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Upgrades people, upgrades

BY BRAILEY WALLS

The heart of every town is the downtown. Downtown is a place for everyone in a community to come together and to have fun. Downtown is also a place to support and buy from small businesses.

In Huron, the downtown area used to be a hotspot with clothing stores and restaurants galore. Now some of the buildings are abandoned and some of the businesses look run-down.

Not much seemed to change until the spring of 2020, when the Department of Transportation (DOT) said that they were going to rip out Dakota and re-pave the road in 2024. The problem was that a lot of the businesses or property owners on Dakota had with that was the DOT's plan was that they would take several feet off of the side walk. Not only would the side walk be more narrow, but the DOT also wanted to make the road faster so that



Junior Brailey Walls' mother, Staci Parker, depicts one possible look for improvements to Huron's downtown. Parker sketched the drawings according to students' suggestions.

traffic moves more efficiently. These changes would make it so much more dangerous for families or even children to go for walks along Dakota to go to the small businesses.

When word of the plans was heard by the business

and property owners of Dakota, they gathered together to do something about it.

To start, they all wrote letters to the DOT letting them know how bad the changes would be for Huron.

The DOT listened to them and changed the plans to allow a turning lane and to make the parking spots along the street wider.

When the city heard about all these people taking an interest in the downtown

area, they started to think about upgrades. Nothing is set in stone yet, but there are decisions being made. The whole point of these upgrades is to bring the Huron community together.

The most important part of the upgrades is to create a pedestrian friendly, clean, and energetic atmosphere for the citizens of Huron. To make all these changes possible the city hired a person from Sioux Falls that designs downtowns to come up with a plan for Huron's downtown area.

The city is also working with Greater Huron Development Corporation to give the small business and property owners on Dakota the money to upgrade the fronts of their buildings.

In the coming years hopefully the changes do some good, while preserving what is so special about the town.

A month with meaning

BY BRAILEY WALLS

Black History Month, created in 1926, has gotten more and more attention in recent years, but it didn't really start to be celebrated until 1970, when it was celebrated at Kent State.

Kent State was one of the first universities to really emphasize the month. Soon after, many other universities started to join in on the celebration. Eventually, it gained enough popularity that in 1976, President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month.

The designation of Black History Month is meant to celebrate the accomplishments of African American citizens that may have been forgotten or overlooked. For example, Martin Luther King Jr. had many great accomplishments during his time. He led peaceful protests for the civil rights movement. He also inspired thousands of people to join movement to make it much more powerful.

Malcolm X was one of the other very important leaders of the civil rights movement and an important role in black history. Even though Malcolm opposed the peaceful ways of protest that King used, they were fighting for the same thing, to be treated as equals in our society.

At the time of the civil rights movement, women were also fighting for their rights. Some of these women had to fight two fights. Katherine Johnson and Rosa Parks are two great examples.

Although Johnson didn't protest or encourage large groups of people, she still inspired many young people. During her time, it was seen as nearly impossible for an African American, let alone an African American woman to be highly educated and to hold a high profile job, but she accomplished both, graduating from West Virginia University and working for NASA.

Rosa Parks is another African American woman who paved the way for many. Her seemingly simple act of refusing to give up her bus seat had an important and lasting impact. She showed that it was possible for African Americans to stand up to the people who tried to oppress them.

During Black History month, it's important to take the time to remember the many Black Americans who made such a lasting impact on history.

Governor makes headlines

BY DARLENE KRAMER

"Every human life is unique and beautiful from the moment it is conceived. Every life is worthy of the right to live."



PHOTO BY SDPB RADIO

Kristi Noem delivering her 2022 State of the State speech on January 11, to South Dakota's Legislature. In the speech she discussed her plans to restrict abortions in South Dakota.

In the past couple months, South Dakota's governor, Kristi Noem, has made attempts to pass new bills.

One of these bills' main focus was to restore protection for prayer in the classroom. Noem proposed this bill in December of 2021. Just last month, the House Committee voted nine to six to kill the proposition. If the bill was passed there would've been a "moment of silence" each morning in public schools. The bill stated that students and teachers, during the minute of silence, could pray, reflect, meditate, or engage in another quiet activity.

State Representatives found

this bill to be "...personal and not performative..." and denied the idea.

Other bills that Noem introduced centered around transgender women and abortions.

In December, Noem proposed a bill that would ban transgender women from participating in women's sports. The bill was passed on February 3. This bill specifically bans transgender and college-age women from playing on female sports teams.

In explaining her reasons for proposing this bill, Noem said that, "...making sure that girls will always have the opportunity to play in

girls sports in South Dakota and have an opportunity for a level playing field, for fairness, that gives them the chance to experience success."

Noem's abortion-related bills focused on two things. One bill would ban telemedicine abortions, and one proposed to protect a fetus(es) once a heart beat was detected.

Noem brought forward these two bills in late January with the goal of protecting babies and their mothers. She stated in a press release, "Every human life is unique from the moment it is conceived. Every life is worthy of our protection, worthy of the right to live." On February 2, legislators denied the pro-life bills.

There are many South Dakotans' who do support Governor Noem's proposals, and there are also many citizens who are concerned about what Noem is planning next.

Will the proposed bills affect the daily lives of the student body? It depends on the state legislature who must decide whether they are beneficial to the people of South Dakota or not.

Boys' bathroom How to stop vandalism

BY SIKE MA NOKE

For the past few months, even years, the boys' bathrooms have been a hotspot for vandalism. Recently, there have been incidents relating to the proper care and treatment of said place. Certain students have ripped out bathroom stalls, clogged the toilets intentionally, and littered.

The day and night custodians slave away to maintain the cleanliness of the school environment, and by students vandalizing school property, it has made their job even harder.

There may not be a clear-cut solution to the problem, but there are measures that can be taken to mitigate the issues.

The *Tiger Stripes* staff asked the student body if they had any solutions to stop the mischief. Here were some of their answers:

"You could put an ID scanner on the bathrooms and put a door on the bathroom too. You wouldn't be able to open the door without your ID. I think this should be on the outside doors too so we don't have to walk so far just to get inside. Plus with this kids would wear their IDs more often."

Another student replied, "Start taking some action. Suspension,

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staying after school and cleaning, having Officer Hoff run them for vandalism and property damage."

One more suggestion was, "There is no secure way to stop vandalism without putting cameras in the bathroom without violating privacy. I would suggest instead putting a camera outside the bathroom or have a hall monitor to patrol around the bathrooms. That way repercussions would be easier to enforce."

The solutions would have the added benefit of forcing students to actually wear their IDs while aiding the custodians in cleaning up after school.

Although the suggestions may not fully prevent the problem of vandalism, it would be an exponentially huge step towards the goal.

Cultural ignorance

BY EH HSER HTOO

Huron is a small town full of diversity. There is so much culture behind many of the kids in the school; however, there are some kids who do not accept their culture.

Growing up as a kid with so much history from where he came from, I always knew I was different. I moved here when I was just three and adjusting to a new place and trying to learn English and Karen at the same time. My parents were always working when they got here, so they never got to teach my siblings and I about the Karen language. Eventually I learned English through the PBS channel, and since I was more comfortable with English, I chose it over my own language.

Over the years, I've learned to speak my language, but I still don't know how to read and write it. Whenever I go somewhere with my family at a cultural event, I always feel like an outsider looking in. I have always felt like I don't belong.

When watching kids my age speaking and reading my own language better than I do, it makes me feel like I was letting down generations of history behind me. I should have taken more time to know my culture, and I have felt as if



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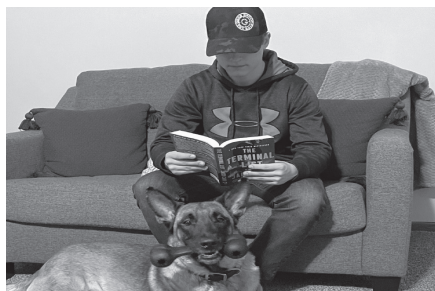
Senior, Eh Hser Htoo (middle right) stands next to Sophomore, Okay Htoo (far right) in their family photo. They are wearing their traditional Karen shirts and dresses. They celebrate Karen New Year together every year.

I have also disappointed my parents. I've distanced myself from my community, but I wish I hadn't.

There is something special about being a part of so much rich history. If you have the chance to get to know your culture, please do because you'll never know if you'll regret it. Don't ignore your culture, embrace it.

The never ending debate: which school rules

BY TITUS PICHURA



BY CALEB PICHURA

Titus Pichura reads his book at home. His couch is his workspace, and he focuses better with his dog, Knox. He has more freedom and time at home.

Amongst students, there is constant controversy over which type of learning is best. Is it homeschooling, private schooling, or public schooling?

Fortunately for you, I have done all three and plan on giving you my personal opinion about what I think. First off on my list is homeschooling.

The main benefit of homeschooling is that you are incredibly independent. This allows you to not only sleep in, but also pick what classes you want and the time in which you want to take them. If you are a very independent person, you will most likely enjoy homeschooling. The negative of homeschooling is that you don't interact with people very much which usually means you won't have many friends.

Next on my list is private schooling. Going to a private school has many benefits: the school is usually small which allows for students to not only connect with each other a lot, but also build real relationships with the teachers. No matter your skill level, you are capable of taking part in any sport or school activity



BY SIKE MA NOKE

At school, Titus works alone on his project. He enjoys the company of other people around him while in school. Newspaper is also one of his favorite classes.

because they always need more people.

Now private school comes with its fair share of downsides too. They are usually very expensive and exclusive. When you're in a private school, you will most likely be with the same fifteen students in every class you take. Now if you enjoy that group of students, then you will have a great time, but if you don't like them all or get tired of being around the same people all the time, then private schooling may not be for you.

Last on my list is public schooling. This is my personal favorite. Public school allows you to meet a bunch of different people and have a variety of many classes to choose from. It allows you to be independent when you want to be and extroverted on the days you feel like it. Though there are still rules, public school rules are much less strict and really allows the students to have a good high school experience.

All three schooling options have their benefits, but personally I would say that the benefits of public school far out weigh the positives of the other two.

Innocent or guilty

BY TITUS PICHURA

South Dakota Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg struck and killed a man walking on Highway 14 last year. As soon as it happened, Ravnsborg called 911 and reported that he hit a deer. According to him, right after making this call, he went in search for the deer he hit but couldn't find anything. The next morning, he went back to the site which raised many eyebrows.

After searching the area again, he found a man who had definitely been hit, lying in the grass right where he supposedly hit the deer the night before. He then reported to the sheriff that he had accidentally run over a man without knowing it.

To me, this case has a few question marks.

First, if I had struck a deer, I most likely wouldn't go back the next day and try to find it. Although what he did seemed mysterious, it's not a crime and therefore with the evidence we have so far I would say that he is innocent. This is an extremely bizarre case with numerous things that don't fully make sense, but we can't send someone to jail just because things don't make sense. It is up to the trials ahead to determine if Ravnsborg is indeed guilty or not.

Now, General Ravnsborg seeks a second term in office. Though innocent, he still took someone's life and as far as we know the situation is still a blur. So, although he doesn't have to go to jail, should South Dakota still vote him in for a second term? I'll let you decide that.

How to get out of the friend-zone

BY: ETHAN HUNTER

Well here you are, struggling with that girl that you want to make the next move with, but you just can't get out of the undesirable zone. The friend zone. Well worry no more, I'm here to help you make that girl fall head over heels for you. So here we go, rule number one. Always make your intentions known, never wait to tell anyone how you feel about them. It's Always better to let them know how you feel beforehand so that they can get an idea of what it would be like to be with you on a more personal level.

Number two, know their standards. What do they value in a partner? Their hair? Personality? Both? You never know unless you ask them. Personally I am a rather dashing gentlemen, but women love funny guys. Next up, number three. Not giving them what they need. What do I mean by this? Well let me explain. One of the most common mistakes women make with guys which leaves them stuck in the friend zone is that they don't trigger their "hero" instinct. The one thing men crave more than anything else from a woman is to see themselves as a hero. Not an action hero like Thor, but a hero to her. As someone who provides them something no other man can.

Number four: You willingly do errands for them. Do you answer every beck and call? Your eagerness to be available for them could be what's ruining your chances in the first place. If she sees you as their go-to shopping buddy, the designated driver, or the one they rant all their problems to, your attempts at getting close to them romantically might only be doing favors for your friendship, not your relationship. When you're around them all the time (minus the romantic context), you risk letting them see you in a familiar light.

Instead of looking attractive, you become familiar and accessible. In other words, you become unexciting. You show them that your role in their life already benefits them one way or another and that there is no need to "level up" to get more out of the arrangement.

Last but not least, Number five: You don't have enough confidence. Maybe you have heard her talking about their ideal partner and realized that you are exactly the person they're describing. So how come you're in the friend zone and other people aren't?

Ask yourself why they don't see you in that light. If you're funny, athletic, smart and exactly what your prospective lover wants, then there's something about you that isn't striking them right. Nine times out of ten it's because you lack confidence.

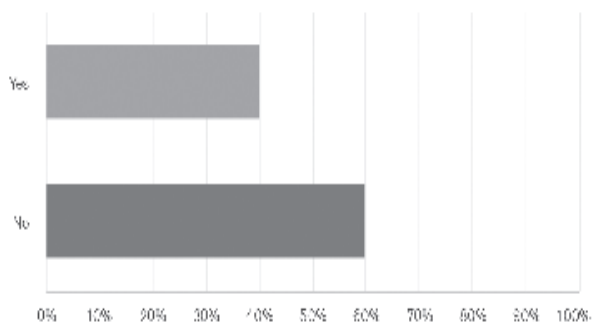
Confidence is just about the best quality in a man or woman, and not having that could really hurt your chances of attracting a potential mate. Confidence makes you look fun, secure, and happy; it's a way of saying "This is who I am, and I like myself." Here's how to fix that problem, Understand your insecurities and don't try to overcompensate to seem confident. Thank you for reading, and as always, good luck out there.

Door dashin'

BY: ETHAN HUNTER

Doordash is a new and upcoming delivery service that is now available in Huron. Doordash is kind of like Dominos. But it's not, because with Doordash you can order food from any restaurant that may not even deliver. The way it works is that you download the application on your phone, then you can choose any restaurant that is available near you in town. Then someone called a "Dasher" will pick up your food for you and drop it off at your door. It's as easy as that. About half of HHS students use Doordash. They all think it is a very useful resource for getting food when they don't feel like getting up and going to start their car, then drive all the way to where they want food. It's so much easier to just have someone do it for you.

Although Doordash can get pretty expensive as you have to pay for your food and you also have to pay your Dasher for getting your food. Students almost think Doordash is a waste because we live in such a small town and it doesn't take long to get anywhere in Huron. They are not wrong, personally I feel like Doordash is only good if you get a good Dasher. Because it seems like whenever I order from Doordash the person that delivers my food can never get my house right. I always have to go over to my neighbors house to pick up my food. All because the Dasher can not read my address. It has happened at least three times and it is quite an annoyance. Like yeah sure I don't have to go all the way to the restaurant to get it but I didn't feel like getting up in the first place.



This is a photo of the survey monkey for how many students at HHS use Doordash. Surprisingly fewer students do use Doordash than students who do not use it.

Comfort foods

BY: BLAKE HOFER

Some people wonder what a comfort food is, and why people have a comfort food. Comfort food is a food that people eat to calm themselves when they are either stressed, bored, or just hungry for a snack. Tiger Stripes sent a survey asking about different comfort food choices and the responses included varieties of comfort foods like pizza, ice cream, tacos, ramen noodles, cheeseburgers and more. Here are some responses from three Huron High School students.

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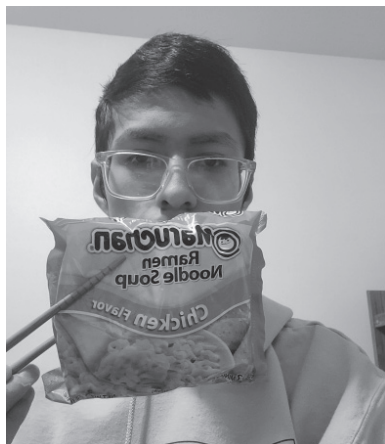


PHOTO BY ANGEL OLIVO

"My favorite comfort food is Ramen Noodles because it is so quick and easy to make and it just tastes so good. I usually eat it when I'm feeling uncomfortable about something and I usually eat one to two bowls."

SEBASTIAN VON EYE



PHOTO BY SEBASTIAN VON EYE

"My favorite comfort food is definitely mini tacos because of how small they are. I usually eat them when I'm stressed or tired and I usually eat about twelve of them."

CONNER HOFER



PHOTO BY BLAKE HOFER

"My favorite comfort food is salami and ritz crackers because I can make a mini sandwich out of it and I like sandwiches. I usually eat eight slices of salami and half a package of ritz crackers in one sitting."

Concert Choir's conference

BY NOAH BECK

On February 10, the HHS Concert Choir traveled to Brookings to perform at the South Dakota In-Service Music Conference. The 68-member ensemble was selected specially for the performance by faculty members at SDSU and has been preparing for the honor since last fall.

The group performed five numbers in their set, all revolving around themes of independence and perseverance. The pieces showcased women composers, arrangers, and authors including Elaine Hagenberg, Sarah Quartel, and Harriet Beecher Stowe. The music itself was diverse as well, including upbeat spirituals and slower lyrical pieces.

Molly Charlson, choir director at HHS, says preparing for the event has helped the choir grow in confidence, musicianship, and camaraderie.

Charlson says she was more picky in her critiques of the choir in rehearsal



The Huron High School Concert choir performs at the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center in Brookings on February 10. The group sang for music teachers and students from across South Dakota and Minnesota.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ANGELA LARSON

and was able to focus more on smaller details. She is also grateful to have had the opportunity to work with college professors from South Dakota

State University and the University of South Dakota.

Dr. Laura Diddle, choir director at SDSU, came and worked with the

group on February 7. When asked what she thought of the group's singing, she described it as, "...lovely, vibrant, energetic, and youthful."

Diddle says the group was selected for many reasons, saying, "I know the quality of the HHS Concert Choir. They are known regionally for being a fun choir, and their director is recognized by the American Choral Directors' Association and respected across the region."

When asked about the future of the group, Diddle said, "The sky's the limit!" Both Charlson and Diddle agreed that they would be interested in doing this event or another collaboration in the future.

Charlson hopes the excitement of singing at the conference will continue in the ensemble for years to come. She believes that the experience has kindled flames of dedication within the choir program and hopes the program will continue to thrive.

Tutoring a new tooter

BY NOAH BECK

The HHS band department is bursting at the seams with musical talent, having three students selected for All-State Orchestra and ten students selected for All-State Band, along with various honor bands and region contests, but one may wonder: Is band as easy as it looks? Can band students share their wisdom with students who have little to no musical experience?

The *Tiger Stripes* staff put this to the test by asking junior Madyson Schroder to teach junior Tate Meyer the trumpet in an hour and recorded the results.

Meyer, who hadn't played any instruments before this lesson, began the lesson not able to even produce one note. Under the careful guidance of Schroder, who has played trumpet for seven years, Meyer learned to play the traditional tune, "Hot Cross Buns".

Meyer's tone may be described as airy at best. Once he learned the proper embouchure, or mouth structure, he was able to produce a few notes. The trick Schroder used to teach Meyer the proper mouth shape is to say the letter "M" and to smile a little while buzzing his lips to make a sound.

After a few minutes, Meyer was able to produce his first sounds on the trumpet. Schroder then taught Meyer the fingerings or combinations of buttons to push to play "Hot Cross Buns".

As the lesson went on, Meyer's tone became more and more consistent and less difficult to listen to. He made it all the way through the song a few times with a few wrong notes, but he was getting exponentially better.

Meyer also learned some maintenance tips and tricks. He learned how to empty the condensation from inside the trumpet using the water keys, and when one of the valves became sticky, Meyer learned how to properly lubricate it.

By the end of the lesson, Meyer



Junior Tate Meyer learns the proper technique for playing trumpet from junior Madyson Schroder. Meyer can now play "Hot Cross Buns" very well.

PHOTO BY NOAH BECK

could play "Hot Cross Buns" very well. Schroder describes Meyer's trumpet playing as "beautiful," and she thinks that he was a very good student.

Meyer claims to have disliked his experience, but it is obvious to onlookers that he enjoyed himself thoroughly. Though he was frustrated at times because he wasn't perfect right away, he always laughed it off and tried again. Meyer's advice for those trying something new is that "You need to work towards things, even if you don't like it."

After this experiment, the *Tiger Stripes* staff concludes that yes, band students can pass their knowledge on to others, but it takes years of hard work and practice to be the best at band.

To see and hear Meyer's progress throughout his lesson, check our Instagram @hstigerstripes.

Solos and ensembles

BY KENZIE PAULSON

Every year in February (excluding the past two years because of weather and COVID- related issues) music students from schools around the Huron and Aberdeen region go to the annual Region IV Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Each student that goes to this has a prepared selection of music they have been practicing and perfecting for months. The contest has become important for the students in the music department because of the work, the time, and the dedication it takes to prepare for. The students attend contest to get judged and to receive feedback on their musical performances. Even last year when students weren't able to physically be at the contest, the choir soloists sent videos to college professors from the University of South Dakota, and the band students hired Mr. Stueckrath's high school band director, Jerrold Heide, who is now Director of Concert and Athletic Bands at Valley City State University, to come and judge them.

Judging is based on a scale from unacceptable (0-10 points) to a superior (26-30 points). Soloists can earn up to 30 points, getting judged on tone, intonation, rhythm, musicianship, technique, and other factors. Ensembles, or small groups of performers, are judged on balance and blend as well, and are scored on a 35-point scale. Music students benefit from this because they are getting professional feedback, which can help them to be better musicians in the future.

This year, Huron students brought 68 solos and 30 ensembles, and received many superior and excellent ratings. These students will receive their awards for their ratings at the music awards ceremony on May 9.

Pep band performs for the people

BY KENZIE PAULSON

People like to listen to music in a lot of different places, whether that's at school, in the car, at the gym, or even while they sleep. Music can have many different effects on people depending on the song choice. Some songs are relaxing or sad, but others can be energetic and lively.

Music can change an entire atmosphere, so playing the right songs at the right time can be important. Playing a slow, sad song during a happy and exciting time can change the whole mood of the moment.

This is why, whether at Tiger Stadium or the Huron Arena, energy-filled songs provided by the HHS pep band during energy-filled games are vital to the outcome of the game.

Songs that the pep band plays, like "Seven Nation Army", "The Hey Song", "Paint It Black", and "Sweet

Caroline" really get the crowd pepped up and ready for the game.

The *Tiger Stripes* sent out a survey and received a few suggestions for new songs to play and some old songs to play more often. The results include:

- "Picture to Burn" - Taylor Swift
- "Blinding Lights" - The Weeknd
- "Hard Times" - Paramore
- "Barbie Girl" - Aqua
- "Sweet Caroline" - Neil Diamond
- "Take Me Home, Country Roads" - John Denver
- "Single Ladies" - Beyonce
- "Enter Sandman" - Metallica
- "We Will Rock You" - Queen
- "Who Let the Dogs Out" - Baha Men

The pep band wraps up its regular season performances this week at the double header against Sioux Falls O'Gorman.

Huron Arena celebrates platinum jubilee

BY MADISON PERRY

The Huron Arena has been around for seventy years. In those seventy years, many things have taken place there. Before the wood floor was installed in 1989, dirt would be hauled into the arena to host rodeos. The arena was used as the physical education gym for the middle and high school before the new schools were built.

The Huron Arena hosted All-State Chorus and Orchestra in the fall and All-State Band in the spring for several years. The arena also hosted both boys and girls State AA, A, and B Basketball and State Volleyball. Teams and fans enjoyed it because at the time, it was the only facility that was attached to a hotel. They could eat their team meals in the Huron Convention Center or Verto's Restaurant (now Ryan's Hangar).

Terry Nebelsick, former superintendent of Huron schools was interviewed on the subject of the Huron Arena's history. He has a wide variety of experiences with the arena. He had the honor of refereeing the State B Boy's Basketball championship between Crow Creek and Northwestern. Later on, he refereed the AA Girls State championship between Yankton and Sioux Falls Roosevelt.

Mr. Nebelsick enjoys the Huron Arena the most because prom and graduation are held there. He enjoys how all the parents and grandparents can watch graduation in the four thousand seats of the balcony.

After the new middle school was built back in the late 1990s, the arena had vacant space upstairs. In 2010, the community supported the moving of the Central Administration and school board offices to the second floor classrooms which used to house middle school band and vocal.



PHOTO FROM THE DAILY PLAINSMAN

The picture above is the Huron Arena right after it was built in 1952. Thirty-seven years later the \$300,000 wood floors were installed, making it the best place to both watch and play indoor sports.

Look good, play good

BY MADISON PERRY

Does sports drip actually matter? That's the question everyone is asking. Some say "yes" and some say "no". These few students have the answers athletes are looking for. For those people wondering what sports drip is, it's how nice an athlete looks before or during their game.

"Nah bro I always look good and play good." -Brandon Decker

"Absolutely, need to absolutely drench the field in drip. Straight tsunami out of the locker rooms." -Anonymous

"Yes and no! Yes, because I feel that when you look good it gives you confidence and to win a game you need to have a mind set of a winner. No, because it shouldn't matter what you are wearing. I mean this in the nicest way possible you could look your absolute best and not have any skills. So what is the difference if you have nice clothes and stuff." -Aurora Dreyer

"I do not believe that sports drip matters because clothes have no factor in playing the game. Although, sports drip can make you more confident and it can also intimidate your opponents." -Anonymous

"To be honest, I think the mentality of being prepared for a game is exponentially more important than what you wear. It feels good to look nice, but personally doesn't effect my performance. I'm always good." -Anonymous

"No, I wore the same cleats all throughout high school, and I still would've been bad even if i got new cleats." -Anonymous

"Yes, but if you have sports drip and suck that's a shame." -Anonymous

"Yes, if you have drip you play better its a proven fact." -Anonymous

"Yes it does. It kinda depends how you use it and who the person is." -Jillian Reno

"No, if you're like me and you like to be comfortable before your game it doesn't matter. Plus there are a lot of teams that dress up and do horrible." -Anonymous

State tournament bound

BY COLT DUNKELBERGER



PHOTO BY COLT DUNKELBERGER

Wrestlers compete in specific weight classes. Bryan Ramirez qualified for state at 285 lb, Moses Gross at 132 lb, and Beauty Moon at 152 lb.

Every year, the Huron Tigers wrestlers get the opportunity to qualify for the South Dakota State Wrestling Tournament.

This year, on February 19, the varsity headed to Milbank to try their chance at qualifying for state at the regional tournament. The Tigers had three boys wrestlers qualify at regions: sophomores Bryan Ramirez and Beauty Moon, and freshman Moses Gross.

On February 24, they will travel to Sioux Falls for the state tournament. In past years, the Huron Tigers have done pretty well at State with multiple people placing and some even winning the championship title. Our last state champion was Tyson Lien. He won first place at State in 2020 and 2021.

This year, in addition to the three boys, four girls will also compete at state: Tori Buffington, Htee Htoo, Ehler Klay, and Kaitlyn Florey. Regions weren't held for the girls, so they qualified for state according to seed points for the top 16 girls in each weight class.

On Thursday, February 24, wrestlers will have their first match in the morning and then a qualifier match later that night. The next day, they will wrestle semi-final matches. For the third and fourth round wrestle backs, or the losers bracket, they will wrestle back up to the placing rounds. On the final day, they will wrestle the placing matches; after those are done, they move on to the championships.

To help with costs for the team warm-ups and singlets worn during State, the wrestling team does a fundraiser. This fundraiser is not like most fundraisers. It is called the Pin Club and it goes on throughout the whole wrestling season. In this fundraiser, each wrestler has to go ask people if they want to join the club. If the people do, they have to pick a donation price. So, if that person picks \$1, every time the wrestler pins their opponent, the donor owes another dollar. At the end of the season, Coach Goth looks at the sheets and sends letters out to everyone who agreed to donate. This letter tells the person how many pins their wrestler had and how much they owe.



PHOTO BY SHANNON GROSS

Colt Dunkelberg works on taking down an opponent at Regions in Milbank. He wrestles in the 145 lb weight class.

Speech and Debate at Huron High School

BY JACK WONSOMOS

Out of all the clubs and activities at Huron High School, speech and debate are one of the most prestigious. They require all kinds of skills: research, writing, and public speaking skills. For competitions, they always travel together to the same place.

Debate requires students to find credible information from certified sources, such as doctors or experts, on the debated topic. The topic is voted on the national level.

Huron High School has two debate teams consisting of three people. The public

forum team consists of Kaleb Calkins and Angel Olivo. We also have one I.D. debate team member, which is Mackenzie Copeland.

According to Calkins, not every regional school has a debate team, only schools with a bigger population.

Speech is the other sport along with debate. Speech is split up into two categories: speech and oral interp. Mitch, Mrs. Iverson, and Mr. Halbkat all help out the students who attend these sports. When asked what the overall goal of speech is, Iverson stated, "The overall goal is for students to

master good communication skills, compete, get feedback, and make improvements."

There are eleven students going to the national qualifying tournament in Brookings. If they do well they can go to Louisville, Kentucky for nationals this summer. There are six others who have competed in the year, but won't go to the qualifier in Brookings.

Speech and debate are intricate sports that require many skills. These students especially enjoy the friendships and rivalries they encounter with other schools.



PHOTO BY BENJAMIN HALBKAT

The Speech and Debate members pose for a picture while holding the awards they earned that day. The photo was taken in Yankton after they finished a long but successful day of competition.

Announcements on the air

BY JACK WONSOMOS



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Pictured above is the control room for the announcements, where the microphone and broadcasting equipment works. It all requires skill and expertise to run correctly.



PHOTO BY JACK WONSOMOS

Olaf Kruse runs the teleprompter as AnneClaire Rubish and Hannah Schoenfelder read the daily announcements. The announcements are done in the orchestra room.

The Huron High School announcements are an overlooked aspect of everyday life at school. The announcements have been going on since the 1990's, and they have evolved a lot since then.

Today actually broadcast announcements live onto the TV. It hasn't always been this way. We used to pre-record the announcements and then play them to the school for everyone to see.

Mr. Carda runs the announcements. With his experience teaching AV classes and video classes, he is a great fit to teach them.

However, students actually run the show. They run switch panels, set up the teleprompter, announce, and run the audio. While Carda is in charge of running the announcements, the students are what make the announcements happen everyday.

Jake Holforthy, Olaf Kruse, and Micah Larson are all regulars to help get the announcements broadcasted during SRB. It is not always the easiest job either. Setting up lights, getting the camera positioned, making sure the microphones are wirelessly connected and unmuted, and getting the current announcements put into the teleprompter for the announcers to read can be a lot of work.

Overall it is a pretty big task that has to get done in a couple of minutes.

Brewing Brainiacs

BY DYLAN LICHTY

There are a total of 18 people on the Huron High School Quiz Bowl team this year. Mrs. Brewer, the Quiz Bowl adviser, said, "It's the biggest group in a long time."

Mrs. Brewer prepares the Quiz Bowl competitors by holding practices on early release days during lunch to make sure everyone can attend the practices. She then asks a multitude of questions that could possibly be asked in the competitions.

Everyone that is a part of Quiz Bowl that wants to go is allowed to compete. The teams are made up of four or five people, while only four play at a time and then swap out teammates in between rounds.

Senior Landon Mohr, who has been in Quiz Bowl since seventh grade, said, "The season is now over since the Science Bowl was cancelled, but I think we did pretty good overall."

The normal Quiz Bowl competitions require teams to travel to the location to compete. The HHS teams have competed in two out of town competitions, which were in Brookings and Brandon Valley. The teams at these competitions have placed in the middle of the pack. There is also a Radio Quiz Bowl where they do the competitions over the phone. In the most recent Radio Quiz Bowl, Mohr's team placed second.

The Quiz Bowl season is officially over. The team had a good season, and they will pick up the new season next fall. Although Mohr said, "We may try to find another competition to go to later during spring, so we may have a couple more practices." Mohr had a fun year competing and is sad to let Quiz Bowl go as he has been a member for six years. He is excited for his teammates next year who will continue to compete.

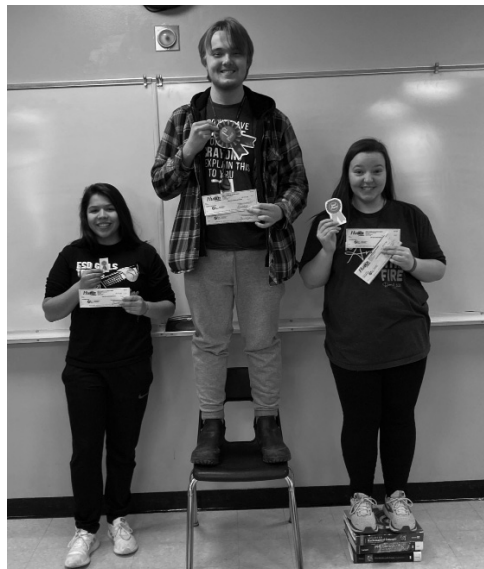


PHOTO BY LINDSEY BREWER

Landon Mohr, Katie Schoenfelder, and Bianca Medina are on the makeshift podium in a single elimination tournament. The tournament was HHS competitors only, who competed for Huron Bucks as the prizes for placing top three.

Read, gather, and discuss at Book Club

BY DYLAN LICHTY

For many who did not know, the high school has a book club. They are a group of students that meet to discuss a variety of books.

Mary Olson, the Teen Librarian at the Public Library, and Mrs. Kary are the advisors of the book club. The club of about 20 people meet once a month. They read one book per month, discuss it at their monthly meetings, and then pick a new book.

Abigail Hoellein, a junior in book club, says it is really fun. She likes the meetings, which are after school, where they discuss the book they just finished reading, and sometimes they have snacks at the meetings. Hoellein stated, "For the meetings, Kary usually has questions

about the book to start the discussion. We end up getting off topic from the questions a lot, but we still discuss the book.

When asked about how the books are chosen, Kary said, "We definitely take input from the members. Mary Olson supplies the books, so it also depends on how many copies she can get."

Hoellein said, "I really enjoy the wide variety in the selection of books. We have read romance novels, dystopian novels, and murder mysteries."

Hoellein is happy to have a book club run through the school because it allows the group of students to get together and discuss the books they love to read.



PHOTO BY DYLAN LICHTY

The book club's newest book is *All the Bright Places*. The book is a heart-wrenching romance novel about two teens who are struggling through life, and find themselves while falling in love.

Students with strange or unusual hobbies

BY KYLIE HANEBUTH

Many people know of hobbies like collecting baseball cards, books, or anything of the sort, but many people don't know about the unique hobbies that people have. The *Tiger Stripes* staff interviewed a couple students to see what their strange or unusual hobbies were. The two students were Brenna McDermott and Aurora Dreyer.

Brenna McDermott

Q. What kind of animal skulls do you collect?

A. "I collect all kinds, mostly smaller animals. Right now I have mice, birds, a dog, a cat, a raccoon, an armadillo, and other random unidentified skulls."

off the dirt and debris, then I boil them with half water and hydrogen peroxide to degrease them. After that I scrub them with bleach and a toothbrush. Some are painted, but I like keeping them how they are originally for the most part."

Q. How do you collect these animal skulls?

A. "I get them from my uncles mostly, they like to fish and when they're out they find plenty of them."

Q. Do you keep them in a safe place? If so where?

A. "I keep them on display in my room on a shelf."

Q. What do you do with them after you collect them?

A. "There is a process to get them looking pretty and white. First I clean

Q. How do people usually react when you tell them about your hobby?

A. "I get different responses, most people think it's weird and a bit creepy, but some people find it cool like I do."



PHOTO BY BRENNA MCDERMOTT

Brenna McDermott poses for a selfie of herself. Her skull collection currently isn't with her right now, but she plans on collecting more.

Aurora Dreyer

Q. What do you like to collect?

A. "When I was little I collected the light up sketcher shoes that you would get in the McDonald's Happy Meal."

Q. What is the most enjoyable part about collecting them?

A. "The joy of getting food from McDonald's and when I collect almost all of them."

Q. Why did you start collecting them?

A. "I thought they were the coolest thing because they lit up and they had a keychain."

Q. Where do you like storing your collection and why?

A. "I stored them in a plastic bag because I didn't have anything else to store them in."

Q. How did you collect these?

A. "I would go to McDonald's and get a Happy Meal."

Q. How many light up sketcher shoes did you collect?

A. "I have probably six or seven."



PHOTO BY AURORA DREYER

Dreyer takes a picture of her collection. Shown are four light up sketchers she got from McDonald's Happy Meals.

The Match-O-Matics "besties"

BY KYLIE HANEBUTH

Many people know about the Match-O-Matics, but they don't know if it actually works. The *Tiger Stripes* staff did a matchmaker set up for two students that could become best friends. They both matched each other on their friends list on Match-O-Matics. The two students are both seniors at Huron High School. Their names are Jenna Zieres and Jenna Zieres.

Jenna Zieres

After asking Jenna some questions she felt that she knew only saw Smaller as a classmate. However, they do have some classes together like SRB, and Speaking Out. One of the things that they have in common is that they both have colored hair. They are also both kind of quiet and keep to themselves in class. Both of them are in NHS as well.

Jenna felt okay with seeing Smaller outside of school and hanging out sometime. Jenna feels that her and Smaller could become friends because in Jenna's words, "...we've never not gotten along..." She also said that her and Smaller have never had the opportunity to become friends because their lives during and outside of school are a bit different.



PHOTO BY KYLIE HANEBUTH

The two Match-O-Matics "besties" pose together for a silly picture. Pictured from left to right are Jenna Zieres and Smaller Paw.

Smaller Paw

Smaller was also asked the same questions as Jenna. She also had some similar responses too. Although she is unsure about seeing Jenna outside of school she does feel that she could become friends with her because she feels that Jenna is a nice person.

In conclusion, Jenna and Smaller might not become each others number one bestfriend, but they can definitely get to know each other better and become good friends instead of just classmates. According to Match-O-Matics, they both matched as best friends and after seeing their personalities they can most likely be closer with each other. They also worked together on some of the questions they were asked and they got along really well.

The importance of school spirit

BY MADISON FRAZIER

School events are, and have always been, very important to schools throughout the nation. Rampant football games, tense tennis matches, and beautiful performances put on by the music students (whether it is choir, band, or orchestra) are all examples of school events.

Additionally, school spirit is a key aspect of these events. They go hand in hand. Though the enthusiasm is shown in different ways, having pride in the accomplishments of the students is what bonds the community together. However, one question still stands: just how important is school spirit?

Firstly, it's no secret that high school is one of the most important times in a student's life. On top of it being important, it's also busy. College is right around the corner, everyone is now old enough to have jobs, and numerous other activities often fill up people's schedules. Furthermore, there is a large amount of sports offered through the school, as well as non-athletic activities like choir, band, orchestra, drama club, and more.

Though attendance to the games or performances isn't lacking in general, it may be lacking in terms of the actual student body attending events.

This is harmful to the enthusiasm of the crowd, and the spirit of the game and school. It may also be harmful to the players themselves, who thrive on the motivation they feel after hearing support they receive from the student section.

"I am passionate about school spirit. Students should take pride in their school and encourage their peers in everything they do. When students are more involved, it creates a better sense of community within the school. Also, when students are involved in activities and show school spirit, they perform better academically and are more engaged in social and civic matters," said James Stueckrath, the band teacher at Huron High School.

With that being said, school spirit is extremely important because it helps students be more engaged. It also makes school more enjoyable and helps create memories for students after they graduate.

In conclusion, students should have more school spirit and try actively participating whenever they can in school activities. There is not enough school spirit in terms of non-athletic activities, like marching band, choir, orchestra concerts, and more. Enthusiasm is crucial in every way possible in all activities.

Wade's wonderful world

BY JOSALYN HEPPER

Let's take a look inside Wade's world. Mr. Stobbs wakes up at 5:00 a.m. and presses snooze a couple times on his alarm before getting up. He then works out on his treadmill by walking or running. After that, he gets ready to go to school. He showers, gets dressed, and drinks decaf coffee. Mr. Stobbs hasn't had caffeine in close to two years.

On A Days, during first and third period, Mr. Stobbs has Physics. Next, he has Sheltered Chemistry, late lunch, SRB, and then planning. On B Days, he has chemistry for second, fourth, and sixth period. Then, he has lunch, SRB, and then planning. After school, he goes to basketball practice. But during the fall, he enjoys being a football referee.

During the spring, he coaches middle school girls track, and he is an umpire for baseball games. After practice ends, he makes something to eat. His favorite thing to make is "mean" or smoked ribs. His favorite thing to

use when making these ribs is his smoker. He makes the ribs mostly during the winter.

He will be 43 in April. Mr. Stobbs says, "I do what I want, when I want." His favorite color is navy blue, and he is a New York Yankees fan. His favorite hobbies are hunting and gambling. He likes to vacation to Las Vegas.

His last date was around eight months ago. His last steady girlfriend was four to five years ago. He says he never gets lonely. He has no dating apps, but four years ago, his homeroom put him on Match, the dating app.

Mr. Stobbs has five TV's in his home: two in the living room, one in his poker room, one in the bedroom, and one in the basement. However, during March Madness, he has three TV's in his living room. He was born in Huron, SD, and he used to teach in Clark for 13 years. Stobbs mentioned that if he found the right woman, he would think about getting into a serious relationship.

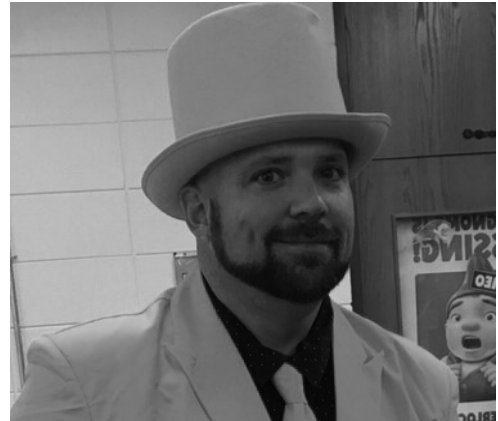


PHOTO BY WADE STOBBS

Wade Stobbs poses with a cheeky smile towards the camera. His fabulous suit and top hat are a hot orange color. The photo was taken a couple years ago, when his homeroom used it for his Match profile picture.

Lovey-dovey word search

BY SYDNEE MITCH

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Love
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Passionate
Smooch
Valentine

Morning or night showers

BY SYDNEE MITCH

Students of HHS were asked if they preferred morning or night showers. Nighttime showers took the most popular choice with a 75.28% majority. A nighttime shower allows students a little extra time in the morning to get ready because they can sleep in a little longer. The remaining 22.72% of students chose morning showers because it can help students wake up faster and easier.

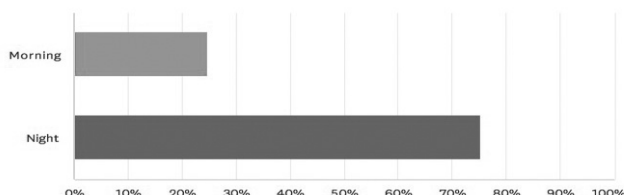


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Dear TigerStripes...

BY SYDNEE MITCH

- "My friend is stinky. How can I say something to them about this in a kind way?"

First of all, props to you for not being mean to this person right off the bat. That's already super kind and thoughtful of you. It's important to be mindful of their home situation before judging their personal hygiene. Is it completely their fault for smelling bad? Are they even aware of the smell? I would recommend not beating around the bush, and I would just tell them straight up what you're thinking. Of course, be mindful and respectful as you're telling them your thoughts, but don't be too "nice" either. You don't want it to seem like it's something they can just completely ignore. Honesty is key.

- "What do you do when you and your boyfriend have to take a break?"

Sometimes everyone needs a break from a family member, friend, or significant other. Don't think that this is the end of your relationship right away because, in all honesty, every relationship is different. Take a few days for yourself. Ask yourself if this is really a relationship you want to be in. Is it really worth it to stay with this person? Whatever your answer may be, make sure to think of yourself and what you want. Your feelings should come first.

- "How do you ask your crush to prom?"

If you know your crush well, make it personal! Ask them in a way you know they'll enjoy. Make it memorable, but I also recommend asking the question in a semi-private location. You don't want your crush to feel obligated to agree just because they're in front of a bunch of people. It also sucks to be rejected when a crowd is watching. If they're the kind of person who likes "cheesy" things, make them a cute poster. If they're more low profile, get them a nice card. Good luck!

How teachers at HHS met their spouses

BY JOSALYN HEPPER



PHOTO BY SONIA MALLEY

Sonia Malley and her husband Shaun Malley are posing in the snow. The couple is somewhat matching with their black jackets.

Sonia Malley, the credit recovery teacher, met her spouse, Shaun Malley, on May 26, 2001, in Las Vegas, NV. The two married on December 6, 2003. The most memorable thing about their wedding according to Malley was, "My dad telling him he still had time to run."

Malley's favorite song that day was *In Your Eyes* by Peter Dinklage. Malley stated, "It's our wedding song that he picked." Their honeymoon wasn't until their ten-year anniversary, and they went to Ireland for ten days.

A piece of advice from Mrs. Malley for younger couples: "Don't give up when times are tough, never stop dating and always make time for each other, and always support your partner in chasing their dreams."



PHOTO BY MOLLY PERRY

Molly Perry and her husband, Scott, met at the South Dakota State Fair while he was showing animals. They are happy to have met their perfect match.

Molly Perry, one of HHS's language arts teachers, met her spouse, Scott Perry, at the South Dakota State Fair in 1993. They've been together ever since. The lovely couple got married on a beautiful summer day on July 10, 1999.

Perry's best memory from her wedding day was how many people fit in the small church. "100 people came to the church; we could barely walk at the reception," she stated.

Her favorite wedding song was *Footloose* by Kenny Loggins. The two did not go on a honeymoon, but that didn't matter to them.

Perry had great advice for younger couples. "Learn how to listen and communicate," she advised.

Best pickup lines at HHS

BY ROGER PUTERBAUGH

Struggling to catch the attention of a certain somebody? *Tiger Stripes* asked students of HHS to send their best pickup lines. The content came rolling in. Be sure to use these lines with caution... or maybe refrain from using them at all.

- "If you were a vegetable you'd be a cucumber."
- "If I could rearrange the alphabet, I'd put U and I together."
- "It's a good thing I have my library card, because I'm totally checking you out."
- "I'm no photographer, but I can picture us together."
- "Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only ten I see."
- "Do you believe in love at first sight? Or should I walk by again?"
- "If you were a transformer, you'd be Optimus Prime."
- "Here I am, now what are your other two wishes?"

New era of Marvel franchises

BY ROGER PUTERBAUGH

A new era of Marvel movies and characters has begun following the conclusion of *Avengers: Endgame*. The final movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe's first phase signaled the end of a decade-long brand of superheroes known as the Avengers. The death of Captain America and Iron Man, who were arguably the two most influential Avengers, leaves a big gap that needs to be filled.

Now, Marvel turns to the future and leaves behind some of the original characters that made them famous. While some of the same characters are still involved, Marvel has chosen to usher in a new band of super heroes including, Shang-Chi, the Eternals, and a new Captain America who was previously known as the Falcon.

Not only are many of the characters new, but a lot of new concepts have been introduced as well. The Multiverse, which appears to be the new thing in Marvel movies, has brought new heroes and villains to the big screen, not to mention the fact that it can also bring in different versions of existing characters such as what viewers saw in *Spiderman: No Way Home*.

Marvel has also released several television shows featuring their movie characters in the past year, which is something the company had previously never done. Mid-major characters like Hawkeye, Loki, the Falcon and the Winter Soldier have been featured in their own TV shows, and this has given them a spotlight that they never had before. Black Widow also got featured in her first movie as well, which is something a lot of Marvel fans would agree is long overdue.

It's clear that Marvel has chosen to go in a new direction with their movies and content. Although the new movies are different, and don't feature the old familiar characters such as Iron Man and the original Captain America, the new era of heroes is sure to be just as entertaining as the last.

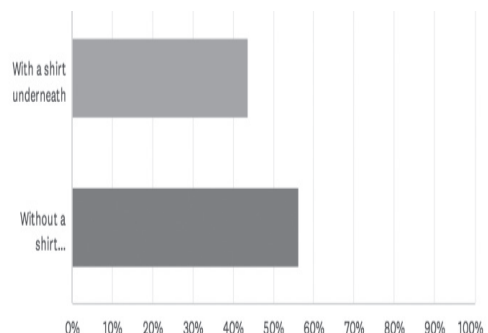
How to wear a sweatshirt

BY SYDNEE MITCH

The *Tiger Stripes* staff asked the students of Huron High School a controversial question: "Do you wear a sweatshirt with or without a shirt underneath?"

Out of 87 responses, 44% of students responded "with a shirt underneath", and 56% of students responded "without a shirt underneath."

The fashion decision seems to come down to whether students consider their sweatshirts more as a shirt or if they think of it as a sweater that they can decide to take off later if they get too hot or not.



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HHS staff throwbacks

BY GWYN NICKELS

Believe it or not, Huron High School's staff were once students too. The Tiger Stripes staff asked the faculty to send in senior pictures to show just how young and hip they once were. Pictured from left to right: Toni Harp, Brandi Fitzgerald, Mitch Gaffer, Terry Regnier, Lacey Wilde, Peggy Harkness, Laura Iverson, Rita Cook, Charlotte Carda, Michael Carda, Angie Thomas, Mackenzie Lavallee, Heidi Holforty, Sarah Rubish, Chris Stahly, Lona Moser, Emma Friedel, Michelle Dickson, Wade Stobbs, Tyler Spanton, Spencer Stahly, Mike Radke, Elliot Hartman, Vanya Wagemann, Jennifer Fuchs and Stephanie Tschetter.

