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## fficer Vaitohi leaves for Basic

BY CHASETY CHRISTENSEN



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As many might know, Officer Stephanie Vaitohi's last day as the HHS school resource officer was Monday, September 11. Officer V, as she's better know, left because she will be completing two-and-a-half months of basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and four months in Fort Sam Houston. Her plan is to continue on as a flight medic, which is someone who provides aid to people in difficult-to-access locations.

Officer V. is traveling by herself for the next ten weeks. She doesn't know anyone doing the training with her, and her family is not allowed to join. She can only talk to her husband and three sons every Sunday for an hour over the phone. She does not feel prepared physically which makes her nervous, she does, however, feel prepared academically.

She will be pushed into doing things she has never done before; however, she will have some experience from police officer training. The four months she will spend at Fort Sam Houston will be with all military medics. She hopes to become an Emergency Medical Technician there. She will have to work with firearms and learn how to run farther and jump higher.

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## **Huron welcomes Scooters, Tokyo**

BY CONNER JOHNSEN

Within the past few months, Huron has added a few new businesses. Two of the new businesses that have chosen Huron as their home include Scooters and Tokyo Sushi & Hibachi. Both of these businesses are off to a great start, as there is a lot of excitement surrounding them.

Scooters is a new coffee shop that opened on September 2. Scooters offers a drive-thru-only coffee shop, located on Dakota Avenue. Since opening, the business has already seen a steady stream of cars.

Scooters offers a variety of options to its customers. Hot, cold, and blended drinks are all readily available. Food items are also a part of the broad menu.

Scooters employees have several

jobs to do. Depending on the day, workers may be in charge of making drinks and food, or running the window and taking orders.

One HHS senior, Kayeleigh Bowden, has worked at Scooters since it opened in September. When she was asked why she applied at this new business she stated, "I applied because it was right at the end of summer and I needed my job for the school year."

With multiple competitors in the Huron area, Scooters has to set themselves apart. According to Bowden, Scooters does this by focusing on speed and customer service so that everybody has a good and fast experience.

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# **Opinion**

## HHS speaks up about new tardy policy

BY KIRSTEN DEGEEST

#### Pros for the policy

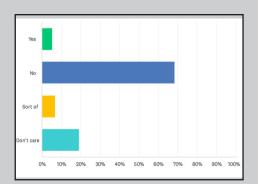
As a new school year begins, students are adjusting to a new policy which eliminates tardies.

Mr. Mittelstadt, vice principal, stated, "I like the changes of our attendance policy because it has reduced the number of students arriving late to class, and it has reduced the number of unexcused absences."

While a majority of students say they do not like the tardy policy, there are a few who are in favor of it. Comments from the *Tiger Stripes* survey said, "It will teach these immature kids to grow up," and that, "It gets everyone to class."

Mr. Jones said, "I didn't know what to think at first, but given the results of the past few weeks it seems to be working."

### **Student opinion**



The Tiger Stripes sent out a Survey Monkey asking the question, "Do you like the new tardy policy?" The results state that 5.38% of students answered yes, 68.46% answered no, 6.92% answered sort of, and 19.23% answered that they do not care.

#### Cons against the policy

Many teachers are in favor of the new tardy policy, but a lot of students have a different point of view. Junior, Sam Mangmoradeth stated, "It's stupid," and she's not alone in that view. According to junior, Carter Boetel, "It's horrible."

Many students at HHS view the policy as more stressful, and they don't see the point in going to class at all if they know they will be a little late. Some students feel that everyone is being punished for a few students' behavior, and it is absurd for people that have a valid reason to be late.

Although many sudents see the reason for the new tardy policy, it can still be upsetting. Out of the 130 sudents who responded to the Monkey, 89 said they do not like it.

## Paper v.s. online assignments

BY EMMA AHLERS

Teachers have different methods of creating and distributing assignments, whether it be on paper, online, or a bit of both. Many students and staff have their own opinions on which way is better. However, I believe both formats have their benefits and drawbacks.

In the last few years, assignments moving onto an online format has become more of a common occurrence. Nonetheless, physical schoolwork still has its perks. Writing down information physically can be slow, which helps in retaining a subject better than quickly typing something or using copypaste. Physical work also prevents distractions that an iPad could provide. It keeps students focused. Not using an iPad also means no technical difficulties that

make it hard to access or complete an assignment. There is less stress from that angle.

Despite this, an online format does have great advantages. Google Classroom, while it can be frustrating, has made finding assignments easier. Whether someone is in class or not, they will always have an idea of what is going on in class. There is little to no confusion on what assignments to complete. Group projects can feel more organized online. From sharing Google Documents to sharing Powerpoints, it is way more efficient for everyone involved to see what the assignment is and to be able to add to it directly.

My personal take on this topic is that some tasks work better on paper than in an online form and vice versa. I like to jot down notes in a notebook rather than on Notability or Google Docs because I feel like I write faster on paper than I type on an iPad. On the other hand, though, I also like to write long essays on Google Docs because I feel like I can find mistakes faster and make my work more organized in the long run.

Do I believe there should be more physical or more online work? I actually do not think there should be more of either. People should be allowed to complete their work through whatever method comes easiest to them, if a choice is possible. Everyone has their own way of going about how they complete their work. They should be allowed to do whatever makes their learning process efficient and effective.

# **Opinion**

## Fall dance boogies back to HHS

BY GRADY BOTT

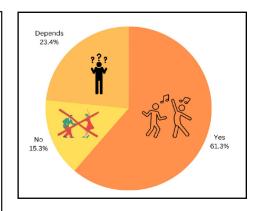
Is having a fall dance a good idea? Does the student body want another dance? There are many different points of view when it comes to having another dance at the school.

The *Tiger Stripes* staff surveyed the student body, and one of the main claims students have regarding a dance is that they feel like they are missing out, because some schools have homecoming and other fall dances, while Huron doesn't.

Another good point brought up in the survey conducted was the problem of having to spend money on an expensive dress for just one night of fun. Although many students enjoy dressing up, for some it is a financial burden. One way around this is to have a casual dance, where students go in normal street clothes that are possibly a little more dressy than usual, and have a good time dancing and listening to music.

A student who participated in the survey stated,"I think a fall dance would be a ton of fun because it gives us something to do in the fall, and since Cherry Prom and Prom are both so close together and both in the winter, I think it would be fun to have one earlier in the year."

To everyone who wanted a fall dance, good news -- Student Council is planning one. The date is set for Tuesday, November 21st, the night before Thanksgiving break. Student Council has yet to decide a theme for the dance, and they welcome suggestions.



The question "Are you interested in having a fall dance at HHS?" was asked to the student body. According to the survey monkey, 61.3% of students wanted a dance, 15.3% didn't want a dance, and 23.4% decided that it would depend on what the dance was like.

# Out with the old, in with the new What's with the new look?

#### BY KELSEY SCHUCHHARDT

If you have been an avid *Tiger Stripes* reader in the past, you probably noticed a difference in this edition compared to previous ones. The newspaper is much smaller this year; however, the staff will be creating editions with twelve pages instead of eight, so that there will still be the same amount of content featured each month.

The original *Tiger Stripes* layout was 17 x 11 inches, and similar in size to the newspapers published by *The Plainsman*. This design was favored by HHS for many years, so we're disappointed to say goodbye.

The company that brings our newspaper to life, Creative Printing, faced many challenges last year with printing the larger copies. Many paragraphs were fading out, and a lot of pictures appeared disorted. The company ended up having to throw numerous copies away every month. To reduce the amount of money and copies wasted, Creative Printing asked the *Tiger Stripes* to change the design of the paper.

We editors were not too thrilled about this unexpected switch. A style guide was created years ago that incoprerated all the correct fonts, sizes, and spacings to fit with the old newspaper. However, this year we had to recreate the entire guide.

Not only did we have to teach ourselves how to redo the newspaper, but we also had to teach many new members of the *Tiger Stripes* staff. As the only four returning staff members, Antony Sorto, Marisol Dubon, Jolie Carrillo, and I were in charge of welcoming and teaching the 20 new members how to design a newspaper.



HHS Tiger Stripes senior editors Kelsey Schuchhardt, Antony Sorto, Marisol Dubon, and Jolie Carrillo read two of the old-styled newspapers. Those papers are some of the last of their kind.

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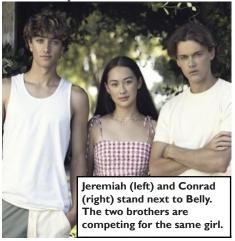
### Team Conrad or Team Jeremiah? The Summer I Turned Pretty

#### BY MARISOL DUBON

The Summer I Turned Pretty is a show available to watch on Amazon Prime. It's the kind of fairytale-turned-reality story that has everyone reminiscing about their own love life.

At the center of it all is a very messy love triangle between Isabel (Belly) Conklin and her best family friends who just happen to be brothers.

When HHS students were asked if they were team Jeremiah or team Conrad, one student said, "OMG I love this question! I think TEAM



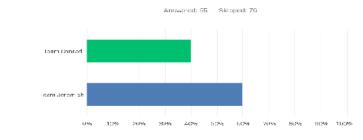
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CONRAD 100%. Conrad puts Belly's feelings before his own, even if that means that either of them might get hurt. Jeremiah always tries to put Conrad down or make himself look better before Belly, and is a cheater, and usually thinks mostly about himself most of the time. Conrad is so much better in so many different ways."

Another student said, "Team Jeremiah because he had to wait for Belly even though he knew she had feelings for Conrad. He is also always there for Belly while Conrad is hard to read and is sometimes difficult to deal with. Jeremiah is also the better looking brother."

Both brothers are utterly handsome and quirkily relatable, making it super hard to decide which one people are rooting for. So what team won at HHS, Conrad or Jeremiah? See the chart below for the answer.

### Q5 If you've seen the show The Summer I Turned Pretty, would you say you're on Team Conrad or Team Jeremiah? Why?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Team Coniad	40.00%	22
Ioam Jeremiah	50.00%	33
TOTAL		55

### Student, staff enjoy fall traditions

BY MAKEISHA DAVIS AND ASPEN WHITE

At Huron High School, there is a huge variety of fall traditions among students and faculty. While some people enjoy staying in, others enjoy going out.

We took a survey around the school, and the results varied. A majority of students said that they preferred staying in and watching movies, playing video games, or catching up on sleep. Another smaller percentage of students said they enjoy Friday and Sunday night football, pep band and marching band competitions, or going to the gym. Students tend to focus on their academics during the fall, too.

One teacher at HHS, Ms. Munce, shared that she loves to paint pumpkins and go trick-or-treating. She also makes sure to check out the scarecrows around town and tune in to the

football games.

Sudents frequently throw after-parties to celebrate the football gamesand many attend bonfires or enjoy having movie nights with friends.

Some common fall traditions that almost everyone seems to enjoy are spending time with family for the holidays, enjoying the autumn weather, and curling up with a blanket to relax.

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Officer V. will do it all while learning new material; at the same time, she is nervous about remembering everyone's names and ranks, an important part of being in the military.

Gabriel Montoya, who has just completed basic training, says it was one of the most fun and rewarding experiences of his life. "It was challenging, but definitely not impossible. It taught me a lot about the military and how it works. It also pushed me further than I thought I could go." Montoya's 11-week training was in South Carolina.

After she trains, Officer V. wants to become a flight medic. This career will put her in the 189th Aviation of the National Guard in Rapid City.

# Sports

### Keeping up with Tiger volleyball

Not-so-new, new coach

#### BY KAYELEIGH BOWDEN

The Huron High School volleyball team welcomed a new head coach this year, although she is not new to the program.

The new head coach is TyAnn Ulmer, daughter of Shelly Buddenhagen, a previous head coach for the volleyball program, and Tim Buddenhagen, long-time basketball head coach. Coach Ulmer explains, "Watching my parents as head coaches has really helped me be in the position I am now."

Ulmer said that the transition from assistant coach was a little nerve wracking, but the girls have made it easier.

Ulmer expressed some uncertainty about getting into the season. "With only having one returner, we knew we had many spots to fill, and the

girls are filling those roles just fine." explained Ulmer. "You never know what you have or what the season is going to look like until you're in season," she continued.

Senior player Da'jai Claggett stated that Coach Ulmer has created a supportive environment for the girls to grow.



Coach Ulmer gives her server a zone to aim for at the Huron Invite back in August.The Tigers went undefeated for the day.

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## Dig Pink night brings awareness

The volleyball team will be hosting Mitchell on October 24 for their Dig Pink game.

In support of breast cancer awareness, the team will be wearing pink for the entire month of October, although, according to Coach Ulmer, "they may wear white sometimes so Hylton Heinz, the team's libero, can wear her pink jersey once in a while." The family of sisters and teammates, Hamtyn and Hylton Heinz, bought the volleyball team pink jerseys to wear during the in support of breast cancer awareness.

The team is partnering with HRMC to sell Dig Pink shirts which can be purchased for \$18 through any volleyball team member.

## Ringing the bell

BY JACKSON RENO

Ringing the bell after home football wins has been a tradition burned deep into the hearts of Huronites. With two recent homecoming victories, current Huron high schoolers got to experience this tradition first-hand.

To ring the bell, a few things must happen: the football team must prepare throughout the week of practice, and most importantly, they have to go out and show up the other team up by beating them.

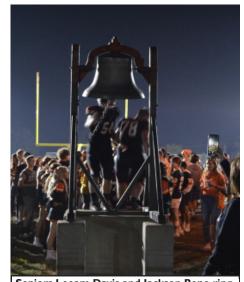
HHS teacher and football coach Michael Scott said, "Games are won before they are played, habits in the off-season and practice are your habits in a game." Football games are won through the preparation in the offseason and how hard the team practices in the weeks leading up to the game. The players need to have perfect practices to achieve a win.

Although no one is sure when or how this tradition first began, it has been a part of football in Huron for decades. Steve Peters, a well-known retired teacher and coach at HHS, remembers ringing the bell as early as 1977.

A current senior football player, Cashton Caudell, shared his thoughts on ringing the bell: "It's a sense of accomplishment, and also knowing that we made our school proud by winning at home."

This tradition isn't only for the players; ringing the bell is also fun for the students because they get to storm the field and lineup while the football players run through the students to ring the bell.

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Seniors Leeam Davis and Jackson Reno ring the bell after successfully defeating Sturgis 14-10. The Huron crowd supported the Tigers by surrounding the bell.

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# Sports

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The tradition has not changed very much throughout the years, but it has always been something students, faculty, Huron alumni, and the football team looks forward to during home games.

Next season the football team looks to continue this tradition with not only homecoming games, but every home game they play.



Seniors Cashton Caudell, Jackson Reno, and Holden Hegg all fight for the first down against the Sturgis Scoopers.The Tigers managed to grab five yards but no first down.

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Tokyo Sushi & Hibachi is a new Japanese restaurant that came to Huron in early September as well. Tokyo Sushi & Hibachi has been a very popular restaurant since it opened.

It offers a wide selection of food to its customers. The main food item on the menu is sushi, hence the name. There has been buzz around town about how good this Japanese cuisine tastes.

According to Jaya Anderson, senior, the food was great and the service was just as good. She commented about how many workers were there and how the service was amazing. Anderson thought it was great that a new restaurant with a fresh style opened in Huron. When asked if she would go back she replied, "Yes, I would definitely go back to try more!"

### Tennis courts expand

BY OKAY HTOO

Construction started on the Huron tennis courts over the summer. The reason for the expansion was to accommodate the growing numbers of players. Grades 6-12 have had increasing numbers of athletes coming out for both boys and girls tennis, with approximately 50-60 girls signed up along with as many 80-100 boys for the past several seasons.

This has directly affected the girls' tennis season as senior tennis player, Elizabeth Heinen, explained: "We had to practice at the Winter park courts and there were three practice sessions because we had too many girls."

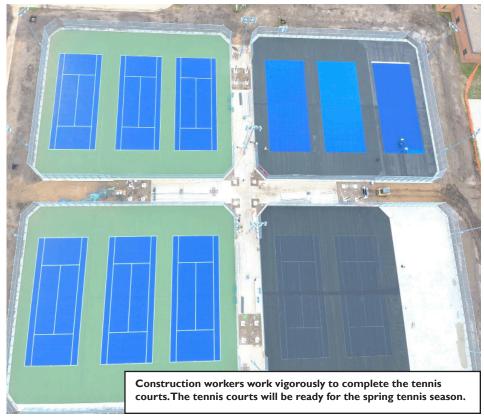
Rachel Kary, head coach, dealt with the situation by having the middle school girls practice right after school, then the JV girls, followed by the varsity. Karey, often ran practices from 3:45 until 7:45 or 8:00.

The addition of four new courts, bringing the total number to 12, will certainly help with the efficiency of scheduling practices and even running meets.

Because of not being able to practice and play at their own courts, alterhatives to hosting home meets had to be found. Two all-day quadrangulars, where the team plays three other teams, had to be moved to other towns.

The project was supposed to be finished by early August, but it was unfortunately delayed. The reason for the delay is unclear, but word from the activities director, Mr. Rotert, is that the tennis courts would be finished around the middle of October; the girls season ended the first weekend of the month, however.

Heinen stated that the construction of the courts was needed, but it should've been scheduled better becuase she got only one home meet.



## Pine Arts

## Mrs. Smith: familiar face, new place

BY ANNECLAIRE RUBISH

This year, Huron High School welcomed Mrs. Smith, the former middle school music teacher, as their new choir director. After last year's director, Ian Krekelberg, announced that he was moving to the middle school, the position at HHS was left empty. Smith agreed to fill the position if no one was hired in time.

When asked why she agreed to take the position, Smith responded, "When I heard that there was not a choir teacher, my heart would not let there be no choir at Huron High School this year. I love these kids and I love music and I had to bring it back to them."

Smith was supposed to retire this past year, but luckily for the students, she accepted the position so everyone could enjoy another year of music. "It was difficult, but I knew it was the right thing to do, and the job is flexible enough that I can still do the things I wanted to do in my retirement."

Everyone knows the gap between

being a middle schooler and a high schooler is a wide one, and having now taught them both, Smith can see the differences. Some of the most notable ones were, "Maturity level, ability, [and] willingness to work and put themselves out there. High school kids don't have as much fear and... they want to be awesome and they go for it, while I have to coax that more out of the middle school."

Alongside the differences, Smith said the best part about teaching at HHS is seeing all the students that she previously taught as middle schoolers. "Just knowing that I got to work with them as middle schoolers and they still love music when they come over here, it is so rewarding. And the talent is so much greater,...several years later, so...I love that I know ninetynine percent of these kids."

One of Smith's former students, Yuridia Roldan, senior, says that, "Every single time when I go in



PHOTO BY ANNECLAIRE RUBISH

there...I think about...how much we have progressed from what we used to do to like now. It is cool...that she gets to see all that."

In the case of no other choir teacher being hired, Smith admits that she is willing to teach for the remainder of the year. "If I have to stay the whole year I will stay the whole year, because...it is just too important to let

### HHS band members travel to new places

BY GAVIN MOEDING

Over the summer, a select few members of the Huron High School band had a unique opportunity to go on a trip to Europe. The group got to travel to many different places and experience many different cultures. The United Kingdom, France,



PHOTO BY KELSEY SCHUCHHARDT

Switzerland, Germany, and Austria were all the different countries the group visited, and none of them disappointed.

In order to go on the trip, they had to be nominated by their band director. Sean Meyers, a member of the HHS band, happily accepted the invite when he was asked to join them. "You had to be asked by your teacher, and only a few people were, and I was happy to hear I was one of them."

Another member of the band, Conner Hofer, got invited along as well. Even though he enjoyed every location they went to, he said his favorite place was definitely Switzerland. The awesome scenery and nice, approachable people put this destination at the top of his list.

Although a once-in-a-lifetime trip like this sounds amazing, they had a pretty busy schedule filled with playing music and traveling. The kids would perform in every country they went to, which helped with experience and opened them up to a whole new audience. Getting the opportunity to perform in front of people from a different part of the world was pretty cool to them.

"Other than Austria, we really didn't have much free time," Hofer expressed. In the very limited free time he had, Hofer would spend it talking to the other kids he travelled with and playing games in the hotel lobbies. Even with the busy schedule, they were still able to find ways to enjoy themselves.

## Pine Arts

## Orchestra outgrows space

BY LOGAN GERRITS

For the last few years, the high school orchestra has been growing at an incredible rate. This year alone, they gained thirty-five freshmen, with another thirty-two incoming next year. The class of 2028 is an additional thirty freshmen and the class of 2029 has a potential fifty-three incoming freshmen.

While the orchestra's recent growth is an amazing feat, it creates a challenge as well. The little shop that they've been using for the last three years has been filled, with chairs lined from wall to wall. This poses an interesting question: what needs to happen to accommodate the waves of new students?

Orchestra director Beth Neitzert has taken a few steps to mitigate

challenges that come with teaching such a large class. One such change is ordering a podium to stand on, since students cannot see her conduct from the back of the room. Neitzert has also carefully selected light and quick music so that notes don't slur into undefined noise.

Options for the future seem very slim, though. Neitzert said, "There is very loose talk about the possibility of starting two orchestras next year." Another orchestra class may bring about a plethora of new questions. The music block is already so busy, and Neitzert needs to be able to balance her teaching between the high school and middle school.

Neitzert added that she would like to give the middle schoolers more



**PHOTO BY LOGAN GERRITS** 

lessons and specialized instruction. However, with the sheer amount of students spread throughout her classes, that doesn't seem possible. Hopefully a resolution can be found before the orchestra room is overflowing next year.

### "Superstitions"

Marching band takes on new theme BY GAVIN MOEDING

This year's theme for marching band is called "Superstitions". The band director, James Stueckrath, says that he has the final say on the theme for the show. He does, however, get the seniors' input on what they want to do and puts it into the show as well.

As for the props, they have multiple backdrops as well as four mirrors. These props are used for aesthetics, as they mainly add visual effects. They are, on the other hand, relatively heavy, so they take multiple people and quite a long time to get them from one place to another.

The amount of preparation required for the

show is immense, which is why students do most of the work during the summer. Stueckrath thinks the only way for them to truly be ready is to use time when students don't have school. His answer to what gets them the most prepared was simple: "Repetitions on repetitions on repetitions."

Aiden Zavesky, senior member of the band, has gone through many years of practicing in the hot summer sun. He understands why they need the practices, but wishes they weren't as long as they are. When asked if he would miss it, he said, "I'll miss it, but I will enjoy having more time to golf too."

## **Choosing scripts**

So many options, so few performances BY LOGAN GERRITS

In just a couple weeks, the drama club will be performing this year's fall play, Second Samuel.

The story is about a small Alabama town uncovering the secrets of the recently deceased Miss Gertrude. At a glance, this play seems to be on the strange side, so someone might wonder: where does the drama club find scripts like this?

Drama director Molly Perry saw this particular play several years ago at the State One Act Competition, which is an event where several schools put on a production in under forty-five minutes to be judged. Perry thought that Second Samuel was a great piece about humanity and treating all people with respect and care. It was also a very thought-provoking performance that brought a whirlwind of emotions along with it.

When picking out other scripts, Perry has a ton of options. However, she is able to narrow down her selections by considering the audience. Perry said, "I try to choose scripts that audiences will enjoy while at the same time giving them a taste of the art of theater."

There will be performances on October 20th and 21st in the HHS auditorium.



## Arts & Clubs

## As pages turn, book club begins

BY CADENCE KOGEL

The Huron Public Library has maintained a partnership with the Huron High School for a number of years.

Mary Olson, a librarian at the public library, and Rachel Kary, HHS librarian, partner to run the Book Club at Huron High School.

When asked what they hope students gain from participating in Book Club, Mary Olson said, "... to have them share their passion for reading with others that have that same passion. It is like when you have an interest in a sport or activityit is fun to visit about the joys and frustrations of your interest."

According to three-year Book Club member Isabelle Malley, "Book Club helps me learn new things that wouldn't have been brought to my attention otherwise, and I get to learn about different perspectives from people of different backgrounds."

Each month, Mary Olson chooses a book for members to read, and as the year continues, she takes members' suggestions into consideration.

This month, members are reading the book *We are all made of molecules*, by Susin Nielson. Rachel Kary stated, "If you enjoy reading and discussing a variety of books, Book Club would be a good opportunity for you. Our philosophy is the more the merrier."

The first meeting is October 17, after school in the library. If interested in joining, contact Rachel Kary at rachel.kary@k12.sd.us



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## Clubs benefiting students' futures

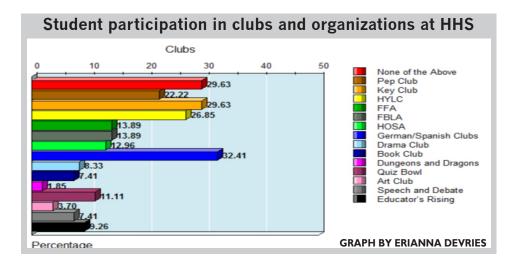
BY ERIANNA DEVRIES

There are a lot of clubs to get involved in at Huron High School. Some of the clubs give students scholarships and grants, such as National Honor Society, Huron Youth Leadership Council, and Key Club.

For juniors and seniors, there is National Honors Society (NHS) that gives out multiple scholarships. The scholarships can be at, or over one thousand dollars each. Students can also apply for a national scholarship.

Huron Youth Leaderhship Council (HYLC) also gives out scholarships. HYLC gives out two to three scholarships for the graduating seniors. As long as students are active in HYLC, they have a chance to receive the scholarship.

Senior Chloe Culver says, "In HYLC students have a chance to join community boards and do various volunteering projects. HYLC also puts on a fundraiser around Christmas time to raise money to give out as grants to groups in need."



Students can learn a lot about volunteering. As Mrs. Holforty puts it, "In a nutshell, the benefits are experiencing the joy of giving while at the same time learning responsibility and leadership skills."

Key Club has two students that can receive local scholarships of sevenhundred dollars each. Students can also apply and possibly receive district-wide scholarhships, from places like North Dakota, Minnesota, and South Dakota. Plus, it gives someone a step ahead of the rest, because of all the community work.

A lot of college applications will ask about community and volunteer work. Therefore, students should take into consideration all the possibilities of joining clubs.

## Student Life

## Dark side of fantasy football

BY LOGAN LEYENDECKER

Fantasy football is a fun game that anyone can play to give students a new aspect of the game. The game works by starting a league that can be made with friends or random people. Before the season starts, players are drafted based on projected peformance throughout the year. Once the season starts, every offensive skills player gets a point rating based on their performance. Every week, each player gets matched up with a certain player in their league and whoever's team scores the most points wins.

Fantasy football may not be interesting to a lot of people, however,

there is a certain aspect that tends to grab the attention of people who are not even familiar with the actual sport of football. This aspect is the extreme punishments.

A very popular trend that goes along with the game is that whomever loses has an extreme punishment. Punishments are received when a specific player loses the most games. These are usually decided by the entire league before the season starts.

The punishments can range from simply losing money to eating the hottest pepper in the world. There are many different opinions about these

punishments from many people who play fantasy football.

One player of fantasy football, John Htoo, stated, "I like the fantasy football punishments because I know I won't lose so they don't worry me." Another person who participates in a fantasy football league is freshman Nolan Stahly. Stahly said, "I think a good punishment is the dog cage. It is when you lock the loser in a dog cage and throw random food items on them."

These types of punishments drive the players to make smart moves in order to win their games.

## "Fan of the game" hits Huron High

**BY ASPEN WHITE** 

In the fall of 2022, Huron High School's Pep Club started a new tradition of "Fan of the Game" (FOG) at sporting events for HHS students. Many Huron students show up for sporting events, and "FOG" encourages students to be there and be loud.

One previous winner of "FOG", Moses Gross, said "Fan of the Game means a lot to me because I am the

FOG, the homecoming FOG from 2022 and 2023, It is a big flex with lots of bragging rights." Gross was one of the fans of the homecoming football game last fall, along with Dajai Claggett. They are a prime example of Huron pride with their amazing school spirit.

In regard to Fan of the Game's creation, Pep Club advisor Chris Stahly said, "Last year the pep club wanted to do something extra,

and somebody decided to start the tradition of 'fans of the game' to get people more excited to come to the games."

Pep Club has both the cheerleaders and Stahly pick the Fan of the Game depending on the activity. Stahly said what she looks for in the Fan of the Game is somebody that is dressed up with the theme, and is loud and also sportsmanlike.





Some alternatives that the

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## Student Life

### High school expectations vs. reality

BY MAKEISHA DAVIS

High school, a very important stage in every teenager's life, often comes with many expectations that can cause unneeded anxiety and stress. Before beginning high school, some may be nervous, excited, or even a bit of both. But high school isn't as intimidating as it seems.

Lacey Wilde, a counselor at Huron High School, helps middle school students sign up for classes before their freshman year. She says that one of the more typical questions she encounters is if high school is difficult. Her response is, "High school should

be more difficult than middle school. You won't grow if you don't challenge

A senior at HHS, Hamtyn Heinz, thinks the opposite. "I expected the classes to be harder and more challenging. I thought high school was easier compared to what most people said it was going to be." Heinz continues, saying, "I think it was fun and it goes by really fast so enjoy every moment."

One of the common misconceptions about high school is that it's all about grades and GPA. Academic pressure

in high school can be overwhelming, and many students believe that their entire worth is measured by their success. While grades are still essential, high school also offers many opportunities for personal development beyond the classroom.

Many people also think high school is just like the movies, which is largely not true. High school can be filled with extracurricular activities, friendships, and personal growth as well as academics.

### Hegg works on family farm

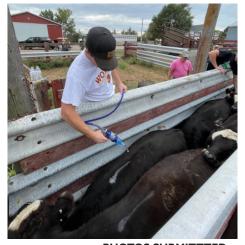
BY KOLTON OGLE

A day in the life of a student can vary greatly from one to another. One senior at Huron High School, Holden Hegg, works for his dad and grandpa at their respective farms. He mainly spends his time working for his dad at Hegg Farm, which is located between Huron and Woonsocket.

Hegg says balancing work and school activities is fairly easy because he works for his dad, so the hours are flexible. He works every weekend, and on some week nights when he is availiable. Hegg has been working on the farms since he was a kid. He says he enjoys working there because he "Wants to take over the operation in the future." When he's not busy at his dad's farm, he heads three miles south of Broadland to help his grandpa at Benson Farm. At the farms, his tasks include: feeding cows, putting up fence, machine maintenance, and cutting and raking hay.

Hegg's favorite chore to do working on the farms is seeing the genetics in the herd grow over the years. His least favorite chore to do is having to clean and rebed the barn for the calves during calving season. The busiest time of year on the farms is during calving season. This means he has to check on the cows every day to see if they have had their calves. Calving season is very stressful and time consuming.

This is just one example of the many students with jobs, and how Hegg handles it in his daily life.



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## Activities

## Match HHS faculty to their vehicles

BY TYLER CRONIN AND LILY HALTER

Want to play a game? The objective of this activity is to match the staff members to their vehicles. Email Mrs. Rubish at Sarah.Rubsh@k12.sd.us once you think you know the answers. The first person to correctly match all of photos to the faculty gets a prize. The answers can be found on Instagram @hhstigerstripes within the following week. Good luck...



























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