



Jones to retire from teaching

BY EMMA AHLERS

Huron High School will see many staff retire as the school year ends. Craig Jones, U.S. History teacher, is one of them.

Jones has taught for 36 years in the Huron school system. For 20 of these years, he has taught U.S. History, but in the past he has also taught geography and current events. Before Huron, he taught in Arlington. When there was an opening at HHS, Jones decided to take it, because he wanted to teach at a bigger school and his wife was already working in Huron.

Looking back, Jones explained that the best part of teaching at HHS "...is getting to work with great students and colleagues over the years. Every day is different and you never know what the day may bring. I also get to teach a subject that I love and believe is critically important to learn."

Jones commented that he had many fond memories about teaching at HHS. Specifying, he explained, "The thing I like most is the general discussions with students about history and current events. The past couple of years I have noticed that students don't want to share opinions as much in class anymore. That is sad."

Jones described that his proudest accomplishment as a teacher is watching many of his students move on from HHS and become successful people. "I am also very grateful to former students who I see and they share how much they enjoyed my class," he added.



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Mr. Jones sits at his desk in his classroom. Depending on if there are snow days to make up, his final day being Huron High School's U.S. History teacher will be May 21.

Thinking about his experiences working at the high school, Jones expressed that what he will miss the most "...is just the daily interaction with students and staff. We have great students, teachers, and administrators here..."

After retiring, Jones plans to travel the world, seeing things he has only been able to read about until now. One of the things he plans to do is cruise through the Pananma Canal next October.

New schedule brings changes, opportunities

BY BLAKE ELLWEIN

Time	Period	A Day Schedule	B Day Schedule	Period	Time
8:05-9:30	1			2	8:05-9:30
9:35-11:00	3			4	9:35-11:00
11:00-11:45	1st Lunch			1st Lunch	11:00-11:45
11:45-1:10	2nd Class-5			2nd Class-6	11:45-1:10
11:05-12:30	1st Class-5			1st Class-6	11:05-12:30
12:30-1:15	2nd Lunch			2nd Lunch	12:30-1:15
1:15-1:45	SRB			SRB	1:15-1:45
1:50-3:15	7			8	1:50-3:15

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This is Mr. Mittelstedt's blueprint for next year's schedule. The "skinny" class schedules in periods 1-4 have been planned as half periods.

Huron High School will be making some changes to its schedule. According to Principal Rodney Mittelstedt, it is changing to "...accommodate the needs of our growing student population." The plan is to keep the same block system of A and B days but change periods 1-4. This is primarily for music students.

During periods 1-4, most courses will continue to meet for the full period every other day; however, some courses will meet for only half a period, but meet every day in periods known as "skinny classes."

Mittelstedt says, "There will be a number of classes scheduled this way throughout the morning periods. At this

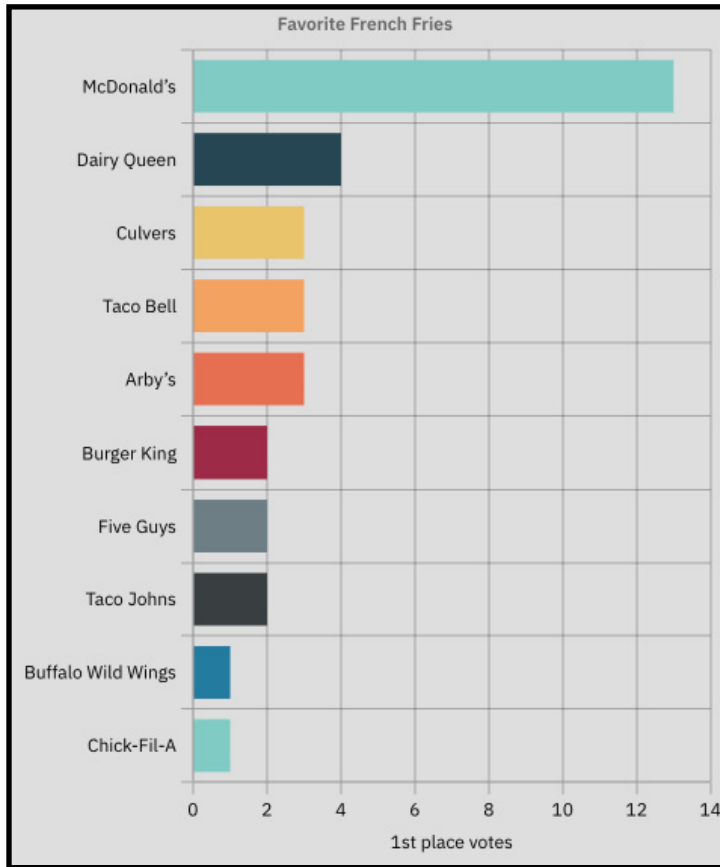
point, band, choir, and orchestra are the only classes we know will be part of this scheduling modification, but we plan to add others once registration is complete and we have a better idea of courses we need next year."

"As the number of students at HHS grows, we are finding it increasingly difficult to work within the conflicts of our schedule as we know it...some students find greater success with certain subjects if they meet every day, rather than every other day. This schedule will allow us to meet those needs."

The new schedule is not finalized, but it should be out in the next few months.

French fry battle results in upset

BY KOLBY HOFER



A shocking and very interesting upset happened during the *Tiger Stripes* staff French fry test taste. The staff ordered fries from McDonald's as well as Burger King to taste and vote on which is the better fry.

Before the tasting happened, many of the staff expected McDonald's to win by a landslide. However, most everyone was surprised at how well the fresh Burger King French fries tasted. The outstanding performance earned BK a huge 10-6 win. Many members of the *Tiger Stripes* staff mentioned, "BK's fries are better when fresh and warm, but McDonald's are better when cold."



PHOTO BY SARAH RUBISH

Tiger Stripes staff sample fresh McDonald's and Burger King fries. BK won the newspaper vote, but MickeyD's won the school-wide survey.

Is Super Bowl LIX most hated of all time?

BY LOGAN LEYENDECKER

With another year comes another Super Bowl; however, most fans were unhappy with this year's matchup.

Super Bowl was between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles. But why are people mad about this? These two teams tend to be more disliked than others. On one side, the Chiefs are hated because they keep winning. Also, some NFL fans think they tend to get favored by the refs. The Eagles, on the other hand, have crazy fans which other people tend to think are rude.

There are many opinions about these teams. Oakley Anderson, junior, wanted the Eagles to win but doesn't really care because he doesn't like either of the teams. When asked what teams he wanted in the

Super Bowl, Anderson said the Bills and Washington Commanders.

Despite the hate, Chiefs and Eagles still have their own fans. Tason Diehl, sophomore, a Chiefs fan, said, "It is a hated Super Bowl, but I don't feel it's hated because of the Eagles...I think it's hated because of the Chief's chance to three-peat and continuing the dynasty."

"The whole complaint that the refs favor the Chiefs is a whole bunch of nothing...I mean, I've known some people that hated Brady when he was in his era and now they see him as the G.O.A.T. What it comes down to is people hate seeing a team that isn't theirs win. The last reason is because of Taylor Swift, but I can understand that."



PHOTO BY LOGAN LEYENDECKER

Tason Diehl, sophomore, is in the Chiefs jersey and Oakley Anderson, junior, is in the Vikings jersey. Diehl was not happy with the result of the Super Bowl. Anderson didn't care because the Vikings weren't playing yet again.

Hurry Up Tommorrow Bop or Flop?

BY CONNER HOFER



The Weeknd's sixth studio album *Hurry Up Tommorrow* was released in January. It broke his personal record for most opening week sales

Abel Tesfaye or “The Weekend,” is a multi-award winning musician with many accomplishments such as record-breaking albums, Grammy awards, and a Super Bowl halftime performance. He has since chosen to retire his famous stage name, “The Weekend” after releasing his new album, “Hurry Up Tomorrow,” which had 20 songs and two interludes for a total of 1 hour and 24 minutes. Tesfaye will continue to keep making music in the future, just not under the name we all know.

Is “Hurry Up Tomorrow” a bop or flop? It was not the best album of “The Weekend’s” in my opinion, but it was still a great album. You can tell just by listening there was a lot of work and time put into this album. The production in every song is amazing and sets up the melody and vocals to all work together. My least favorite songs were, “São Paulo”

ft. Anita and “The Abyss” ft. Lana Del Rey. Neither of these songs really did anything extremely special to make them stand out when compared to the others. On the other hand, I really liked, “Give Me Mercy,” “Cry for Me,” for the rhythm and “Hurry Up Tomorrow” for the storytelling. My favorite song on the album is by far, “Timeless” ft. Playboi Carti, which had the feature at the start of the song which is normally not the case. The Weekend starts rapping when usually he just sings.

These unique techniques of musicianship made this my number one song off the album and most likely why his career has been so successful. After listening and rating all the songs, this album recieved a 7.4/10 and I highly recommend giving it a listen. “Hurry Up Tomorrow” is a certified bop.

Captain America: Brave New World released to theaters

BY MADELINE KLEINSASSER

I personally am a huge Marvel fan, I grew up going to watch every new movie in the theaters with my family. When I heard they were making a new Captain America movie with Anthony Mackie (Falcon) as Captain America I didn't know if I was gonna like it. This is because I think Chris Evans was the perfect captain america, and that's who it always was. Plus, I will miss Stan Lees surprise apperences, it was always something I missed seeing, especially in these new movies with him gone.

I honestly loved the new movie and the new storyline they have created. They brought other characters like Isaiah Bradley, Thaddeus Ross, Samuel Sterns, and Betty Ross back into the new movie.

There were so many new twists and turns. For example, the same thing that turned Bruce Banner into the hulk had a different effect on Samuel Sterns, so instead of being strong he was smart. He started to use these pills to mind control poeple and

he could play out all the possiblities of the furture and know which one is most likely to happen. So with a simple song or flashes on their phone screen, people do whatever Stern wants. This is something they don't let you find out till the last half of the movie. They didn't even show what he looks like till half way though the movie.

Thaddeus Ross, the president, was holding Stern captive at a secure sight and seeing to ensure that he could live. Nobody knew, but Ross's heart was failing and the only person smart enough to save him was Stern. I thought this was dumb, because why would you trust him? Turns out I was right not to trust him, because Stern was outsmarting him Ross, by giving him pills slowly turning him into the Red Hulk.

The new Captain America throughout this movie basically finds what kind of hero he's going to be and who he can trust on his new journey. We also get a new Falcon and I honestly like him too, he'll bring some



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The movie poster features the Red Hulk versus Captain America. This is Mackie's debut as Captain America.

comedy to future Marvel movies.

In case anyone's wondering, yes, I stayed to the very end of the movie for the extra credits scene, 'cause I'm a real fan. This will not be the last Captain America movie, and I'm looking forward to more.

Guest editorial: The Art of the Pen

BY RANDAL G. ARNESON

Some have said that sharp be the sword held by professional hands and sharp be the wit of those who wield the pen. Whereas the sword has cut itself into history, now it lay sheathed upon the mantle within our books and legends. It could be said that the pen has stood the test of time, and has truly proved its might through its own longevity. However, with so many pens ravaging the markets of today, the true question remains... which pen is the mightiest?

Truly, there are three pens that reign supreme within the world of writers, and under review of the pen, we will glance upon the following factors: Cost, Design, and the Efficiency of Writing. These will be determining factors in the long-held argument of which modern pen is best.

The G2:

The G2 comes in at around \$2 per pen, with 1.0, 0.7, and 0.5 mm designs

for thinner writing. Allowing for quicker drying for left handers. The design is standardized. However, the pen has a tendency to skip at lower millimeter widths.

The V5:

The V5 comes in around \$1.75 per pen, and also allows for a unique design, favoring having a cap versus a push pen, which stops it from seeping into fabric. The design is standardized. This pen, too, has a tendency to skip and only comes in 0.5 mm widths.

The Sharpie S-Gel Pen:

Coming in at about \$1.25 per pen, this Gel pen comes in metal or plastic varieties within similar design. The metal pens have a weightiness to them that just feels "right". Finally, the S-Gel pen is a standard 0.7 mm, and uses gel instead of ink, which instantly dries when exiting the pen (meaning no more smearing).

Truly, the Sharpie S-Gel Pen reigns king and court in this "pen-ink-pen" world. A pen loved by left-handers everywhere. A pen revered from the intricate colors that is purveys to any onlooker, reader, or passerby. The design is sleek, colorful, unique, yet standardized. The cost is the lowest and truly the price point for this pen is more than paid for in its efficiency and conveniences it brings to the table.

The true question remains, will there ever be a pen to topple the pillar and standards from which the Sharpie S-Gel Pen has set? Is there pen so desirable that it transcends the realm of human understanding, breaching into divinity? Only time will tell.

This editorial was submitted by an HHS staff member, writing under the name Randal G. Arneson, a "pen" name.

Should TikTok be banned?

BY ETHAN NEMMERS



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The current list of possible buyers of TikTok (if ByteDance would chose to divest) are Oracle, Microsoft, Elon Musk, Project Liberty, and YouTuber, Mr. Beast. However, ByteDance has stated that it isn't looking into selling

Many who peruse the social media app TikTok are a little worried about its fate in response to a bill that was passed by Congress last spring. With last-minute action by President Trump in January, some think TikTok has been saved, but in reality, he just paused the banning. The only way TikTok can be saved is if it is bought by an American company.

The TikTok ban was passed in a foreign aid package meant for Ukraine, Taiwan, and Israel (H.R. 815) last April.

Later, Biden signed the National Security Act, which gave TikTok parent company, ByteDance, till January 19, 2025 to divest TikTok or have it banned in the U.S. Shortly after Trump took office, he signed an executive order postponing the ban's enforcement by 75 days.

A poll of students at HHS shows a staggering 70% said they want the government to butt out of TikTok's business. Another 20% thought that TikTok should be banned and 10%

wanted ByteDance to be forced to sell TikTok.

Many people have theories about why the government wants to ban TikTok. One explanation is that the Chinese government is interfering and influencing American people's minds. Another is that the government is being lobbied by major tech companies to "get rid of" their competition, but I digress.

Some interesting tidbits of information people have noticed is that the U.S. government left a loophole in the ban that would let certain government officials keep TikTok on phones to "promote American interests overseas." Another interesting thing is that one of the main supporters of the TikTok ban is Senator Tom Cotton from Arkansas. He has a book coming out called *Seven Things You Can't Say About China* and some internet goers have drawn a correlation (real or imagined) between that and the ban.

Thoughts on HHS Clubs

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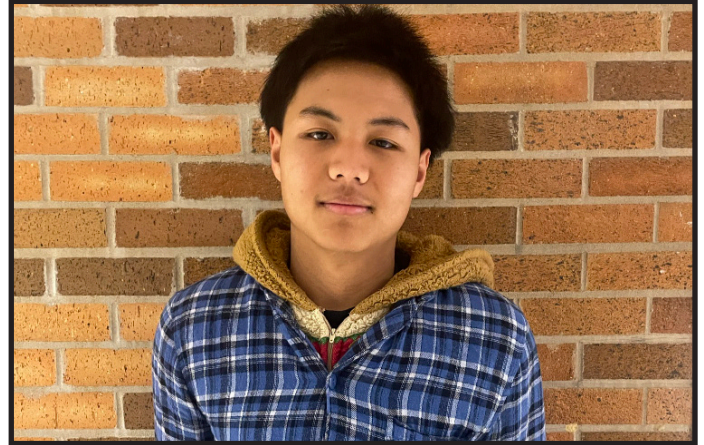
Madalyne Bock



Madalyne Bock, sophomore, would like to see a movie club added to HHS. "I believe clubs are a fun way for students to get involved and the more variety of clubs the more involvement people can have," Bock said, "I think that adding a movie club would be interesting for students to share their favorite movies and watch new ones."

She thinks it could run like a book club, where they would watch the movie and discuss their thoughts. She believes it could be a wonderful way for people to connect and talk about the meaning behind the movies.

Klee Htoo



Klee Htoo, freshman, would like to see a kindness club at the high school. He says, "...we would share and show kindness in any way...by helping out or giving compliments. We would do anything that could show kindness to another person or groups of people."

He thinks they could meet once every two weeks. During these meetings they would plan events and activities that would spread kindness and love around the Huron school and community.

Thoughts on club involvement

Huron High School has many different types of clubs, most of which include volunteering around the community. HHS has three main clubs that are built around volunteering, Key Club, Huron Youth Leadership Council (HYLC), and National Honor Society (NHS). These clubs are dedicated to helping the community and making a difference.

These three clubs have seen growth in the number of people signing up. With the growth of these numbers, these clubs should theoretically see a growth in students volunteering and an extraordinary number of students becoming involved within our community.

I feel as if we have the opposite though. In every club, there is a specific group of students that volunteer every time. I understand that some students have sports, drama, and work right after school which can make it difficult to volunteer. The question I keep asking myself is, "Should people be able to be a part of a club if they don't participate?"

Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character are the four pillars NHS is built around. So should one be able to put NHS on a scholarship or an application if they do not volunteer? Should someone who is in HYLC be able to say that if they do not volunteer and do what the club stands for?

Emma Ahlers, a senior member

of NHS, said, "...You don't have to volunteer for every single event, ...but you should help out a couple of times at least. I wouldn't say I personally volunteer a lot, but I attempt to help out when I can. If you don't want to volunteer, then you probably should not have signed up for a club that is dedicated to volunteer work..."

Key Club advisor, Kelly Hennrich, has his own take on club involvement. He says, "The goal is to get people involved, so if we get some of our members involved that is better than none."

These are just a few opinions from Ahlers, Hennrich, and myself about the club involvement at HHS.

Girls golf swings for success

BY KIRSTEN DEGEEST



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Paige Sherron has put in multiple hours every week this winter at Broadland Creek Golf Course. Sherron looks forward to a fun senior season.

As spring approaches, the HHS girls golf team goes the extra mile to ensure that they are prepared for the season. This year they have been going to Broadland Creek Golf Course to use simulator there every Wednesday after school.

In past years some of the golf girls would go to Chip Shots to help them prepare for the season. The girls would do this on their own, so this season they decided to make a change.

Compared to other years, this one has been more regulated and organized. The assistant coach Kyle Johnson attends every time and head coach Chris Rozell is there when he is able.

Paige Sherron, senior, stated, "The simulators at Broadland actually help out a lot because they show more accuracy than the one in town." Whereas senior Val Hohn

stated, "It's not my favorite way to practice but it does help as far as getting used to the feel of your clubs again, and making sure to work on your swing. I will admit the simulator at Broadland is better than the one in town, as it is more detailed."

With South Dakota's uncertain weather being able to use the simulator is a great option for the girls golf team. Whether the girls prefer using the simulator or not, it is still a great alternative.

Not all of the girls can attend this form of training in the winter, but it is a good way to kick start the season.

Lastly, Sherron and Hohn have a message for the HHS student body. "Come out and support our meet! And if you can't, at least come to our senior night at Broadland Creek."

Coach Thomas offers off-season training

BY MYLIE BYRD

Anyone walking through the halls after school may have dodged people runners. That's because Coach Angie Thomas holds off-season workouts for HHS student athletes, and sprints are a big part of those workouts. Coach Thomas encourages kids to join.

Who?

Athletes or anyone that wants to practice and keep up their speed, agility, and explosiveness is welcome to participate. Their is not a max number of people; the most there has been was 15 and the least is one.

What?

Coach Angie Thomas started this after-school program in January of 2021 and has run it every year since.

When?

It normally starts around 3:30 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and it wraps up around 4:45.

Where?

This activity takes place in the link hallway and the A-200 hallway. Athletes don't run further than 40-yard sprints, so the length of the hallway where the carpet starts, right before the hallway meets the bathrooms is the perfect area for this.

Why?

Coach Thomas wanted students to keep up their athleticism so she started practicing in the halls.



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Seniors Kaisha King-Eagle Star, Zaniyah Lanier, and Thackary Hansen have been training over the winter. The Huron runners are ready to head into the upcoming track season.

Speech and Debate team compete at Qualifiers

BY CAMERON RUTH-STYER

The Speech and Debate qualifier competition took place on February 20-22. Sophomore participant, Isabella Schafer, and head coach, Mitch Gaffer were interviewed prior to the competition.

Isabella Schafer

Q. How do you guys prepare for Quals?

A. **Practice. Practice. Practice. Lots of practice to perfect our pieces and really make sure we are confident in ourselves.**

Q. How do you qualify for it?

A. **By going to competitions, you gain points through the National Speech and Debate Association, once you earn enough points you are able to compete at the Qualifying Tournament.**

Q. How do you think you guys will do at qualifiers?

A. **I'm not exactly sure how we will do, but I'm sure that we will all get a lot of experience and we will all have lots of fun.**

Mitch Gaffer

Q. How do you prepare for Quals?

A. **To prepare for state, they just keep on practicing. For speech, it is just going over your speeches again and again and again. We practice until it is perfect. For debate, we brief our cases. Briefing a case is coming up with an argument to go against whatever the other team is saying. So if the other team say one thing, we think of anything that contradicts it.**

Q. How do you think you guys will do at qualifiers?

A. **I would like to see someone qualify for nationals. We have a pretty small team, but some people have a definite chance.**

Gracie Warren

The only debater

Gracie Warren, junior, is the only member of the Huron debate team. *Tiger Stripes* asked Warren about what it is like to be the only person on the team.

Q. What is it like being the only person in debate?

A. **"It has some benefits. When I travel places I don't have roommates. It also has some downsides, like I have to carry the weight of being the only person on the team."**

Q. Would you like to have more people in it?

A. **"Yes because it is really fun. You get to travel to places and you get to meet a lot of new people."**

Q. How do you think you will do at qualifiers?

A. **"I think I will do pretty good. There are some pretty good teams like Aberdeen and Harrisburg, but I think I'll do good."**

Remarkable *Rue* earns superiors at state One-Act Festival

BY CONNER HOFER

Under the bright lights of the South Dakota State One-Act Play Festival, Huron High School took the stage with *Rue*, a powerful production set in the depths of a swamp, exploring themes of anxiety and personal struggle.

The cast's hard work earned them top awards: a Superior in tech; individual Superiors for Molly Whitney, Jonah Beck, Conner Hofer, Davis Osier, Lily Halter, and Henry Van Sharrel; and the cast and performance also earned a Superior, which they have not achieved since 2021.

For Molly Perry, this marks the eighteenth time directing a performance at the competition. Perry has been heavily involved in fine arts since high school. "I love theater, and I love when a show comes together," she said. "When the students unite and deliver a great performance, it



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The cast of *Rue* was pumping themselves up before going on stage. They have put in a lot of time practicing for this moment.

gives me an adrenaline rush like nothing else."

This year, *Rue* brought a unique challenge to the students, both in its setting and its emotional depth. "The show is set in the swamp and really focuses on the themes of teenage anxiety," Perry explained. "Its a theme I really like,

and I will miss working with it once the competition is over."

For the students, the state festival is not just about competition. It is about the experience, the time together, and the joy of performing. For Perry, it is another opportunity to witness young talent thrive under the spotlight, which she loves to see.

Rock-and-stroll Valentines

BY GRACIE WARREN

The HHS music department brought back an interesting Valentine's Day tradition for choir and orchestra students.

Students had the option this year to register for a singing valentine and/or a strolling string, which is when the high school orchestra and the choir would, according to the flyer, "...come serenade your special someone." The high school has done the singing valentines and strolling strings in the past, but stopped for a short while due to hiring difficulties and permission issues.

That has changed now since the school hired the choir director, Tabitha Unruh. When asked why the singing valentines started again, Unruh explained, "I did them as a HHS vocal student and loved it! It was so much fun to go out in the community and put a smile on peoples' faces."

When orchestra director, Beth Neitzert,

was asked the same question she said, "I started 'strolling strings' again this year because I thought it would add a certain romantic charm to the event. Nothing is more romantic than a violin and rose! I also remember doing this back when I was in high school and I really enjoyed it."

The strolling strings played songs such as "Moon River", "I Can't Help Falling in Love", "Perfect", and "Canon in D", while the singing valentines performed songs from previous concerts. Unruh also expressed interest in suggestions from students.

Both teachers felt the event was a success. A strolling strings or singing valentine cost \$20 each, with extras like another song or a flower costing extra.

The proceeds will go to the music department, with some funds earmarked for POPS.



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Here are members of Concert Choir in action. They are singing at Buchanan for the kindergarteners and teachers.

Superior senior singers

BY JONAH BECK



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HHS students performed in front of a judge at region contest. The group recieved a superior rating.

Every year since 2021, a small group of HHS choir students has performed a vocal piece at region contest in Aberdeen. A few members have changed over the years, but most of them have been singing together at the same contest since they were freshman.

This year they sang the piece "Can We Sing the Darkness to Light" by Kyle Pederson.

Logan Gerrits, senior, has been a member of this group all four years. When asked how he felt about this year's performance Gerrits said, "The performance went very smoothly. I feel like everyone sang their parts out and it meshed very well."

Jammin' with jazz band

BY SHAR SER

The Jazz Band recently competed in Mitchell at the Palace City Jazz Festival. Tyler Cronin, a senior bass trombone player, played at it. He has been in jazz band for two years and he practices diligently every Thursday morning with the full band and also individually throughout the week.

Cronin said, "I was slightly nervous in my ability to perform, but I am looking forward to this [upcoming] competition."

James Stueckrath, band director for the past eight years at HHS says, "All the students have been putting in time and effort into learning their music for competition season."

The Jazz band will compete at Augustana University in Sioux Falls at the Upper Great Plains Contest on March 4.

There will also be a home event, the Pop, Popcorn and Jazz Concert, Monday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the commons. As the name implies, pop and popcorn will be served along with jazz performances.



Students, staff have blast during **WINTER BLAST**

BY ALEC PESTER

Build-A-Buddy



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These ladies strike a pose to show off their new buddies. The money made from the event is used for future student council events.

Build-A-Buddy is an event put on by the Huron High School Student Council. For \$5, people of all ages can choose an animal, then stuff it and name it. This is the fourth year for the event, and with roughly 30 kids showing up to build their very own buddy, Mrs. Rubish said the event was definitely a success.

Videogame Night



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These aspiring Esport champions are playing hard to get the win. For some players, gaming is their life's passion; for others, it was a fun way to spend a Monday evening.

Videogame Night, also sponsored by Student Council, had a good turn out on Monday, February 10. The two most popular games were *Just Dance* and *Super Smash Brothers Ultimate*. Eh Kaw Taw, freshman, said, "I would prefer *Smash Bros* but it turns out I'm terrible. Still was my favorite part of the event though."

FCA gains momentum in second year

BY GRIFFIN STORM

After years without one, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Club returned to HHS two years ago.

It offers a way to connect kids who want to worship with classmates. The club, currently without an advisor, is primarily student led.

The group meets on Fridays at 7:15 a.m. for Bible study. They also hold monthly activities such as Fields of Faith, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and occasional guest speakers. Their latest event was a Spikeball tournament and devotional on February 17.

FCA is a growing club at Huron High School, having gained about 25 members since last year. Kolby Hofer, senior, said, "I want a safe place for Christians



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This Spikeball tournament was opened up to the community, allowing more people of all ages and denominations to connect. Kolby Hofer also gave a devotional about leadership.

to encourage each other and have fellowship together." Hofer also hopes the club continues to grow, into more of a community group than just a school club

and that the underclassmen continue to help FCA grow into something that brings the whole community together.

Students commit to military service

BY COLTON McNEIL

HHS seniors are headed off in many different directions after graduation. The six students featured on this page and the next have committed to serving their country. Tiger Stripes interviewed them, highlighting their reasons for joining the military and what in particular they hope to be doing in the various branches in which they've chosen to serve.

Anyka Perez

Q. Why are you choosing to go to the military?

A. I'm joining the military because of the money.

Q. What branch do you plan on joining?

A. I plan on joining the air reserves.

Q. What do you plan on doing in this branch?

A. I plan on working with Military Work Dogs. I would train them to do a variety of things, like to be a bomb dog, search and rescue, and etc.



Jaylynn Darling

Q. Why are you choosing to go to the military?

A. Going into the military was decided due to wanting a plan to pay for college.

Q. What branch do you plan on joining?

A. I'm going into active duty army to be a aviation mechanic for six years.

Q. Have any of your family served in the military?

A. Both my mother and father were in the army.



Tristan Gibson

Q. Why are you choosing to go to the military?

A. To get away from home and get benefits.

Q. What branch do you plan on joining?

A. I'm joining the Marine Corps.

Q. What do you plan on doing in this branch?

A. I want to do EOD or combat engineer.

Q. How long do you plan on being in the military?

A. Maybe 8 years or longer.



Alec Pester

Q. Why are you choosing to go to the military?

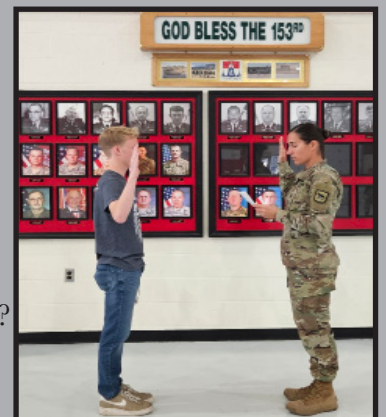
A. I'm going to the military to pay for college.

Q. What branch do you plan on joining?

A. I'm joining the Army National Guard, in the carpentry and masonry unit in Parkston, SD

Q. Have any of your family served in the military?

A. My great grandpa was in the navy, one uncle in the navy and another in the Air Force.



Burger Battle grilling up to success

BY ERIANNA DEVRIES

The Burger Battle is a competition between restaurants in Huron. They all compete to see who can win and keep the burger on the menu forever.

This burger battle is the second annual Burger Battle. It started because the Huron Chamber of Commerce wanted to add something exciting to Huron. They thought it would bring more people out and into the community, and it helped with over 4,000 burgers sold last year. Last year Ryan's Hangar swooped in with their Aloha burger and took home the win.

This year there are several restaurants competing, such as Big D's, Coborns Deli, Coney Island Cafe, Fire Pit Pizzeria, La Hacienda, La Patrona, Prime Time, Ryan's Hangar, Scoreboard, and The Plains.

The battle can hit every business differently, and some get busier than others. Aspen White, senior, works at

Ryan's Hangar. White says, "February/March time is very slow and this helps businesses speed up and stay busy during the boring slow times." The burger battle helps keep all the employees at Ryan's Hangar busy.

Alan Mejia-Garcia, junior, works at Ryan's Hangar. He tried the Bang Bang Burger. When asked about giving a review over a burger, he said, "This review will cover the Bang Bang Burger at Ryan's Hangar. I ordered the Bang Bang burger with a side of french fries. The burger buns had a spicy mayo sauce on it while the burger had bacon, the bang bang sauce, and coleslaw with it. The fries were also seasoned perfectly with the burger. The Bang Bang Burger has a spicy lime taste to it which was really good and I would definitely recommend it to go eat at Ryan's Hangar."

Jillian Reno, senior, works at Prime

Time. Reno says, "I don't think the burger battle really affects our business much because we are always busy. I do think it gives people a different idea on Prime Time, and that we don't just have steak but also really good filling burgers." It can lead to new people coming in and possibly coming in again for other things that aren't just prime rib from Prime Time.

Most of the time, the Burger Battle doesn't really change how a business runs. Whether the cook is organized or it's just like a normal burger, the wait time is pretty fast.

This year anyone who competes and completes a full burger passport with all ten businesses will be put into a drawing. The chance of winning could lead to winning a Yeti 60 Roadie cooler, complete with twenty-five pounds of ground beef courtesy of sponsors Rudy's Towing and Stahly Farms.

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Ryan Florey

Q. Why are you choosing to join the military?

A. Ever since I was little I was always fascinated by the military.

Q. What branch do you plan on joining?

A. I chose to go into the Marines.

Q. Have you had any family members in the military?

A. I had several family members in the service and they helped influence me to join.



Ichiro Umemiya

Q. Why are you choosing to go into the military?

A. To see if I can find something I would like to do in the future, while getting good benefits.

Q. What branch do you plan on joining?

A. I plan on joining the Air Force.

Q. What do you plan on doing in this branch?

A. Something in the medical field, and see if I get stationed back home in Japan.



Perfect pairings at HHS

BY JILLIAN RENO

Students at HHS submitted their ideas for great pairs. Some pairings were funny, some were sweet, some were a surprise and some were made perfect sense. The *Tiger Stripes* newspaper did this last year and decided it would be fun to bring it back this year.



Christopher Dah & Say Glay



Laura Eagle Star &
Abigail Littlefield



Hailey Shoenfelder &
Henry Van Scharrel



James Weir & James Wheeler



Karly Knippling &
Benjamin Cardona



Chase Schuchhardt &
Camdyn Fuchs



Alec Pester & Jaelee Olsen



Molly Whitney & Nakia Mohr



Kirsten DeGeest & Jack Pedersen