument.

Core Kinetics Dance Recital

Seven seniors to dance one last time

BY KIRSTEN DEGEEST



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The girls are dressed in their jazz costumes, as they anxiously await their last recital. They predict this will be one of the longest recitals they have ever been a part of.

Through the halls of HHS, there are students who participate in many club sports. One that seems to fly under the radar is the Core Kinetics Dance Studio.

There are seven senior girls in Core Kinetics this year and most of them have been in dance for 13 to 14 years. They

practice three nights a week throughout the whole school year.

The seniors include Aurora Dreyer, Lily Halter, Hannah Schoenfelder, AnneClaire Rubish, Jillian Reno, Erianna DeVries, and Emma DeJong. These seniors will each perform a senior solo dance as well as a group senior farewell number that they choreograph themselves. In addition, there perform eight other specific styles of dances: hip-hop, ballet, tap, jazz, Broadway, pointe, and two contemporary dances.

Dreyer will be performing the song "Graduation" by Tre' Muava for her solo dance and it will be a contemporary dance. "My favorite dance type is tap and Broadway because I feel like I am decent at tap and the rhythms are fun. But Broadway is so fun because our class gets into the dance so well and we bring so much sass and character to the acting."

Halter will be performing "ME!" by Taylor Swift and Panic! At The Disco in the style of Broadway. "My favorite style of dance would definitely be Broadway; the amount of character you can put into those dances is really exciting and adds a bit of character."

As these seniors' dance careers comes to an end, it is bittersweet. All of their countless hours in the studio will be displayed at their last recital held at the James Valley Christian Auditorium on June 7 and 8, as they perform on stage together one last time.

Musical Month of March

BY ALEC PESTER

March has been a very busy month in the music department. The Madrigals performed with the James Valley Christian Choir (JVC) and the University of Sioux Falls (USF) on March 6, at the JVC auditorium. The Huron High School Orchestra and Band held a concert on March 11, and the Jazz Band and the String Quartet played at Pop, Popcorn, and Jazz on March 24, in the HHS Commons, and the Concert Choir, Mixed Chorus, Prima Chorale, and Madrigals performed their final formal concert on March 25. The event also featured superior-award-winning solos and groups.

Orchestra and Band Concert

Select Huron Band members got to play with the Huron Orchestra. This year the orchestra teamed up with a couple of traditional band instruments. They got to play one piece with them called Symphony No. 1 by Beethoven.

One bass clarinet player had the chance to play with them. Junior, Yoselyn Yanes said that the hardest part, "was trying to fit everybody into one room." She said that her favorite part was being able to experience playing with the orchestra on a woodwind instrument.



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The orchestra worked on their pieces for a few months before the concert. They have one more concert before the end of the year on April 29.

Madrigals performs with JVC and USF

The Madrigals had the opportunity to sing with USF and JVC choirs. One Tigers also got the chance to sing a solo during the concert.

Sophomore Cooper Bischoff says "I think my solo went very well! I had the director from USF tell me that I could get a scholarship from [my solo]. The hardest parts to prepare for were the difficult runs on the end of some verses of my solo."



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Cooper Bischoff showcases his voice during the combined concert with USF and JVC. He performed this solo at contest in February as well.

POP, POPCORN, and JAZZ



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The jazz band absolutely "popped" off with their performance. These three seniors have enjoyed their jazz season.

Pop, Popcorn, and Jazz took place on March 24. The performances consisted of a string quartet, percussion ensemble, trumpet trio, saxophone quartet, and the Huron Jazz Band.

After a quick interview with senior Taylor Lien, this is what he had to say. "I have been playing with the jazz band for two years now and the hardest part has been waking up in the morning to go to practice. I worked on the pieces for about 3 weeks, which is about when we got them. I had a solo in the song 'Take What You Need.'"

There were many people that showed up to the event and Lien's favorite part was getting to perform in front of people that he knew.

After being asked if he would like to perform with these choirs again, Bischoff said, "Yes, I would like to do it again. The singers were nice and sounded good. My favorite part was either singing 'Keep Your Lamps' or listening to the USF choir sing their song that they simultaneously did sign language with."

Destination Imagination

BY ERIANNA DEVRIES

Thinking outside the box



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The Destination Imagination team from left to right: Leo Schumacher, Mylie Byrd, and Tucker Micheel. Their competition season started in the spring.

Destination Imagination is all about having fun and being creative in different ways. Whether those ways are a skit or working as a team to solve problems, the judges watch and score them on how well they do.

HHS juniors, Mylie Byrd, Tucker Micheel, and Leo Schumacher make up one of the Destination Imagination teams. They often practice with a lot of technical aspects. During their meetings they run through the skit or they build and finish a set for the skit. They meet anywhere from the Plains to a friend's house.

The skit they're doing this year is about extraterrestrials. Schumacher, said, "It's about two aliens that teleport to Earth

with 'stars', and they want to find more of them to travel further. They meet a crazy alien enthusiast in the woods and she's lonely so she wants to be their friend, but it never works out for her."

They attend Globals, a world-wide competition, in Kansas City every year. They have to fund the trip on their own unless they get first place at state.

Most of Destination Imagination's competitions last only part of a day. They have fun and try their best whether they're competing or waiting for the results.

When asked what Byrd has learned from D.I., she said, "Destination Imagination has always taught me how to think outside the box, and I've made a lot of cool friends along the way.

FFA headed to state

BY JONAH BECK

The Huron FFA Chapter was supposed to begin their season on March 5, with a home competition, but unfortunately their home Career Development Event (CDE) was postponed due to weather.

That meant that their first competition was the Howard CDE on March 10. Huron FFA had several people do well at the competition.

Brady Meyer, junior, placed twenty-seventh in the Horse Evaluation competition. Meyer has been judging horses since he was eight years old. Meyer is hopeful for state and said, "I think I have a good chance at making state, I just need to have a good day."

Their next competition was in Mellette at the Northwestern CDE. This CDE is one of two district six qualifiers that Huron attended.

To qualify for the state competition you must be either a top five individual, or a member of a top four team within your district. The Livestock Judging team placed third, which was enough to qualify them for the state convention.

The next day they were back at it again competing at the Dakota Events Complex (DEX) on the South Dakota State Fair Grounds. This is the second year that there has been a competition at the DEX and the first year it has incorporated non-animal events.

Huron had several individuals place along with the Ag Mechanics, Livestock, and Horse Judging teams.

The final competition of the 2025 season was the Miller CDE on March 26. This was the other district six qualifier.

Ryker Sawvell, Cadence Mattke, Jonah Beck, Hannah Schoenfelder, Hailey Schoenfelder, Kaiden Steinhoff, Kole Steinhoff, and Brady Meyer, all qualified as individuals. The Veterinary Sciences team



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Huron FFA members gather after their first competition. They were excited for the season ahead

placed fourth in the district.

Cadence Mattke, junior, cannot wait for state. When asked what he is looking forward to most, Mattke said, "I look forward to being able to compete against people that I haven't competed against before." This will be Mattke's second year competing at the state convention.

Sixteen members will represent Huron at the South Dakota FFA State Convention April 3-5.

Celebrating HHS's many cultures

BY HANNAH SCHOENFELDER



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Culture Club students pictured above are showing off their culture while selling food. They enjoy sharing their food with people outside of their culture. Sophomores Angela Reyes (left), and Rosslyn Pineda (right), pictured left, sold candy grams featuring candies from different cultures. They did this as a way to spread kindness and awareness.

Out of the many clubs and organizations in Huron High School, one of the newest additions is the Culture Club. Ma Christina Urzabia, or as many know her, Ms. U, is the official advisor for Culture Club. Urzabia states that "Culture Club is an international school organization that promotes unity through understanding different cultures."

This is the first year in which members of Culture Club have hosted events. Urzabia says that they have done multiple projects this year, some of which include showcasing and selling food from other countries and selling Valentine's cards with candies from other countries.

The next activity Culture Club is hosting is a fashion show. Paw Bor Wah, senior and president of Culture Club, is helping organize the event which is on April 16, at 7 p.m. This activity is meant to show off students' ethnicity through the clothing.

Now, one common misconception is that students need to be of one or a few certain ethnicities to be a part of this group, but that is untrue. According to Wah, you can join as a part of any culture; all are welcome.

To join Culture Club, talk to Wah or Urzabia or email either of them for more information:

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HYLC gives grants

BY MADELINE KLEINSASSER

Huron Youth Leadership Council (HYLC) hosted their grant night March 5 and 6, after school in HYLC's advisor, Heidi Holforty's classroom. This is an event for community organizations to seek funding for projects to better the community.

This year, HYLC had eighteen requests for grants, and fifteen of them received grant money. HYLC students decide who gets the funding based on a variety of reasons. For instance, how the group sees the impact the application will have on the community, and specifically on students and children in the community, is a main factor in their decisions.

The four adult mentors, Heidi Holforty, Teri Mack, Jen Bragg, and Rhonda Kludt are there to provide advice when needed, but the students do most of the work. Kludt, HYLC's community advisor, added "They often times come up with volunteer opportunities that they can do to help organizations fill their needs."

Four of the eighteen applicants received grants in the form of volunteer hours from the HYLC members.

The organizations that received grants are as follows: Little Blossoms, HHS Prom Committee, HOSA, HHS Music Dept., Educators Rising, Madison Books, Middle School Art Club, Pollinator Project, Feed and Read Program (Huron Public Library), Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Destination Imagination, Karen Association, HHS Post Prom, Backpack Program, and Toy Lending Library. The organizations that will be receiving volunteering in addition to or instead of funding are BelieveFest, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Feed and Read, HHS Music Dept., Book Drive, and Backpack Program.

The HYLC foundation gives the award recipients the official check on April 3. The total amount that will be awarded by HYLC to the recipients is \$7,200.



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HYLC students listen to an interview for one of the grants. The students take notes, then confer after if they should receive a grant.

Reno hired as dance instructor

BY EMMA AHLERS



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Jillian Reno instructs her students on a part of their routine. She is also responsible for choreographing all of the routines for her classes.

Jillian Reno, senior, is a long-time dancer at Huron's dance studio Core Kinetics. Along with learning her own routines for her last high school recital, she is also teaching hip-hop to other dancers. The ages of the dancers in her hip-hop classes range from fifth grade all the way to twelfth grade.

She began teaching three hip-hop classes in February of this year. "I decided to teach dance because I have been involved with it my whole life with the competitive dance team at HHS and also Core Kinetics dance. I really started to fall in love with it and realized that I would love to have it in my future. Teaching the girls everything that I was taught makes me happy and I enjoy every moment of it," Reno explained.

After this year, Reno will be taking on more classes at Core Kinetics. Replacing the former teacher, she will be teaching ballet, tap, pointe, jazz, and contemporary. She will start teaching these classes in September. "I will for sure teach Monday nights from 5:30-9:45, which includes six different classes, and also Tuesday nights, which include three classes..." The time for her Tuesday classes have yet to be determined.

Next year, Reno will also be teaching preschool kids and second grade kids along with the current age group of dance students she teaches right now.

Reno looks forward to teaching her new classes. She stated that the thing she looks forward to the most "...is meeting new girls in each class and building relationships with them."

Littlefield directs fan project

BY CONNER HOFER

Movies are some of the most popular forms of entertainment in the world. With all the talent in the film industry, people can only imagine being involved in filmmaking.

Senior Abigail Littlefield took it upon herself to make a film version of a pre-existing musical called "EPIC: The Musical," which retells the story of Homer's *The Odyssey*. It follows Odysseus, who faces many challenges on his journey returning home to Ithaca from Troy.

Littlefield has been working on her adaptation of "EPIC" for a little over a year. Her father's obsession for movies and watching her grandpa do lots of camera work has fueled her ambition for film. Multimedia and Intro to Audio/Visual tech classes have pushed her to major in film production at MSU Moorhead. The goal of her major is to help make films on a smaller scale instead of doing most of the work by herself. "I would be happy with anything behind the scenes, whether that is editing, costume design, or special effects."

There are many challenges when it comes to filmmaking, and the toughest obstacle Littlefield has faced has been finding props, filming locations, and times that work well for the cast to meet together. With filming starting in the summer, these things become more difficult.

The goal of this project is, "Mostly just to have fun with friends and do something creative and fun together." Being with friends have taken some of the stress of funding this project off her shoulders. Littlefield stated, "They're so willing to put on a costume and run through a field with me."

When it comes to the cast, she chose the roles based on the vibes of the characters and her friends' similarities to those roles.

It is safe to say Littlefield will gain lots of experience in the filmmaking world from the production of this project. The film will be posted on YouTube after the long editing process.



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Littlefield's determination and dedication pushes her to work even when obstacles come her way. This project will showcase her creativity.

Gabriel the Microphilist

BY MYLIE BYRD

Micophiling, or mushroom foraging, started before the prehistoric ages and has so many different names such as mushroom foraging, mushrooming, and mushroom picking, but HHS sophomore Keara Gabriel just likes to call it mushroom hunting.

She has been foraging for over 14 years when her parents got her into it. When they would go out and she would ride on their shoulders and she's been a forager ever since. They use the mushrooms for their health benefits, to add to their meals, and for other beneficial reasons.

Keara's favorite mushrooms are Lionsmane for their wonderful health benefits and Ink Caps for their black goop that she finds fascinating. Just a few other kinds of mushrooms around here include Morals, Pheasant Backs, Oysters, Polypores, Puff balls, Chicken of the Woods, Shiitake, and Little Browns. the sizes of all these mushrooms vary from

the size of your pinky to bigger than your hand.

On an average hunt, Keara can find up to two baseball caps full per the designated spot. She normally goes with one or both of her parents but they split up to cover more ground and they are normally there for 1-2 hours per spot and the amount of locations vary on the day. She has very fond memories from her youth. "My favorite hunts are when my brother used to join us. It was a rare occasion, because he loathed it. I still appreciated him being there, despite his lack of enthusiasm."

Keara wants you to know that you should do lots of thorough research before mushroom hunting because there are so many mushrooms that are extremely toxic for you and they can resemble other ones or in Keara's words, "There is a plethora of poisonous mushrooms. Never assume a mushroom is edible and DO YOUR RESEARCH!"



The picture above is Gabriel showing off the bounty of hunt. Below is Gabriel mushroom hunting last summer.

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Jaxon Andru runs boards

BY GRIFFIN STORM



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From the crow's nest, Andru has one of the best views in the arena. There are a lot of buttons so he has to stay focused.

There has been a lot of buzz about the new boards at the Arena. These huge screens require manpower and programming to use to their fullest extent, so Michael Dramstadt, the head of the project, enlisted some help from the student population. Jaxon Andru, sophomore, is going to be assisting Dramstadt with the boards.

Andru underwent three days of training to learn how to program the boards. Andru said, "It took three days to learn the boards. Corey, from Daktronics helped us with the software and told us how to use the new boards. We learned how to use Daktronics editing program to make the graphics we display."

Andru also said that he helped Dramstadt with some of the graphics, but Dramstadt had made most of them. Andru also stated, "After setting up all the buttons, it's as simple as pressing

buttons. Making the graphics and setting up the buttons can be difficult to do though."

The system works like a series of preprogrammed graphics that are manually activated. This also means that Andru has to stay focused on the game and ready to react to fouls or baskets scored by the home team. Andru also has to help get the crowd hyped up by putting graphics on the screen to get them fired up.

The main controls are up in the crow's nest, but the people operating the boards can also remotely control the boards through a laptop at the head table.

As for the hours, Andru said that there are not any consistent hours, but chances are that you can find him working the boards at sporting events at the Huron Arena are pretty high.

Part 2: Where's Wahlstrom



BY LOGAN LEYENDECKER

The highly requested "Where's Wahlstrom" is back for a second round. This activity is based on the *Where's Waldo* puzzle books. The goal is to find P.E teacher Clayton Wahlstrom in every picture. When you think you know all the answers, email a photo of the missing Wahlstrom's circled to Mrs. Rubish (Sarah.Rubish@k12.sd.us) . The first one to email her the right answers will win a candy bar.

