



Pheasant hunters help local economy

BY KIRSTEN DEGEEST

As pheasant season begins, Huron welcomes a lot of out-of-state hunters into its community. Though the hunters are starting their vacations, some students and faculty of HHS are working overtime.

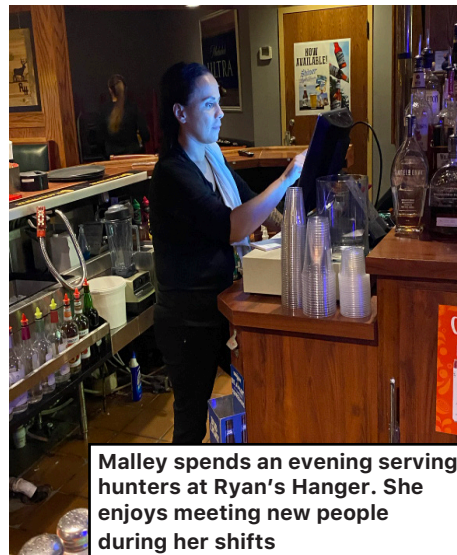
Hosting hunters doesn't just bring profit to the businesses, but also to the waitresses. Sonia Malley explained that she and her co-workers work more hours at Ryan's Hanger during pheasant season. Kristina Johnson, senior, who is a hostess at the Hanger, describes how she makes the most money during pheasant season solely from tips. Both Malley and Paye-Severance said they work more hours during hunting season, but for them it's also the tips that bring in the most money.

Malley says that she enjoys working

during the crazy time of hunting season because she meets a lot of new people. "I served a few hunters in from North Dakota, Missouri, South Carolina, they come from all over," she explained.

Sidney Paye-Severance, a senior who works at the Prime Time, however, disagrees and explains that she does not enjoy working as much during pheasant season. "It's busy all the time, never a slow time." Even though she gets a lot more tips, it's still too busy for her.

Although pheasant season brings in a surplus of revenue for Huron businesses, local restaurant employees all have their own different opinions relating to the customer rush.



Malley spends an evening serving hunters at Ryan's Hanger. She enjoys meeting new people during her shifts

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HHS introduces JAG club to students

BY LOGAN LEYENDECKER

JAG members discuss their meeting agenda in the library. President Kaleb Rashad led the orientation.



PHOTO BY KAYELEIGH BOWEDEN

This year, Huron High School introduced JAG, a new class option for students. The acronym "JAG" stands for "Jobs for American Graduates".

JAG advisor Brandi Fitzgerald stated, "JAG has been a nationally known program for over forty years. South Dakota is celebrating its fifteenth year of having JAG, and this is Huron High School's first year."

There are eleven students participating in the class, and all of them have one common goal: to become successful. "JAG's mission is to empower America's young people with the skills and support to succeed in education, employment, and life," explained Fitzgerald.

"In our meetings we are usually planning events. Some of our past events are the initiation and installation

ceremony and the learning," explains Kaleb Rashad, sophomore and president of JAG.

Rashad appreciates the benefits JAG has to offer. "I really like the events we... For example, we are doing a visit to South Dakota State University for students to experience the atmosphere of college. We also do visits to local businesses to see what fits for us. Another thing I enjoy is that the class is student led. I really like this because the teacher does not have full control over what we are doing and planning," he explains. The members are glad to be able to express their own ideas.

The addition of a JAG class is another way for students to get a feel of what they want to do after high school and help students succeed.

Edgenuity, other online classes, increase in popularity

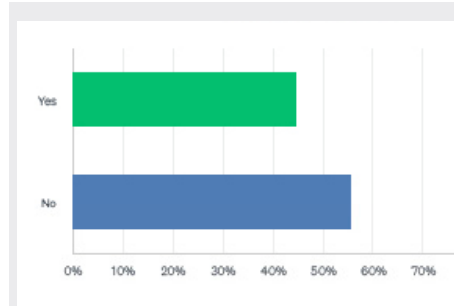
BY LILY HALTER

Online classes have been a hot topic of discussion since the covid pandemic led to the temporary closing of schools. While the pandemic ended, the interest in online classes has only seemed to grow.

Some people love having it as an option, while others absolutely hate the idea of not being in person. There are many students that attend their main classes in-person but have opted to take additional classes through Edgenuity. Edgenuity is a learning program that offers a wide variety of classes for no charge.

Junior Abigail Littlefield currently takes Spanish III online, as they could not fit it in their schedule this semester. When asked what they think the benefits are, they said, "I think there are many benefits through online classes. Things such as being able to work at a pace that feels right for me, not being as stressed about classes, and being in the comfort of my own home but still being able to learn."

Students may see an improvement in



A Survey Monkey shows the opinions of students. About 55% answered that they did not like online classes during the 2020 quarantine lockdown.

their academics while using an online program, as it is typically less stressful and the deadlines are more lenient. Many students view these advantages as potentially being easier in an online format.

Vice Principal Rodney Mittelstedt said, "...some students excel using Edgenuity, while others struggle. It is difficult to

replicate the teacher-student relationship in online learning, so students are largely responsible to figure out everything on their own. To succeed online learners must be highly-motivated self-starters."

Edgenuity, although having been around for years, has been getting a lot more attention recently. After trying online learning in 2020 and 2021, some students would gladly take classes online. When a survey was sent out, about 45% of people at HHS said that they enjoyed taking online classes during quarantine, but when asked if they would take online classes again, 31% said they would not.

After being asked about the rise in popularity, Mittelstedt said, "Not many years ago, it was rare for corporate employees to work from home. Now there are many who do. I think online learning is a similar trend. It allows for flexibility in the teaching and learning that is not always possible through the traditional classroom."

More fine arts options needed at HHS

BY LOGAN GERRITS

The Huron School District has a lot of fine arts opportunities taught by excellent music instructors. Despite having a variety of options available, some students want to participate in different programs than are currently offered.

Senior Cameron Cutshaw is very knowledgeable about fine arts. When asked if he would be interested in new programs being added to the school, he said, "I am absolutely interested in seeing more fine arts. Fine arts is an essential aspect of developing art and community." Cutshaw suggested several ideas such as a show choir, barbershop quartet, and classical theater. Unfortunately, it's unlikely that

all of these groups would gather enough people to stay afloat.

Cutshaw noted a problem to these additions, saying, "Many students at HHS are not involved in any fine arts or extracurricular activities. It disheartens me to see many capable students choosing to not participate in extracurriculars."

People may be wondering if it is possible to request a new program. When asked about the viability of adding programs, school counselor Lacey Wilde said, "It may be possible. The biggest challenges will be available staff, scheduling, and making sure that the course meets state standards."

Beyond that, there would need to be interest in the program from students. If the interest exists, Wilde recommends talking to the teacher who might be interested in directing such a thing. If the suggestion makes it through administration, and garners enough student interest, it may eventually become a program.

I think that creating more fine arts activities would be beneficial to the school. Certain new activities might bring new students into fine arts, and a wider variety of options could also let current music students get more involved.

Thanksgiving break *One extra day is not enough*

BY JACKSON RENO

Students have wanted a longer Thanksgiving break for quite some time, and now they have an extra day off.

In the past, HHS students have enjoyed an early-release day on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, but that never seemed to be enough time. Although many would like more than one day, this is better than nothing, especially because having a longer break benefits students in many ways.

According to senior Dah Christ Moo, the longer break gives students time to focus on themselves and finish more school work.

On the other hand, having a longer break can also lead to students forgetting everything they have learned. If students just take a gander at their school work, however, they will retain most of their lessons.

Jordan Mullen, a teacher at HHS, tells us that the semester will be longer and there is potential to lose knowledge with the A/B day schedule. Classes are every

other day, some being on an “A” day and some on a “B” day. Therefore if you have “A” day classes the day before the break, you will not have those classes for over a week.

With this knowledge, I think it is still better to have a longer Thanksgiving break so students and faculty can recover from school and work before the busy semester finals.

Dah Christ Moo has a strong opinion on the longer break saying, “Time with my family, time to release, and time to get caught up on homework. It also gives time for myself so I can focus on God more.”

Mullen likes the longer break because it gives him time with his family. When asked if the longer break would help him, he said, “Not really for me, I enjoy the extended time with my family and getting to see my extended family, but otherwise I do zero work on break, I don’t grade, I don’t prepare anything. I do nothing.”

Having a longer Thanksgiving break, to me, gives students and faculty time to relax



PHOTO BY JORDAN MULLEN

and unwind. This allows them to recharge before the busy semester finals.

One other benefit to having a longer break is that it allows people to travel and visit families. Since we don’t get a real spring break, a longer Thanksgiving vacation would make up for that.

Five Nights at Freddy’s: amazing adaptation

BY LOGAN GERRITS

It’s hard to believe that the *Five Nights at Freddy’s* (FNAF) movie finally exists. The film has had a long and troubled production, but it was definitely worth the wait. If you’re a seasoned fan of the FNAF series and are wondering if you should check it out, the answer is yes. There are a myriad of references to the entire



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franchise, including the novels.

For the uninitiated, *Five Nights at Freddy’s* is a point-and-click horror game where you must survive though several nights in a Chuck E. Cheese-like restaurant. Since the original 2014 release, there have been several follow-up games and book series.

For years, fans have been drip-fed rumors and vague details about a potential film adaptation being in the works. Because of this, they scrutinized each and every announcement from the series’ creator Scott Cawthon.

The adaptation of the source material was fantastic. Several details were changed when FNAF made the leap to the big screen, but it never detracted from the experience. Local FNAF connoisseur Miles Hofer said, “Even though the movie wasn’t perfectly faithful, each change was for the betterment and digestibility of the film.

Overall, I’m quite happy with the project.”

When I was watching FNAF, I was surprised to see it pushing its PG-13 rating. Its primary demographic is younger kids, so it would be ridiculous to lock them out with an R rating. The film is able to get around this by implying all sorts of gore that would get it stamped with an R. I didn’t mind the adjustments the directors made to get to a PG-13 rating since they did a great job of conveying the terror and danger of the animatronics.

Unfortunately, if you know little to nothing about FNAF, the plot will probably seem very spotty. With no prior knowledge, there are a few plot holes. Regardless, FNAF is a very fun watch that I would still recommend to almost anyone.

I can say with certainty that the film was worth the wait, and I’m excited to see what comes next from the FNAF franchise.

Strict vs. Fun Teachers

BY JACKSON RENO

Having strict or fun teachers has been a debate students have argued about for years. Students at HHS have lots of mixed opinions; however, students tend to lean towards fun teachers or a mix of both. In my opinion, students should have a mix of strict and fun teachers for many reasons

To start with, having a strict teacher means students/people get a lot more done and learn more. But just having strict teachers can lead to high stress levels and anxiety.

Fun teachers can balance out this stress by giving students a period of "relaxed time" to enjoy a subject and socialize. These kind of teachers also have their downsides: students/people may not learn as much, and will not take the subject as

seriously. Mr. Wahlstrom a few words on the subject: "I think that you need to have an even mixture so you keep the kids excited and you get stuff done."

Wahlstrom also thinks that having strict teachers may not be a lot of fun but tend to have better classroom management and get more work done. Fun teachers, too Wahlstrom, make students more willing to learn. Though the classroom management is harder and students fall off task more frequently this way.

Another student, Ireland Hennrich, thinks strict teachers make you learn the material and help you focus.

Overall, having strict or fun teachers has its pros and cons just like every other topic. A good mix of both is ideal.

Every pet deserves a home

BY ERIANNA DEVRIES

The Humane Society has a lot of amazing dogs that anybody can adopt. One of them is Max, a Husky Shepard mix. He is an excited and happy dog

There are also plenty of cats to be adopted, and the biggest type would be black cats.

In order for someone to adopt Max (or any animal) they have to lead an active lifestyle. He cannot sit in a lonely and sedentary home. Max also needs people around to keep him going. Cats, though don't need much

attention at all, they prefer to be alone.

At my home, we have a bunch of small dogs because we are not always around. We

have only one big dog, who is very active with my dad and brother on our farm.

If you are looking for a dog or cat, even a bunny, the Humane Society has plenty of

animals for anyone over the age of the eighteen. As long as all parties are involved in the adoption process and agree, it's as good as golden.

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"The Eras Tour" booms in box office

BY LILY HALTER

Taylor Swift's "The Eras Tour" has taken the world by storm. The singer, who is well known for songs such as "Shake It Off," and "Love Story", recently finished the U.S. leg of her tour and released the film version of the performance in theatres on October 13th. There were a few people from HHS that got to attend both the concert and the movie. Sophomore Chloe Carr was one of these lucky people, she attended "The Eras Tour" on June 23rd at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. When asked if she preferred the concert or the movie, she said, "I definitely preferred being there in person. The atmosphere was incredible and you can't beat the way Taylor makes you feel connected to her throughout the show."

Some crowds at showings of the movie got up, danced and sang along, while others stayed seated and just enjoyed watching. Carr said that the showing of the movie she attended "was a good

mix of both, everyone in the theatre was singing along and dancing in their seats." When I personally went to see the movie, the theatre I was in was very calm and did not sing and dance along. Ms. Velthoff, who also attended both the concert and the movie, said, "I absolutely preferred the concert, in person. The movie was fun, and gave some different viewpoints compared to our seats, but the concert crowd environment was amped like nothing I've experienced, before."

I also attended "The Eras Tour" on June 23rd and was in the nosebleeds, which are pretty far away from the stage, so being able to see an up-close perspective in theatres was incredible. Either way, I definitely preferred the concert. At each performance Swift plays two acoustic songs that are a total surprise to the audience. On the first night Swift performed in Minneapolis, she played "Paper Rings" from *Lover* and "If This

Was A Movie" from *Fearless* (Taylor's Version). In the movie she chose to play "Our Song" from her self-titled debut album and "You're On Your Own, Kid" from her most recent album *Midnights*. Some dislike Swift and find the movie unnecessary, but you cannot deny that she is incredibly successful and is making smart business decisions.

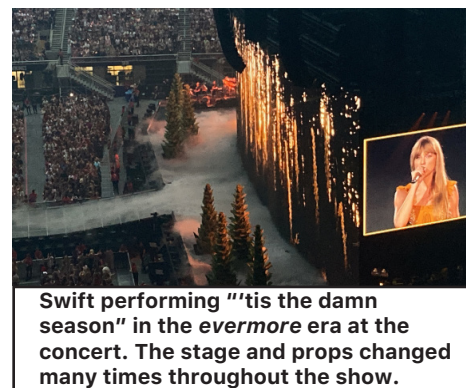


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Lavallee's survey show interest in more public art

BY EMMA AHLERS

Mackenzie Lavallee, art teacher at HHS, sent out a survey back in October asking students and staff about the idea of adding public art to town. According to Lavallee, the amount of feedback the survey recieved surprised her. "It was really awesome to see that people really want to see more art around Huron and seem to have a lot of enthusiasm about participating in its creation."

Seeing that Huron has no public art to showcase its cultural diversity is what got Lavallee interested in wanting public art in town. To her, having artwork that honors

the multitude of different cultures in Huron would be a visually appealing way to welcome visitors and newcomers.

Lavallee expressed that community-based art projects would provide an opportunity for people who don't normally interact to work and create together. "The process of a community-based art project fosters a sense of belonging, unity, and shared responsibility, which is crucial for building a strong and connected community," Lavallee explained.

Huron currently has a few murals in the downtown area. Lavallee wants to see

another large mural created in the near future. "Murals have a lasting impact and can be enjoyed by people of all backgrounds, making them an accessible and democratic form that reaches a broad audience. My selection of a mural as a community art project is driven by its ability to enhance the physical environment, foster inclusivity, and serve as a powerful means of communication."

If offered to, Lavallee would be honored to create her own public art installation. It would be intimidating, but she would love to have the chance.

Paw'dcast up and running

BY TYLER CRONIN

The *Tiger Stripes* weekly newspaper has branched into different sub-groups. The *Paw'dcast* is one of these sub-groups. The crew includes Green Ta Bah, Jack Bales, Aurora Dreyer, and Micah Larson.

According to Larson and Dreyer, the *Paw'dcast* was made to get all members of the weekly involved in school news. The *Paw'dcast* has recently covered how each fall sports' seasons turned out.

Both Larson and Dreyer said that so far, their favorite

episode was of Diego Aldrich. The crew wishes they could do more epsiodes about individual people, and would welcome suggestions from the student body.

The *Paw'dcast* uploads twice a week and are posted on the Youtube channel "HHS Daily Announcements".

Although the show is on break until second semester, the crew is still taking suggestions. Email Aurora (ad4219@k12.sd.us) or Micah (ml4064@k12.sd.us), with questions or suggestions.



The four members of the Paw'dcast pose in front of their logo. They film and draft epsiode concepts in class.

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Students perform at 66th annual Augustana Band Festival

BY MAKEISHA DAVIS



Sixteen HHS students are dressed in concert black at the festival. They performed at the Washington Pavillion on Saturday, November 11th.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KELSEY SCHUCHHARDT

Each year there are a few special performance opportunities giving band students the chance to showcase their talent. The Augustana Band Festival is one of these opportunities.

James Stueckrath, band director at Huron High School, explains the event as "...a band festival with three bands, (Honor, Gold, and Blue) for students from SD, MN, and IA. It is two days where the students get together and rehearse...and put on a performance at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls."

The students playing in the festival all have to

go through a somewhat lengthy audition process. "Students register themselves and give information about past playing experiences," Stueckrath reports. "The festival committee will then send me a list of names of students from Huron. I have to give more information about their playing abilities. From there, the committee places them into different bands." Auditions are open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

According to Stueckrath, 26 students registered and 16 of them were selected to participate.

Changes come to Huron hockey

BY GRADY BOTT

Huron All Stars girl's hockey in Huron has seen a few changes going into the 2023-24 season. Last year, the girls team really struggled for numbers with only eight players for the duration of the season. This year, the numbers are even lower as they only have three girls in high school.

Due to the lack of players, they plan on having a JV and U14 team this year. While most of the U14 team is made up of middle schoolers and elementary students, they will also be playing on the JV team along with the three high schoolers.

In regards to most of the girls having to play both JV and U14, their coach, McKenzie Fisher, said, "I think at first it will be hard... I think as the team progresses it will get better." Juliana Goethel, freshman, who will play for both teams this year said, "I'm a little nervous

that I will be tired because they will be right after each other." The girl's team also got a new coach this year, Alex Sorben. When asked how he felt about coaching a girl's team for the first time he responded, "I think it should be a pretty good season. We are pretty young, so it will be tough with how much ice time they will get with back-to-back games all season."

Another change is that the girl's team will have captains for the first time in years. Jolie Carrillo, senior at HHS, Shelby Timm, a senior from Wolsey High School, and Taylor Sorben, a student at HMS, were voted captains of the team. The first JV game is in Aberdeen on November 24, and the first U14 games will be in Mitchell on November 18 and 19.

There were also some state wide changes and controversy in boy's hockey this year. Due to some issues with the state,

Sioux Falls has decided to withdraw all teams below Junior Varsity from the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association (SDAHA) this year. Next year they plan on completely removing their program from SDAHA and playing in the Midwest High School Hockey League (MHSHL). This means that there will be two less teams for the boys to play against.



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Girls wrestling leads to expansion

BY KOLTON OGLE

With the addition of girls wrestling during the 2020-2021 school year, the facilities have been filling up and the staff running short. The girls' team has practiced and shared the same facilities as the boys, which has put more work on the coaches by leaving them without enough room to run practices efficiently. Sophomore wrestler Kaitlyn Florey said, "There was not enough room to work, and the space became very crowded, hot, and stinky."

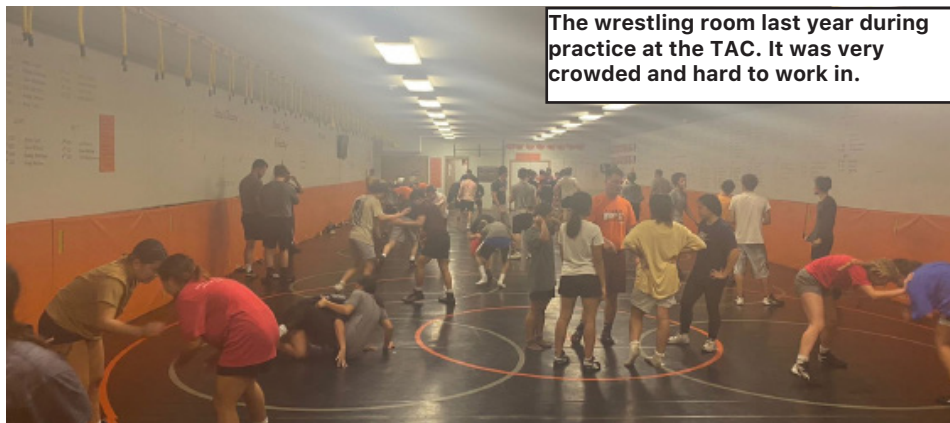
Another problem was the limited coaching. The boys' coaches were pushed to their limits last year trying to keep up with both boys and girls wrestlers. Clayton Wahlstrom, PE teacher and a boys wrestling coach, worked with the girls last year. They tried to separate practices, but Wahlstrom said, "It was very time consuming and tiring for the coaches trying to run two practices in one day." This also meant less time for either of the

teams to practice.

With more girls joining the sport, the need for separate practices had the team looking for a new coach. Dru Strand has been hired to take over the girls wrestling team. Strand, who is also the varsity football coach, has high hopes for coaching the girls team. He has experience coaching girls and has high praise, saying girls are more technical with their moves,

and try to master them all.

Strand stated, "We will utilize more room in the Tiger Activity Center (TAC), and have the practices at different times." Strand hopes having a separate program for the girls will draw more girl wrestlers into the program, and make them feel more welcome. With the new coaching and new plans for the teams, the future of Huron wrestling is looking bright.



Sioux Falls gymnastics trial causes confusion

How it effects the Huron team

BY ANNECLAIRE RUBISH

This past April, the Sioux Falls school district voted to cut gymnastics from their athletic programs. In response to this, many gymnasts' families sued the district for violating Title IX, which protects equal rights for both girls and boys in all athletics. The lawsuit continued throughout the summer, with both sides arguing their cases. It finally ended on October 13, when the judge ruled in the gymnasts' favor, allowing them to have a 2023-2024 season.

This has caused a lot of confusion among gymnastics teams throughout the state. Since the schools dropped the sport, the entire schedule was set up to exclude the Sioux Falls teams from competing in any of the meets. When the judge ruled in favor of the gymnasts, other teams around the state stepped in to allow them to compete regularly throughout the season.

Julie King, the Huron gymnastics head coach, said, "Any time a school district decides to drop a sport it impacts the state...Schools have opened meets up

to the [Sioux Falls] teams so they have somewhere to compete for the season so they do not have to attempt to schedule all their own meets. This will make many meets across the state larger: instead of a dual [two teams competing] many will have quads [four teams competing] for meets."

Huron High School senior Eastyn Eichstadt said that teams might take less girls to meets to accommodate for this change. She said, "There will be less girls in our rotations, five per event instead of six or seven." Although this is not confirmed, it is what Eichstadt thinks is most likely to happen. Despite all this, King also said, "We in Huron have been happy to accommodate the Sioux Falls schools, glad to have them back in the gym and competing."

Before the results of the trial were known, HHS junior Cameron Ruth gave her opinion on whether the loss of the Sioux Falls gymnastics programs would have a positive or negative impact on the

Huron team: "It would be a good thing and a bad thing. It would be good because it would make our chances higher to make it into individually to state. It would be bad because we don't ever wish that a town loses their gymnastics program."

The ruling didn't settle the issue once and for all; it just delayed the decision for this season, so the confusion surrounding the sport will continue to impact teams around the state.



The Huron gymnastics team prepares for practice. Their first meet is November 28.

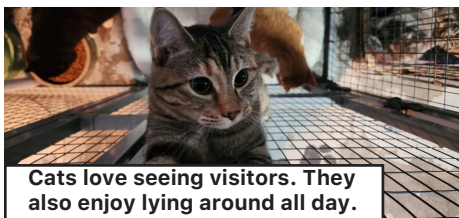
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You can be sure that you will not get any aggressive dogs. Kim Kreuger, executive director at the Humane Society, talks about how they cannot adopt out any aggressive dogs because of insurance. If someone comes in saying their dog bit them, they recommend other shelters or behavioral trainers.

One other detail about the local Humane Society is that they are a no-kill shelter, meaning they don't kill animals who have been left too long.

In the end, "Every tail deserves a happy ending."



Cats love seeing visitors. They also enjoy lying around all day.

PHOTO BY ERIANNA DEVRIES

Hershman named 2023 Wolsey-Wessington area snow queen

BY KELSEY SCHUCHHARDT

On November 4, Senior Madison Hershman competed against other local highschool girls in the 2023 Wolsey-Wessington Area Snow Queen pageant. This pageant celebrates the unique character within teenage girls.

Each participant began the competition with a ten-minute interview in front of three judges who wanted to get to know each girl's individual personality.

After the interviews, the girls put on their formal gowns, and each took a turn walking across the stage to answer a final random question.

After the final question, each contender for the crown made her way to the stage

for the results. When Hershman's name was called as the winner, she was in disbelief. "I was shocked, but also excited," she explained.

Hershman now moves on to compete at the state Snow Queen Pageant in January. This event will take place in Aberdeen



Hershman is crowned Snow Queen. She felt excited about this opportunity.

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Power of participation

HHS clubs contribute to community

BY CHASETY CHRISTENSEN



Micah Larson, Nolan Stahly, Logan Leyendecker, and Kolby Hofer pack bags for the Backpack Program. This activity can be done after school and it only takes about a half hour.

PHOTO BY JEN BRAGG

"It never hurts to be a good person."
~Kelly Hennrich, HHS teacher.

Being involved in the community is one of the most rewarding things someone can do. It allows students to learn valuable skills like responsibility and good communication.

At Huron High School there are many opportunities to be involved. Some of the clubs include: Keyclub, run by Kelly Hennrich; HYL (Huron Youth Leadership Council), run by Heidi Holforty; FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), run by Mike Carda; and FFA (Future Farmers of America), run by Michael Postma.

Some of Keyclub's projects include working at the Kiwanis Pancake House at the State Fair, and making toys for the Humane Society. Their two biggest projects each year are Jack v. Charlie and Trick or Treat for UNICEF. "Jack v. Charlie" is where Keyclub sells raffle tickets based on the outcome of a USD vs. SDSU basketball game. The student who bought the tickets get to decide who'd they'd rather pie in the face — this year it was between Spencer Stahly and Ben Halbkat. The funding from that is going

towards supplies to make tie-blankets, which will be a project for club members. The blankets will be donated throughout Huron. Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is a night near Halloween where students get to dress up in costumes and go around town asking for spare change. Start Strong Zambia was this year's fundraiser.

Aurora Dreyer, an executive member of HYL, is in charge of finding groups around the school and community willing to fill and deliver bags filled with groceries for kids in Huron, Wolsey, and surrounding towns for the Backpack program.

HYLC students can serve on many community boards. Some examples of these include the Huron Community Foundation Board, the Sertoma Board, and the Huron Parks & Rec Board. Students attend board meetings and have input on issues each board is discussing.

HYLC's biggest project every year is the Hegg Brothers concert they put on each December. They find sponsors to help fund the concert, and while it's free to attend, they have donation boxes.

The funding from the concert goes towards their grant night which is when they interview applicants and determine

who will be awarded funding. "It is the epitome of youth giving to youth," describes Rhonda Kludt, an HYL advisor and mentor for over 20 years.

While each club at HHS does similar projects throughout the year, they still have their differences. Some clubs have other things they focus on, and while they aren't necessarily "community service clubs", they still provide a lot of service to the community.

FBLA, run by Mike Carda, started helping with Meals-on-Wheels just this year.

Michael Postma has been the advisor for FFA for 28 years. In addition to other activities, their group provides help at the State Fair at the Cattleman's Concession Stand. Their big fundraiser each year is selling fruit and other goods. The extra fruit left over is given to the Backpack program.



Antony Sorto counts change after Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Keyclub raised over \$1,600 from this event.

PHOTO BY HILDEN HEGG

FFA attends convention in Indianapolis

KAYELEIGH BOWDEN

A group of Huron High School's FFA members attended the National FFA convention from October 3 to

November 4. This trip happens once every two years for the Huron FFA group, but the event itself is hosted every year.

Seven juniors, seven seniors, and five chaperones, traveled in three suburbans for over 24 hours to get Indianapolis, IN.

The FFA group's first stop was Antique Archeology, also known as the official place of the American Pickers.

The second day of the trip, the FFA members started their day touring the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Later that evening, the group attended a Lainey Wilson concert.

Junior Hannah Schoenfelder said, "The haunted house or



FFA students tour the racing capital of the world. They even got to kiss the bricks.

PHOTO BY MIKE POSTMA

the concert was my favorite part of the trip because I know a lot of Lainey Wilson's songs."

On the third day of the trip, the group went to the national convention's session. During the session, members

listened to FFA officers conduct the meeting, and they also got to listen to a motivational speaker.

In total, there were over 60,000 FFA members attending the convention

Advisor Michael Postma has a lot of experience at these conventions. In fact, this was his fourteenth. He explains, "My favorite part of the National Convention is always the Expo. I love seeing all the newest things that companies are coming out with."

On the last day, the group traveled to Louisville, KY, to tour Churchill Downs where the Kentucky Derby is held annually. After their tour, the group got to watch live horse racing. The weather was perfect, making it a beautiful day to watch the races.

That night, they attended Hanna's Haunted Acres, a favorite for many of the students that attended.

Quiz Bowl participates in Q107 radio competition

KAYELEIGH BOWDEN

Huron's quiz bowl team has been working practicing during lunch every early release days. They practice many kinds of questions because their competitions cover a wider range too.

The radio quiz bowl team attended a competition via conference call in late October, losing 3 - 1, to Scotland in the first round. Since the competition was double elimination, the quiz bowl team competed again on November 1, at West Central. The team tried their best, but they lost twice, so they are now

out of the competition.

Ethan Nemmers, junior, recalled, "In our last competition at West Central, one team had above middle placement."

Nemmers also spoke about what it's like to participate in Quiz Bowl. "The hardest part of any competition isn't facing the really good teams, but trying to remember the answers to the questions that we know but can't remember.

Quiz Bowl isn't just about competing, though. Nemmers said, "The most fun of it is just being able to joke around with

your teammates.

According to coach Lindsey Brewer, the next meeting is

December 6, but there are no competitions on their upcoming schedule.



The quizbowl team prepares for a competition in Brookings in October. The team did well, but didn't place.

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Unforgettable HHS pet experiences

BY GAVIN MOEDING

Almost everyone has had a pet at one point in time, and these pets end up being a pretty big part of many peoples' lives. Some would say they are even like an extra family member.

Whether it's a dog, cat, or even a fish, people create all sorts of memories with these companions. Some of these memories can be funny and interesting, while others might be sad and maybe even a little weird.

Carsen Evans, a senior at Huron High School, has had many memories with his dog Murphy. Murphy is an eleven year old yorkshire terrier who is about the size of a shoe, which has made his life pretty interesting "He's been stepped on and fallen on, both times by my sister." Evans explained. Although these heart stopping moments were pretty scary, he's glad Murphy escaped with minor injuries and they are able to look back and laugh about it.

Another HHS senior, Tyson Pfitzer,

hasn't had as much luck with his former pets. One of his first was a crab, which didn't make it very long. "The morning after I got him he climbed to the top of the filter and I freaked out and flicked him off where he then hit the wall and died."



Carsen Evans and his dog spending some quality time together. They were watching Deadpool.

PHOTO BY CONNER JOHNSEN

Pfitzer said.

After the crab incident, he and his brother thought it would be a good idea to get hermit crabs. They would race them to see which was faster, until Pfitzer's crab's leg fell off and he died the next day. Pfitzer also has had two pet hamsters, both of whose lives ended in tragedy. "My first hamster, Timme, escaped the cage and was last seen slipping into the wall, the other one named Timme 2 over-indulged on food and died of heart failure."

Mrs. Dickson, a staff member of HHS, can also recall an interesting moment with a pet. Her brother once had a pet tarantula that he took everywhere. He even took it to college, where it didn't last as long as he would've wanted it to. "When he went to Mitchell Tech, he took it with him and his roommates' girlfriend killed it." Dickson can recall. Although for some losing a pet can be sad, Dickson actually thinks this memory is pretty funny.

Black Friday *from in line to online*

BY CONNER JOHNSEN

Black Friday has been a popular tradition in the United States for many years. This event, where shoppers from all over the country rush into stores to get the best deals, takes place annually, the day after Thanksgiving.

The first year that Black Friday occurred was in 1951. Every year since, the tradition has grown more popular and expanded to include the whole country. Stores now use the month of November to promote their Black Friday sales.

The term "Black Friday" was originally used to describe bad events or situations throughout history. Black Friday was actually named by Philadelphia police officers. They reported an influx of shoppers the day after Thanksgiving during the 1950's. They referred to the situation as a Black Friday because they had to control big crowds of people. The name gained momentum and is now

commonly used.

Black Friday sales began to rise in the 1970-80's. Retailers became more competitive and expanded their marketing efforts. Stores all over the country began to offer sales that customers couldn't ignore.

In today's market, stores have all kinds of items on sale. Customers can find discounts on anything from toasters to phones.

Wade Stobbs, HHS teacher, targets electronics on Black Friday. He said he does this because electronics always have the best deals.

With all of these amazing deals, people used to rush to the stores. In past years, it wasn't unusual to see customers waiting outside of stores hours before they opened. Although after COVID those habits began to fade. Since 2020, many people have resorted to online sales.

Jaylee Noyes, HHS senior, shops both

online and in store. When she shops in stores, she usually goes to Rapid City or Sioux Falls because they have more options. Some of the stores she goes to include: Walmart, Scheels, and American Eagle. When shopping online, Noyes visits any stores she didn't get to, or any stores that had long lines.

It is very common for people to shop online in today's age. This is especially true around Black Friday. Online shopping makes it easier for people to get what they want when they want it. When asked how much of her shopping she does online, Noyes replied, "I would say about half."

Black Friday is still a very popular day around the country. Whether it's in stores or online, people take advantage of Black Friday sales. This tradition adapts as our society changes and it continues to thrive. Black Friday may change, but it will remain popular for many years to come.

Blut Kue Ler shares her piano prowess accompanying at weddings

BY CADENCE KOHEL

Huron High School junior Blut Kue Ler has a hidden hobby. For the past nine years, Blut has been learning how to play the piano. Blut originally learned how to play from her mother, but then started taking lessons with Tricia Larson.

Since Ler plays her piano at church services, she was asked this past summer, by her fellow church members and friends to perform at weddings.

Blut practices at least once a day, and when a wedding is coming up she practices for at least an hour a day. She also rehearses with the bride. If the couple is unsure of what they want played, Blut plays pieces from her repertoire, and they choose the ones they like.

She says, "The first time was definitely nerve racking, my hands were all sweaty and it was hard trying to be professional and excited at the same time."

When asked what her favorite memory from performing is, she responded by saying, "My favorite memory from playing at weddings has got to be the time I was at an outdoor night rehearsal. There were so many mosquitoes and my friends were slapping them off of me while I was playing through the whole thing."

Out of all the songs Ler has performed, she says, "My favorite piece to perform was 'I Can't Help Falling in Love with You' because it was absolutely beautiful with the cello."

A piece of advice from Blut for those interested in someday playing at weddings themselves: "I would recommend really practicing and getting your music down ...try not to let the pressure get to your head because everyone is just trying their best to make the day as perfect and fun as possible."

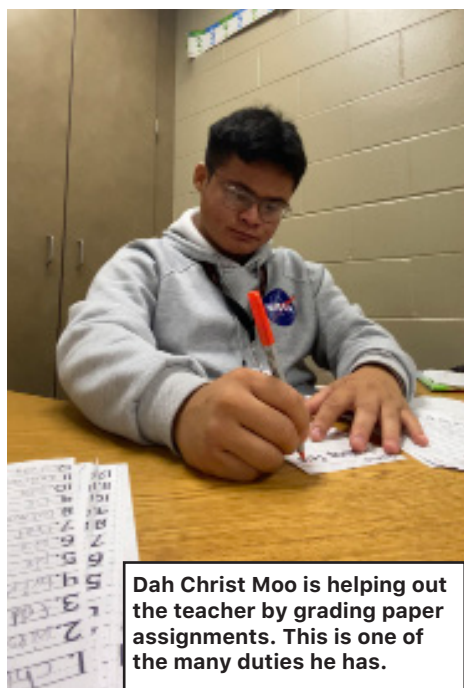


Junior Blut Kue Ler smiles as she plays the couple's song of the night. The song was "Beautiful In White."

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Bilingual teacher assistants help throughout district

BY CONNER JOHNSEN



Dah Christ Moo is helping out the teacher by grading paper assignments. This is one of the many duties he has.

PHOTO BY DAH CHRIST MOO

Students at HHS are given the opportunity to be a teacher's assistant (TA for short). These students are responsible for helping teachers in their classes.

Teachers assistants do many different things to help out, including grading papers and providing individual attention to kids who need it.

A few of these individuals who TA are also bilingual. Not only do they do normal TA activities, but they also help translate different languages.

TAs can choose from any school in the district as long as they are approved by the teacher they would like to TA for and the principal.

Many of these students choose to TA at Madison Elementary School because in addition to earning credit, they are paid for their time. According to Kristin Wheeler, HHS counselor, Madison School is able to pay due to a grant. At other schools, students are volunteers.

Dah Christ Moo, HHS senior, became a teacher's assistant last year during the second semester. He helps TA at Madison Elementary School in a second grade classroom. Moo is bilingual, speaking both Karen and English.

When asked what he does to help the teacher he replied, "To help the teacher, he usually has me help with the students who are behind or need more help on the homework." Moo also helps translate when he needs to. Some of the struggles he faces by being a bilingual TA include the different dialects of Karen and remembering some of the words.

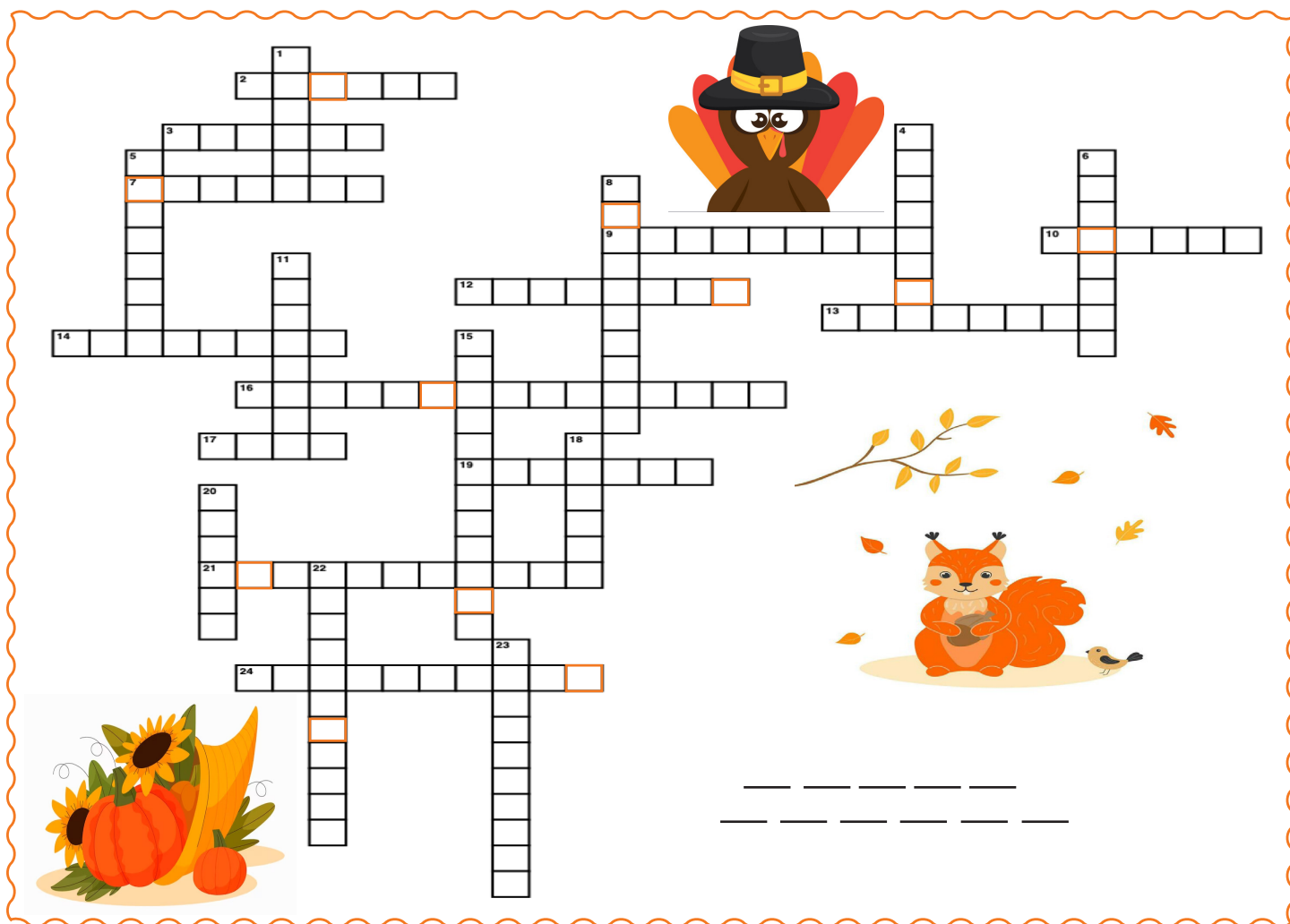
Moo doesn't just TA for the money he earns. "I honestly just love helping out the kids and it relieves some stress built up from school too," he said. Moo also mentioned some positives about being a TA which include, playing football with the kids at recess and free hugs from time to time.

November crossword

BY ASPEN WHITE AND OKAY HTOO



The goal of this month's puzzle is to use the letters boxed in orange from the crossword then unscramble the letters to find the words. Email a photo of your solved puzzle to Mrs. Rubish at Sarah.Rubish@k12.sd.us. The first person to solve the puzzle and unscramble the words gets a prize. The answer key will be posted on the newspaper instagram, @hstigerstripes, on Tuesday, November 28. Enjoy!



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Across

- [2] People and family _____ for the holidays.
- [3] Member of the gourd family, classified as a fruit.
- [7] Gathering of crops.
- [9] An English ship that transported families to the new world.
- [10] The staple and centerpiece of a thanksgiving dinner.
- [12] On Thanksgiving, people are _____.
- [13] A bone in a bird where people take two ends, and break it off.
- [14] Where was the first Thanksgiving, _____, Massachustets.
- [16] The people who were in America first
- [17] Is one of the four seasons.
- [19] Who showed the pilgrims how to get food.
- [21] The day after Thanksgiving, retailers offer special prices.
- [24] An ornamental container overflowing with flowers and fruit.

Down

- [1] Macy's Day _____ on the morning of Thanksgiving.
- [4] Who was apart of the first Thanksgiving?
- [5] What day of the week is Thanksgiving?
- [6] Vegan substitute for turkey.
- [8] A desert with a spiced, pumpkin based custard filling, generally eaten during fall.
- [11] Sports fans watch _____ on Thanksgiving.
- [15] Fourth Thursday of November is _____.
- [18] There is a lot of time with _____ over Thanksgiving.
- [20] What do turkeys say?
- [22] A day following Thanksgiving weekend, promoted by online retailers as a day for exceptional bargains.
- [23] Unfermented drink made by crushing apples.