



# New vice principal, passionate educator

BY LAH KER PAW HTOO

The Huron School District is welcoming a vice principal of HHS. Due to Mr. Mittelstedt's promotion to principal, HHS was in need of a replacement.

Cutshaw has lived in Huron since 2007. He and his wife have three sons, his youngest being a senior at HHS, Cameron Cutshaw.

Earning degrees from several universities, Cutshaw has extensive qualifications for this new position: bachelors degree from NSU, masters from Nebraska Lincoln, specialist degree from USD, and a theology degree from WartBurg Seminary in Iowa.

In terms of experience, Cutshaw has taught at Lincoln, Nebraska and Sioux Falls. Not only that, but he has also worked as a principal, a superintendent, and a technology coordinator in Wolsey and Stanley County.

This year, he paused his teaching career to serve as interim principal at Buchanan K-1 Center in Huron.



Cutshaw is getting to know senior Okay Htoo in the high school commons.

Cutshaw puts a heavy emphasis on the importance of students being involved. He states, "The way you make a school successful is that you get kids involved, so how do you improve attendance? You get kids involved. How do you improve grades? You get students involved, because you're involved in stuff, you don't have as much time to goof around, and

you seem a little more focused..."

Furthermore, Cutshaw said that his goal is for students to understand the program and the students. Cutshaw expresses, "I truly believe as an administrator, I want to find ways to tell kids yes. Hey, can we have a robotics club? Yes, let's find a way to make it work. So my goal, how can I empower students... Build relationships and be more successful going forward."

Cutshaw is excited about the different range of kids that are involved with fine arts, athletics, and other activities and to see these programs grow. Cutshaw mentioned that he wants students to understand that we all make mistakes, but the important thing is what we do different in the future.

In closing the interview, Cutshaw added that he looks forward to working with the Huron community once again, and working along with Mr. Mittelstedt.

# New hires bring fresh start to classes at HHS

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AG EDUCATION TEACHER



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Samantha Jenc, graduating from SDSU in May, with a major in Agriculture Education and a minor in Animal Science. is taking on the role of Ag education teacher and FFA advisor.

Jenc, explaining her career choice said, "I decided to become an Ag teacher to promote and support the importance of agriculture in our communities and world."

She continued to say, "I was inspired to coach FFA after I graduated high school

and saw all the benefits that it can bring to any student because of its wide variety of opportunities...My goal for FFA is to develop each member's leadership skills, personal growth, and career awareness through agricultural experiences."

Outside of teaching, Jenc spends her free time enjoying the outdoors, hunting, fishing, riding horses, and working out. Jenc looks forward to being a part of Huron High School next year.

NEW CHOIR TEACHER

An alumnus from Huron High School's Class of 2015, Tabith Unruh is excited to return to her roots and lead the choir department.

Unruh graduated from Northern State in 2020. Initially she spent her first two years post-college working in Clark. However, wanting to work alongside her husband, Unruh moved to Redfield where she and her husband worked for two years.



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When asked what her goals were for the upcoming school year. Unruh answered, "I want students in choir to know that they do not have to be perfect, but I want them to have an appreciation for what they are singing. I want students to feel comfortable in the environment because singing can be a very vulnerable experience, and I want to provide for that vulnerability."

Unruh cannot wait to start meeting everyone and involving herself once again in the community.

## PDA on display at Huron High School

BY AURORA DREYER & PAIGE SHERRON

Huron High School is full of couples, and the question is, when is it appropriate for these couples to show affection towards each other in public?

The common term for this type of behavior is PDA, which stands for Public Displays of Affection. Some examples of this that we don't want to see in the halls are hugging, kissing, sitting on laps, holding hands, cuddling, and making out.

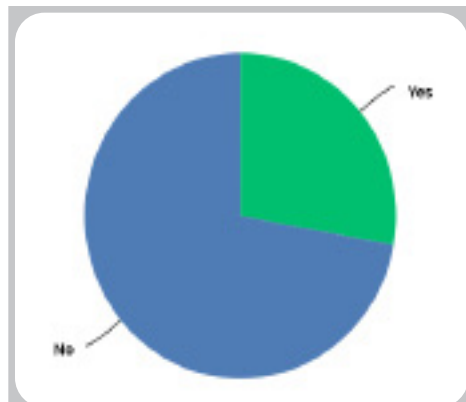
Oliver Stansfield, sophomore, said, "PDA shouldn't be allowed because it makes me uncomfortable along with plenty of others." He thinks there's a time and place for everything, and school isn't the place for PDA.

We agree with Oliver's statement, and think that school is a professional place where we come to learn. We also agree that PDA can make many people uncomfortable. For example,

you would not want to see Mr. and Mrs. Carda making out in the halls of school; likewise, other students do not want to see you and your significant other making out either.

There are students who have a different perspective. Isabelle Malley, junior, is one who feels that PDA should be more socially acceptable. She stated, "What's the problem with showing affection to the person you love?!" She thinks there should be some limits during school hours, but things like holding hands, hugging, and a little peck on the cheek are okay since it is a public place.

Physical touch is one of the five love languages, and is Malley's particular love language. This is why she approves of showing affection and love in a more public way.



The Weekly Roar class surveyed students at HHS about their thoughts on PDA in school.

Of the 60 students who responded, 72% said that PDA should not be allowed in school. Meanwhile 28% of students said that PDA is completely okay.

## Taking control of the polls

BY CHOLE CULVER & HALEY BOCK

### Voter Bryan Ramirez

When it comes to voting for the first time this November, Ramirez has decided that it is important for himself to vote. "I am going to vote because it is my civic duty and I feel like my voice matters." Ramirez does not know who he is going to vote for; he needs more information on the candidates and their values. Ramirez also says that, "I think every educated person should vote even if they think that their voice won't matter."

Ramirez has a piece of advice to give to potential voters: "Get out of the way and make way for the real voters. Stop being so indecisive and make up your mind."

Overall, Ramirez thinks that voting is important, but it should be left in the hands of people who are educated about current issues.



PHOTO BY CHLOE CULVER

This fall, many HHS students will have the chance to vote in an election for the first time.

Seniors Bryan Ramirez and Ezra Hiles both have reasons on their decision to vote or not.

### Non-Voter Ezra Hiles

Ezra Hiles has a different point of view on voting this fall. Hiles is choosing not to vote because he is not interested in voting. Hiles said, "I'm not interested in politics at the moment, and I wouldn't want to vote for someone I don't know anything about."

Hiles does think every voice matters. "I think that everyone's voice and vote matters, which is why I don't want to waste my vote on someone I'm not educated on."

Hiles word of advice to someone on the fence about voting is, "Do not force yourself to vote if you are not completely sure on your decision."

All being said, Hiles' reasoning behind his decision on voting is simply because he is not interested, and believes that voting should be left in the hands of people who actually care.

## Post Prom *Why go?*

BY Ezra Hiles



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JODI HEGG

Pictured is senior Holden Hegg and former student Noah Beck. In this game, the two students are challenging one another to see who can get their ball into their side of the net before the other person. They are also hooked together with vests making it hard for them to move around.

This year's Prom took place on April 20th at the Huron Arena. Prom is always a great time to hang with friends, dance, and take loads of pictures.

Following Prom, there is always an awesome event called Post Prom held at the Huron Community Campus Center. Even if you don't want to go to the dance or Grand March, all juniors and seniors are allowed to attend Post Prom with doors opening at 11:00 p.m. This year, it ended around 3:30 a.m.

Post Prom is completely run by parents and volunteers. They raise money, then buy prizes for students to win. They spend months preparing for the event, and many hours the weekend of prom setting up, decorating, and preparing free food and drinks for students to enjoy.

The committee tried something different with prizes this year. Juniors and seniors wrote their names on a ticket and threw it into a bucket. (Sophomores and out-

of-town attendees are not allowed to win prizes.) At the end of the evening, names were drawn out of the senior bucket first, alternating with juniors. Whomever's name was drawn first got first pick at the prizes. After that, the person drawn second gets second pick at the prizes and so on and so forth. The big prizes: TV's, futons, a dorm fridge, and Beats headphones, went fast.

The main part of Post Prom, and many people's favorite activity, are the games you can play: bean bags, laser tag, blackjack, etc.

Last year a common complaint was that the magician was boring. Due to this, the parents decided to bring back a hypnotist.

A tip if it is your first time attending Post Prom: typically after Prom, people go home and change into non-formal clothes.

Be watching your email for a SurveyMonkey from committee member Sarah Rubish. The Post Prom parents want to know what you think.

## Putters vs. POPS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY WAYLON DAVIS



### Leeam Davis

- Q.** Have you been to both places?  
**A.** "Yes, I have been."
- Q.** Which one do you like more?  
**A.** "I like putters and scoops better for the fact there's more to do, and it's prettier. They both have the same ice cream from SDSU."
- Q.** What is your favorite flavor?  
**A.** "COOKIES AND CREAM."



### Treven Nelson

- Q.** Have you been to both places?  
**A.** "Yes I have been"
- Q.** Which one do you like more?  
**A.** "I like POP Ice cream more because the ice cream tastes better and the inside is more pleasing."
- Q.** What is your favorite flavor?  
**A.** "My favorite flavor is strawberry."



### Sandy Swenson

- Q.** Have you been to both places?  
**A.** "Yes I have."
- Q.** Which one do you like more?  
**A.** "I like POP ice cream more because the music that they play and the ice cream tastes better."
- Q.** What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?  
**A.** "My favorite flavor of ice cream is stawberry."

## Spring Athletics

BY JACKSON MATTKE

### Track and Field

Track and Field is a spring sport that involves contests in which athletes participate in different running, jumping, long and short distance races, throwing, and relays.

Track events include the 100m, which is a dead sprint to the finish line. The 200m requires additional strength to maintain a fast pace. The 400m is a long sprint, which requires incredible endurance.

There are also 800m, 1600m, and 3200m races and relays. (Relays are when a team of runners combine during a race.)

Field events test someone's physical strength in throwing and jumping. There is long jump, triple jump, and high jump. Field events also include throwing. This includes discus, javelin, and shot put.

#### Q & A with Head Coach Angie Thomas

**Q: What are you looking forward to this season?**

A: "In general, I'm looking forward to Track & Field! It was, and still is, the only sport that truly has an event for everyone. And, whether or not an athlete chooses to throw, jump, vault, sprint, or run distance, he or she is becoming stronger, more powerful, and/or faster. So, even if Track & Field isn't their dream sport, they are improving their overall physical fitness for whatever sport they are truly passionate about."

**Q: What is your goal for this year's season?**

A: "My main goal remains the same each season. I want us to be competitive. When the Huron Tiger buses pull up at track meets, I want the other teams to know that they had better bring their "A" game if they have any chance of beating us. Until more students join our program, that will be a tough goal to meet. I have asked so many students to come out for Track & Field because I know they would make strong contributions to our team, but I have been turned down more times than not. I've been coaching Track for about 28 years, and I cannot tell you how many former students have approached me, as adults just to tell me they wished they had gone out for Track while they were in high school."

**Q: What is your favorite part about coaching?**

A: "First and foremost, the athletes! Every year I think "There won't ever be a better group of kids than this", and every year I am proven wrong. I enjoy watching them grow from a timid freshman into a strong, competitive senior. I just love the sport and the different events, and I like that there is so much happening during a meet. There is an event going on the entire time."

### Seniors

- ~Kolton Ogle (4yrs)
- ~CJ Gainey (4yrs)
- ~Holden Hegg (4yrs)
- ~Ben Ahlers (4yrs)
- ~Diego Aldrich (3yrs)
- ~Peyton Bischoff (2yrs)
- ~Leeam Davis (2yrs)
- ~Aristeo Escobar (4yrs)
- ~Carsen Evans (1yr)
- ~Ezra Hiles (3yrs)
- ~Nick Kleinsasser (4yrs)
- ~Tyson Pfitzer (4yrs)
- ~Bryan Ramirez (4yrs)
- ~Jackson Reno (4yrs)
- ~Jaelyn Hamilton (4yrs)
- ~Lizzy Heinen (4yrs)
- ~Hamty Hein (4yrs)
- ~Ireland Hennrich (4yrs)
- ~Christen Hoek (1yr)
- ~Jaylee Noyes (4yrs)
- ~Tatum Peterson (4yrs)
- ~Mackenzie Siemonsma (4yrs)



PHOTO BY LAH DOH SOE

### Boy's Tennis

The Huron Tiger's Boys Tennis team started their season in cold and snow.

Coach Tim Hedblom says the thing he is most looking forward to this season is "to see how much the boy's team has improved."

Hedblom's favorite part about coaching is, "...being able to coach the incredible group of players we have. It is great to see how hard they work, and how much they improve over the season."

The team's goals for this season are to finish top four at ESD, to finish top

three at State, win the Sportsmanship Award, and to have a fun and successful season.

**Coach Hedblom would like to recognize and highlight his seniors. Dah Christ Moo, Lah Doe Soe, Hser Wah, Kmui Htoo, Sean Meyers, Lah Ker Paw Htoo, and Gabe Montoya.** "They have worked hard over the years and set the standard for younger players. They lead by example and through hard work, sportsmanship, and dedication have become great role models for the underclassmen," Hedblom said.

## Core Kinetics dances for the “Applause”

STORY BY RIVER PETERSON, PHOTOS BY AURORA DREYER

Core Kinetics Dance is a dance studio that has classes taught by owner Chad Hanson and teacher Kayla Stevens. There are many different types of dance that are available.

The high school dancers practice on Mondays from 8:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m, and Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

They have seven different dances to prepare for their spring recital. These include Contemporary 1 & 2, Cecchetti, which is a form of classical ballet, Tap, Jazz, Broadway, and Pointe.

Of all the Core Kinetics dancers in HHS, there is only one senior: Tessa Gogolin. She will be performing a senior Broadway/Jazz solo to the song “Flowers”



Senior Tessa Gogolin prepares to practice her senior recital moves.



The High School Core Kinetics dance classes pose for a picture after their Tap dance class.

by Miley Cyrus. Gogolin is very excited to perform her solo and is working hard in preparation for the recital.

There is also only one boy in the high school dance classes, Sam Radke. Like girls, boys can start dance lessons when they are younger, but most boys don't make it to high school dance. Radke gets different costumes than the girls, and is often put center stage in the choreography.

Contrary to competitive dance, studio dance does not have multiple performances throughout the season. They practice on dancing techniques for the first half of the school year and start learning the dances for their recital right before Christmas break.

When asked what dances she most enjoys, Gogolin stated, “One of my

favorite dances is our Broadway dance. We're doing a song from *Chicago* and I love that musical! It's a very sassy dance which is really fun for me.” Junior Lily Halter, however, likes the Jazz dance, “Applause” by Lady Gaga, which is the finale of the recital. “I really like it because it's very high energy and we do a lot of stunts and lifts! We also have really cool costumes for that dance.”

The CK Dance recital will be held in the Huron High School auditorium, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28 and May 29. Both evenings' performances begin at 7:00 p.m. Come early, as the tickets and go fast for both nights.

## Tiger baseball begins

BY JACKSON MATTKE AND EZRA HILES

Tiger baseball opened their season on April 4, against the Brookings Bobcats. The team is currently 2-7, and their next game is in Sioux Falls against the Roosevelt Roughriders on April 26th.

Over the course of the season, the Tigers will play 22 games before regional playoffs. Winning regions punches the team's ticket to state. When asked about his favorite part of the baseball season, senior Peyton Bischoff said, “My favorite part about the spring baseball season is bringing energy and hitting dingers over the fence, then mugging everybody around the bases.”

The state tournament will be held May 24th and 25th in Sioux Falls. The team is hoping that they'll make an appearance, and maybe even win it all.



Senior Layne Wenzel delivers a pitch to home plate in the season opener against Brookings in early April.

## HHS students whisk up some wins at Prostart competition

BY JACK BALES



The Prostart competition was held in Pierre at the Ramkota Convention Center on March 11 and 12.

There are three different competition categories: Culinary Competition, in which Huron had no entrants, Cake Decoration Competition, and Management Competition.

Each category had 1st and 2nd places announced, and each person/team received a trophy. Seniors Darrien Martin and Aristeo Escobar-Salanic competed in the management category. Junior Laurelis Feliz-Medina competed in the Cake Decoration category.

The management team of Escobar-Salanic and Martin was critiqued on their restaurant concept. The team must create the restaurant based off four given restaurant-space scenarios taking place in a make believe town called ProStartville, USA. They present their information to six different categories of judges that score based on marketing, operations, menu, concept, and critical thinking. The only visuals they were allowed were two posters they created.

Huron's team chose to create a freestanding restaurant called Arrow Diner, and Martin and Escobar-Salanic placed second.



PHOTOS BY JESSICA RODACKER

**Laurelis Feliz-Medina competed in the cake baking and decorating competition. She was critiqued on their frosting and piping skills, cake flavor, recipe-cost worksheets, decorating techniques and her interview while decorating.**

## Honor Choir auditions take place in Huron

BY RIVER PETERSON

Honor Choir is one of the most prestigious choirs one can audition for as a high school vocalist. It is a choir of approximately 150 students from South Dakota. These selected students must go through an arduous audition process which includes a singing portion in front of a judge and a written terms test. The audition process is very difficult and can be nerve wracking for students.

The singing portion of the audition includes a solo piece with an accompanist, sight singing, a patriotic song, and tonal memory. The solo piece can be of one's choosing and is primarily chosen from books of pieces that the choir director has.

The sight singing process is one of the hardest parts of the audition according to vocalists. The singer is given a phrase of music and the note it starts on. They must then sing the phrase as well as they can with the correct notes and rhythm. Points are awarded for various factors, like the voice following the notes up and down, ending on the correct pitch, and accurate rhythm.

The patriotic song is based on the singer's specific voice part (alto, soprano, tenor, bass) and vocal range.

Tonal memory is when the judge plays a certain array of notes, and the vocalist must sing the notes back to the judge exactly how it was played.

Huron hosted the auditions for multiple towns in the area on Tuesday, April 2. Huron High School had four students audition this year: Reese Stephens and Green Ta Bah on alto, Jonah Beck on tenor, and Griffin Storm on bass.

If they are selected for Honor Choir they attend a week of rehearsals at the University of Sioux Falls, followed by the concert on August 2.

## HYLC shows appreciation to advisor Heidi Holforty

BY AURORA DREYER

Heidi Holforty is the German teacher at Huron High School and is also an HYLC advisor. HYLC is the Huron Youth Leadership Council which is youth-led philanthropic branch of the United Way. Holforty has been serving as an advisor for HYLC since 2015.

Unlike many other clubs at HHS such as Key Club, FFA, and HOSA, who pay their advisors annually, HYLC has always been an unpaid advisory position. This year a group of students decided to find a way to ensure that Holforty receives a stipend too.

The process began with co-advisor Rhonda Kludt presenting a proposal to Superintendent Kraig Steinhoff.

Next HYLC President and United Way board member AnneClaire Rubish and Back Pack coordinator and United Way board member Aurora Dreyer presneted the proposal to the United Way Board. Rubish then followed up with an explanation to Stienhoff. After several month of waiting, the students learned they were successful and a stipend for Holforty had been approved.

Chasety Christensen, a senior who



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**Holforty has been teaching in the Huron School District for 27 years, and she has served as the HYLC advisor for the past nine years.**

has been in HYLC for four years, said, "I believe that the club grows each year because of how much students love her. She impacts the club through her positive energy about everything, she listens to people's opinions and it makes working together and coming up with new ideas so much more fun!"

Christensen also believes that, "...she deserves this stipend because she is the face of HYLC. If you have questions

or concerns, she is the first person you go to at school. Along with co-advisors Rhonda Kludt and Jen Bragg, Holforty makes HYLC one of the best clubs at HHS. She is so easy to work with and I believe that is one reason why HYLC does what it does and gets so much recognition from the community."

Holforty said, "It brings me joy to work with the students in a different capacity other than their 'teacher'. It's nice to experience them outside of the classroom and it's also fun getting to know students that haven't taken my class. We really need to take care of each other, and this is such a great way for students to do just that. When students take the time to reach others through volunteering and philanthropy, it gives them a sense of purpose and fulfillment. As a mentor for HYLC, I guide and advise these young adults. It is my way of giving back as well as being a role model for our students. I truly believe in the positive impact HYLC has on these students, and that is why I continue to help."

## Educators Rising helps seniors leave lasting mark

BY GREEN TA BAH

Educators Rising is a club that helps prepare future educators with learning expos, state conferences, and a national convention.

The club has hosted two fundraisers this school year. Their first fundraiser was t-shirt fundraiser where students were able to buy t-shirts and give them to a teacher who made an impact on their lives. Their second fundraiser was in February during EdRising week. The club sold candygrams that students could buy for a teacher or staff member they appreciate.

The latest fundraiser will be selling bricks for their latest fundraiser. The purpose is to allow the current graduating

class to leave a permanent mark on the school. Seniors can buy a whole brick for \$40, but if they don't want to pay for an entire brick, they can split the cost with another senior. Then the seniors can create a design for the brick, but the designs must be approved by Brandi Fitzgerald, the club advisor, and by Mr. Radke.

The club will be selling the bricks from April 10th through the 17th, and the actual design and painting will be on April 24th from 3:30 pm to 8:30pm in room B-220.

Makenzie Siemonsma, a senior in the club, said, "I am most excited to see everyone's brick designs and to add something that means something in our

hallways." She plans on a buying a brick and adding her name, her basketball and volleyball numbers, and her favorite quote on the brick.

Tatum Peterson, another senior, is also excited to see how her peers will be designing their bricks. She said, "I think it's a fun idea and a great way to remember the past student of HHS."

Fitzgerald hopes that the fundraiser will turn into a new school tradition. She is excited to see what the students will be coming up with.

With the money raised, Fitzgerald will be able to pay for future learning expos and state conferences.

## Huron's Merit Scholar, Sean Meyers

BY CHLOE CULVER

Sean Meyers was chosen as a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship, which is set up by the Merit Scholar Program. To achieve this accomplishment, Meyers took the PSAT, and scored higher than a majority of other students.

To be considered for a finalist, Meyers has to send in an application. The NMCS then chooses around 15,000 students for finalist, which included Meyers. Finalist can be granted scholarship money and even can receive a full ride.

Being an National Merit Scholar Finalist is a big honor, which is part of the reason Meyers decided to apply for it. Along with it being an honor, it looks better on resumes and scholarships are given out for being a finalist.

Along with being a National Merit

Scholar finalist, Meyers has also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, a huge accomplishment and honor.

Being an Eagle Scout is the highest ranking in the Boy Scouts organization, a rank that only 6% of scouts attain. To receive this honor, Meyers had to earn all other ranks, gaining 21 merit badges. He also had to put together a large-scale community service project.

The community service project Meyers created is a kiosk information center for the Riverside Cemetery. The kiosk can help people to look up and locate a loved one's name and the location of the grave.

As for the future, Meyers plans to attend the University of Alabama for Aerospace engineering.



PHOTO BY PLAINSMAN

Senior Sean Meyers wears his Eagle Scout uniform, including his many badges earned for various accomplishments.

## Student streaming side hustle

BY LEEAM DAVIS

Most high school students already play video games, and streaming video games is a fun side job anybody can do as long as they know how to share their live game play to apps like Twitch, Kick, or Steam.

One student at HHS, Cordin Caudell, already streams. When asked what streaming is like Caudell respond with, "At first it gets really boring, but like anything you got to work at it to get good."

In terms of making money, Caudell has been very close to winning money from tournaments from Fortnite, like solos/duos cash, FNCS, and etc. The prize pool for the cash cups are usually around \$27,400 for each region, and FNCS is the big tournament with \$7,675,000 prize pool.

How has Caudell done when competing in this tournament? He has come very close to top 50 in the cash cup and FNCS, which is what you need to place

to make money for this tournament. First place players or duos gets \$3,200, and 26th-50th places can earn \$200 dollars.

Caudell hasn't won any prizes in this tournament but stated, "I have been close many time but never able to win anything... this next season I'm winning."

He has earned close to \$200 from streaming, which may seem low, but he was going to play video games anyways. He has also had people gifted him skins, which can count towards making money. Caudell commented how he has dreams of becoming a pro, saying, "It's always everyone's dream to go pro in something, and if streaming is it, I guess I will."



The picture above shows Caudell streaming Fortnite. This screenshot was taken from Caudell's username krushh0 on Twitch, which is how you would find Caudell.



# Dancin' through the decades with POPS 2024

BY JOY AND GREEN

Pops Concert is an annual spring tradition that marks the beginning of the big year-end activities.

Each year, the two-night show has a different musical theme, and this year's is "Dancin' Through the Decades".

POPS is an opportunity for students to showcase their talents singing popular and student-directed selections.

Teresa Smith, choir director, answered some of the Tiger Stripes' questions about POPS.

~Q & A~  
Teresa Smith  
HHS Choir Director

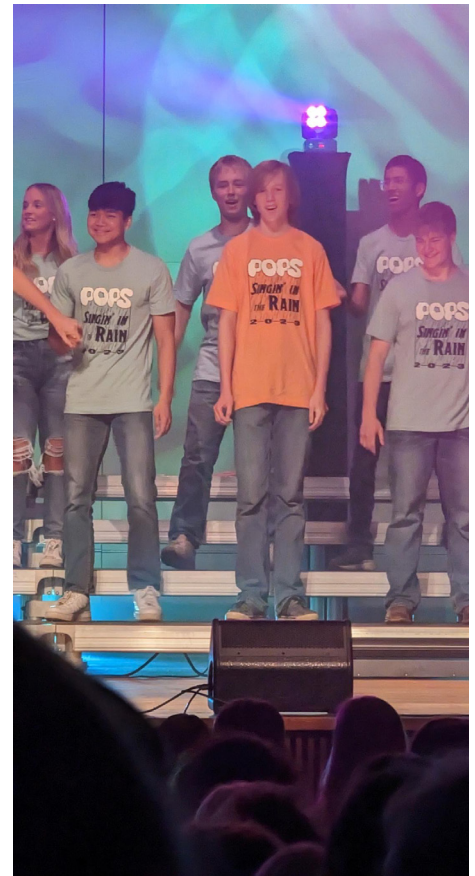
**Q: What is your favorite thing about the POPS Concert?**

*A: "I love that I get to help put on POPS Concert after many years of being in it and watching others perform. I like the choreography of the group and the small pieces of it, and I am really excited about the theme"*



**Q: What is your advice to the participants?**

*A: "POPS Concert is fun because any music could be performed. I want them to gain self-confidence and enjoy the love of making music."*



## Spring sports continued ~ girls golf

BY JACKSON MATTKE



*Tiger Stripes* interviewed girls head golf coach, Chris Rozell, about the upcoming season. Rozell stated that the girls' team is very young and inexperienced. He is looking forward to a season of improvement. He also said that practice time will be key for the girls this year, and his main goal is for each girl to improve and to gain experience to become a varsity golfer.

This year's team will golf mainly in JV meets. "There are many reasons I enjoy coaching, but the best part for me is getting to know my players and helping the ones that want to get better do so." Rozell said.

**Some members of the girls golf team work with Dr. Josh Carr of Carr Chiropractic Clinic. Due to cold and wet weather, some early-season practices must be held indoors.**

# Seniors celebrate final weeks

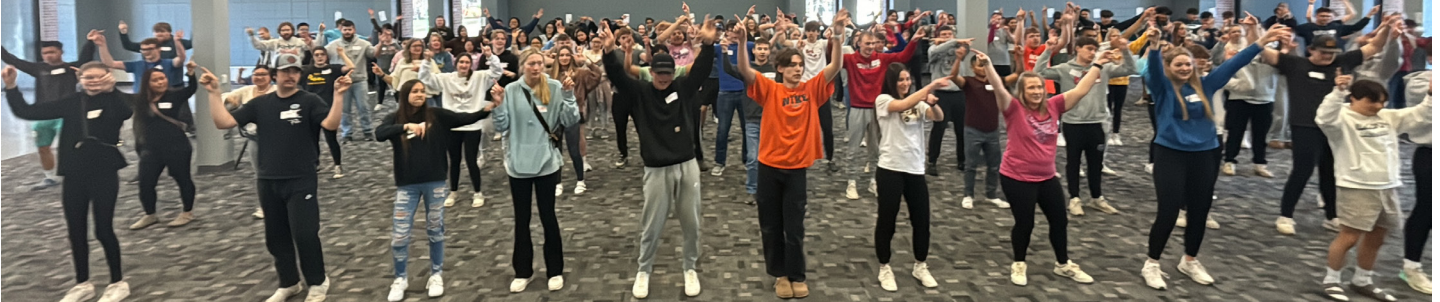


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**The Class of 2024 takes a break from games and conversations to have a dance party at their retreat on April 9th, at the Campus Center.**

As the school year comes to an end, seniors enjoy many special traditions. One of those traditions goes beyond just doing something fun together; instead, the senior retreat is a chance for students to cement lasting friendships, reflect on their high school journey, and create memories with classmates that will stick with them forever.

The senior retreat is filled with a

variety of activities, everything from dancing and games, and writing meaningful letters to joining group discussions. The retreat also creates a space for seniors to connect beyond their usual friend groups.

As seniors get ready to graduate and step into the next phase of their lives, the senior retreat was a reminder to enjoy the last brief moments with classmates.

In the senior experience, the retreat is like a bright thread weaving together fun activities, surprising discoveries, and encouragement to build important connections. As seniors move on after graduation, the senior retreat reminds them to appreciate the present, make strong connections, and cherish the moments that will stay in their memories forever.

# HHS's foreign exchange student

BY PAIGE SHERRON

Sofiya Azimova is Huron High School's foreign exchange student. She is from the city of Tashkent in Uzbekistan. She has six people in her family, including her, her parents, and her three siblings.

Uzbekistan has an eleven-hour time difference from the US. Sofiya wasn't affected too badly by the time change when she moved, and adjusted to it easily. However, talking to her friends and family is difficult because about the time she goes to school her family is getting ready for bed, so she tries her best to talk to her family when she can.

To be a foreign exchange student you had to be on a scholarship exchange program. Sofiya's, program is called "Flex." It has three rounds and each round includes things like tests, essays, and interviews. If a student passes all of them, she becomes a finalist and the program then covers all the costs

This year they had more than 3,000

students that applied from her country, and Sofiya was one of the 55 chosen.

When Sofiya moved here, she was originally placed in Watertown. Her first three months were really hard on her, and she missed her family. She talked to them on the phone quite a bit which helped.

Her family in Watertown had some problems so her exchange student coordinator placed her with a new family in Huron. She had to move in the middle of the year and didn't know until a week before. She was scared to move into a different family but she saw how nice a family they are, and all that went away.

Sofiya personally likes it better in Huron just because her previous host family had problems and that can play a big role in the exchange year. She also likes how it's a small town, so it's safer and easier to make friends.

Although Sofiya likes it here and really enjoys her host family, the Puterbaughs,



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she misses her family and can't wait to go home in a few months.

Huron hasn't had a foreign exchange student since before Covid in 2020, so having Azimova come in was a surprise at first, but most students are hoping this becomes a regular occurrence at HHS in the future.

## StuCo ends years with 4-on-4 VB tourney



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Pictured above is last year's winning team from the Student Council sponsored 4-on-4 volleyball tournament. This year's tournament had to be rescheduled, and will now be held on Wednesday, May 1, during early release. Play will start at 2:00, and should be finished by 3:30.

Huron High School Student Council has a long tradition of hosting a 4-on-4 volleyball tournament every spring.

Multiple teams of students (and sometimes even teachers) compete against each other in a double-elimination tournament. Some years, they've played single-elimination tournaments, but this

year the number of teams was limited to allow for double-elimination.

Last year's tournament was a big success, with 18 teams competing and many spectators as well.

Most teams come up with a catchy or funny name and devise costumes to go along with it. The prized "toilet-seat

trophy" is awarded to the championship team, and the "Best Dressed" team gets DQ gift cards.

Eh Jah Beh, team leader of one of last year's teams, talked about his experience with the tournament: "My favorite thing is that anyone can play in this tournament regardless of their grade or gender. The teams can be made up of anybody and overall, last year's tournament was a fun experience for me."



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Last year's runner-up team: Kelly Hennrich, Ireland Hennrich, Kelsey Schuchhardt, and Logan Leyendecker.

## Legislative pages share experiences

BY HALEY BOCK

Three seniors, Chloe Culver, Cameron Cutshaw, and Chasety Christensen, each spent two weeks in Pierre this past January or February, serving as legislative pages.

A legislative page is someone that provides valuable assistance to representatives and staff by delivering messages, running errands, and distributing bills and amendments.

Pages learn to accept personal responsibility for their duties, and the experience helps prepare them for of academic and professional careers.

Each of the seniors said they are appreciative of the opportunity, and that being in the senate for two weeks taught them more about how governing works than any government class could have.

Even though they were up at 6:00 a.m. each day, they enjoyed getting to know the other pages.

Christensen says the hardest part for her was trying to stay caught up with school work and having to make it a priority over doing some of the fun activities with the other pages.

Culver says she learned a lot being a

page, mainly that there were more than two sides to each bill introduced, and that decision making is harder than just voting yes or no.

Cutshaw says getting to be a page has helped him to gain more knowledge with something he is very passionate about. He says that corruption, bribery and things of that nature do not go far in South Dakota as many of those in office truly believe in the benefit of South Dakotans, elimination of iniquity, and preservation of rights and American ideals through effective governing.

## HURON HIGH SCHOOL LOOK-ALIKES

BY PAIGE SHERRON, JACK BALES, LEEAM DAVIS

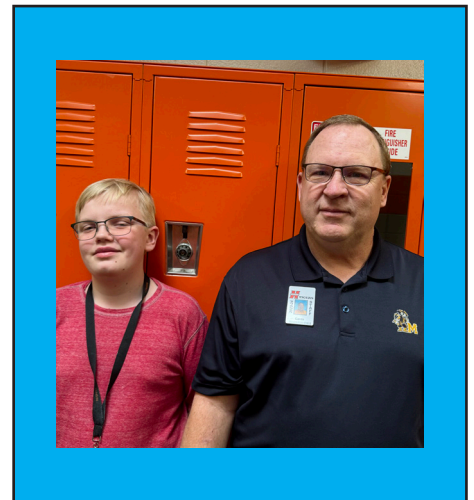
*Although they may not be related, these HHS students and staff are dubbed "HHS Doppelgangers." Look at the striking similarities in these six pairings.*



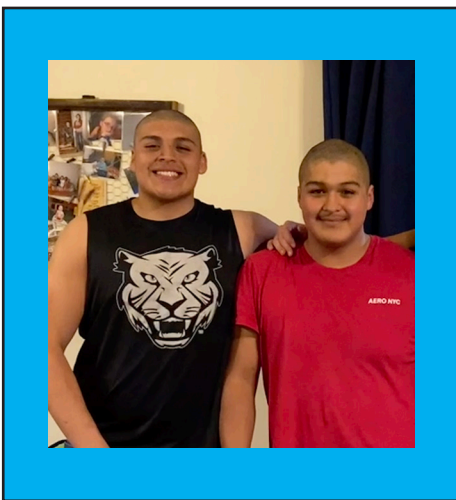
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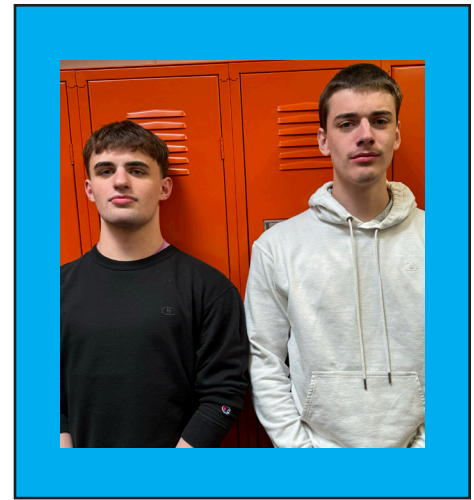
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