



# Dakota construction confusion

BY JONAH BECK

In May 2024, construction was started along Dakota Avenue. This project is needed as the road has not received any major design updates since its original construction in 1931.

As with any construction project, commuters have been affected. Sophomore Cooper Bischoff is one of those commuters. Bischoff states that the construction has added an additional five minutes to his route. Jeremy Hofer, sophomore, has also been affected. Hofer states, "The changes are pretty big to me because it already takes me so long to get to school, so if I'm running late at all and there is a backup, which there is a lot, then I could be late."

It is not just students that drive themselves that are affected either. According to Jared Beck of the Huron School District Transportation Department, they have had to reroute the busses to avoid construction. When asked



PHOTO BY JONAH BECK

Above is a view of construction from the intersection of Third Street and Dakota Avenue, taken in September. East and West bound traffic on Third Street has been restored as of October 4, 2024.

how pickup times have changed Beck said, "It really hasn't changed the pickup times much. Maybe a minute or two." When asked to elaborate, Beck stated, "It doesn't take long to find a route around the construction, and it is only a few blocks

out of the way. It would be different if it was a ten-mile detour that took fifteen minutes longer."

The construction will be done in phases, with completion scheduled for October 2025.

# Petricore Houseplants and More

## New store benefits from Dakota

BY ERIANNA DEVRIES

A new store, Petricore Houseplants and More, has recently opened in town, and it is owned by Megan DeJean.

The store offers a variety of unique items, some of which are recycled and remade, such as shirts from the Salvation Army that she embellishes with a cricket.

Such items are more creatively made like Kokodami's, which are growing plants in a ball of soil and moss covered with string or fishing line.

The store is a family affair with her mother and sister helping out. Everything

she knows, she learned from her mom, who managed the Running's greenhouse for a number of years.

DeJean plans on hosting a crafting class, where people learn how to make Kokodami's, fabric plants, button plants, or beaded wands. In addition, she can teach customers how to crochet animals.

Eventually she and her husband have hopes to have a food truck in the spring, but they want to ease into the idea.

One of DeJean's favorite quotes is "Passion, not perfection."



PHOTO BY WANDA BARTHELMAN

Megan DeJean and her mom, Lori Walters, both work at Petricore houseplants and more. The store carries a wide variety of plants and other items.

# Trump vs Harris

## HHS students face off

BY GRIFFIN STORM AND CAMERON RUTH-STYER



### Harris

Our country is facing a very turbulent and scary time ahead of us. With the upcoming Presidential Election, people have the opportunity to express their beliefs and values by electing who they think is the best candidate. I believe that Kamala Harris is the best candidate to give our country what they need right now, and hopefully steer us away from most of our upcoming problems.

She aims to help with inflation by providing more funding towards approving over 25 million new business applications, which would help reduce inflation and improve the economy. On top of that, she is expanding the tax deduction period for starting businesses tenfold.

She is providing \$25,000 in down payment assistance to first-time homeowners. Also, she promises to build over 3 million homes. Harris and Walz also plan on lowering taxes for middle class Americans as well. They are going to offer a \$6,000 tax cut for recent middle and lower income families the first year of a child's life.

Kamala is also planning on lowering prescription drug costs by holding "Big Pharma" accountable for the borderline

extortion they charge for life-saving medications. For example, she has been successful in lowering insulin costs for seniors from \$440 to \$35. You find all of this on *A New Way Forward for the Middle Class* on her website.



PHOTO BY LILY HALTER

**Cameron and Griffin square up. They disagree on political views but agree that everyone should vote if they have the chance.**

### Trump

The United States' presidential election is coming up on November 5, 2024. People that are 18 and over have the opportunity to vote for the candidate that they believe would best serve our country.

I think that Donald Trump is the best candidate to serve this country and to give us what we need to thrive as a nation. One of the biggest arguments in favor of Trump is his economic track record. During his first term, the U.S. experienced substantial economic growth, with low unemployment rates and a thriving stock market. I believe that his business knowledge and focus on economic growth could help the country recover from any economic downturns.

During Trump's first term, he appointed three Supreme Court justices, shaping the judiciary for years to come. I would argue that these appointments have helped to protect constitutional rights. I believe that another term would allow Trump to continue appointing judges who uphold these principles.

Trump's stance on immigration has been a foundation of his political platform. I think that his efforts to secure the border have been effective in addressing illegal immigration and protecting national security. My personal beliefs are that his immigration policies are necessary to maintain the rule of law and ensure the safety and success of American citizens.

# ARE YOU 18 OR OLDER?

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## Push for Powerlifting

BY SHAR SER

Powerlifting has been a recent hot topic of discussion at HHS. Do you think our school has potential in a powerlifting sport? Coach Wahlstrom replied with, "Yes, we would be competitive right away." He believes our school has many gifted students who can compete in powerlifting. Powerlifting is a sport that involves lifting weights competitively. There are many students and teachers who believe that a powerlifting team should be at HHS, as it gives more students an opportunity to join an extracurricular activity.

Senior Dakota Feige agrees with this statement. He says, "It should be, it enhances both physical and mental health." There are many benefits that come with the idea of powerlifting. Additionally, it could also build up kids

who lack self-confidence. Powerlifting would drastically benefit students' performances in other sports like soccer, football, and wrestling. Student athletes would become stronger, faster, and more athletically gifted.

A lot of athletes struggle to find determination and knowledge to get in better shape. Senior soccer player Pahlra Sai says, "Yes, I would want a coach who can train me on how to get stronger during the off-season." Another soccer player, senior Ta Ha Saw, says, "I would prefer a coach so that I can push myself to a new extent." Now the big question is, why is there no powerlifting sport? Wahlstrom replied, "I think that it's not a sport here because we are unsure of the numbers we'd get and it's tough to find coaches."



PHOTO BY SHAR SER

**Dakota Feige works out at Anytime Fitness. He is doing straight arm lat pulldowns, an exercise to help build back**

## School spirit in decline

BY MOSES GROSS

Attending school events is an important part of the high school experience. These events, like sports, plays, and dances help students feel connected to their school and classmates. When students go to these activities, they can make new friends and show support for the students.

I think that if students attend these events it will grow school spirit. Showing up and supporting other students might help them perform better in their activities. If more students come to events, others might feel obligated to join them.

I asked senior Emma DeJong if kids attend her sport, cheer and dance, how it currently affects their performance and how it would change their performance if more people showed up. DeJong stated, "Most students do not attend my sport. It affects us a lot because it's hard to keep our energy up when no one is cheering us on. If more people came to support we would definitely perform better because it keeps our energy up and we try harder."

I also asked senior soccer player, Aung Myit, if kids attend his school event. Myit said, "Some kids come to our games but not very many." When asked if more came out, would he feel obligated to attend other activities, he said, "I would probably go to more events if people came to my games."

School events are also a great way to take a break from studying and enjoy time with friends. From cheering at a football game to dancing at prom, these moments make lasting memories. So next time there is a school event, consider going, you'll be glad you did.

## Problematic parking

BY GRIFFIN STORM

The parking lots here at HHS provide free and relatively quick parking. There are two; one on the east, near the math, science, and social studies classes, and another on the west side of the building near the music classrooms and the stadium.

One of the things that bother me is that most people do not seem to know what a zipper exit is. One car goes, then another in a different lane goes, switching back and forth for each car, like a zipper.

Another thing I have noticed is that some people go a bit too fast or cut others off, which could cause accidents or cause people stress. I think that going slow, paying attention, and being polite can go a long ways in improving our parking lots.

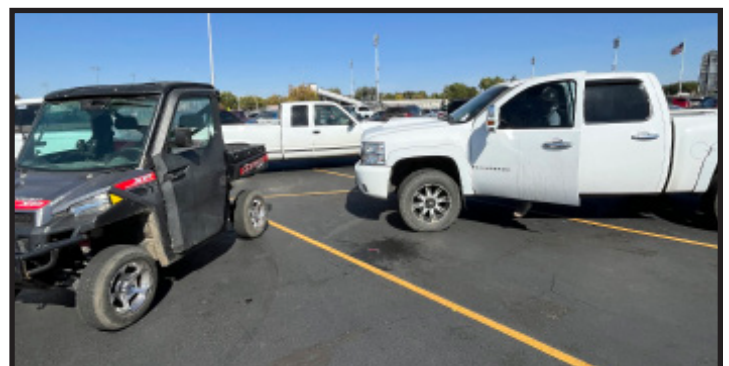


PHOTO BY GRIFFIN STORM

**A ranger and truck are parked very inconsiderately. Do not copy this embarrassing behavior, do better.**

## Dress code policy reinforcement

BY GRACIE WARREN

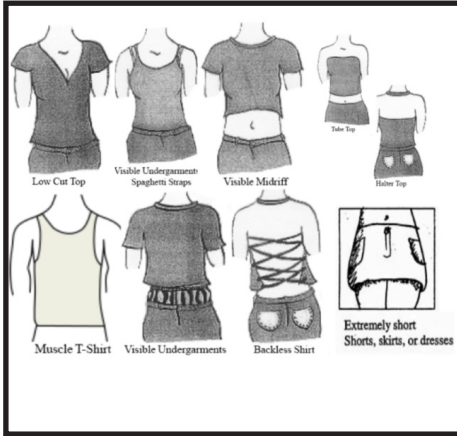


PHOTO FROM STUDENT HANDBOOK

The picture is pulled from the HHS student handbook to provide examples of what not to wear.

**Clothes should not:**

- Reveal too much skin or undergarments
- Have derogatory, inappropriate, or graphic images
- No hats or hoods from 7:00 am until the end of the school day, 3:15 pm.

The school dress code has become more strict this year, with the reintroduction of detentions for violations. This change has caused some complaints, as students wonder why it is suddenly a problem.

One of Vice Principal James Cutshaw's first answers is that, "If we're gonna have a policy, I believe we need to follow it. And if it's not followed we need to get rid of it."

After following up with the question, why do we have the dress code, Cutshaw answers, "I think it helps in the fact that if we have a policy or expectation, it helps follow the expectation. It teaches students in the real world to follow policies, even if we don't want to. If the policy is to wear jeans on

Friday, we wear jeans on Friday. If Mr. Mittelstedt wants us to wear a tie, we wear a tie."

After conducting an interview with Mr. Cutshaw, I would like to say this is a pretty fair policy. Because despite there now being detentions, so far there hasn't

been an increase in them. Mr. Cutshaw has been asking students to change if their clothes are deemed inappropriate and given reminders before detentions.

For those with further questions about the dress code, Mr. Mittelstedt talks about it each year

at the opening night of school speech, teachers and faculty give reminders, and of course you can always ask.

**"I assume you have undergarments, I don't want to see them. I assume you have a belly button, I don't want to see it."**

~James Cutshaw  
HHS Vice Principal

## Don't Spill the Beans vs. Scooters

BY KIRSTEN DEGEEST

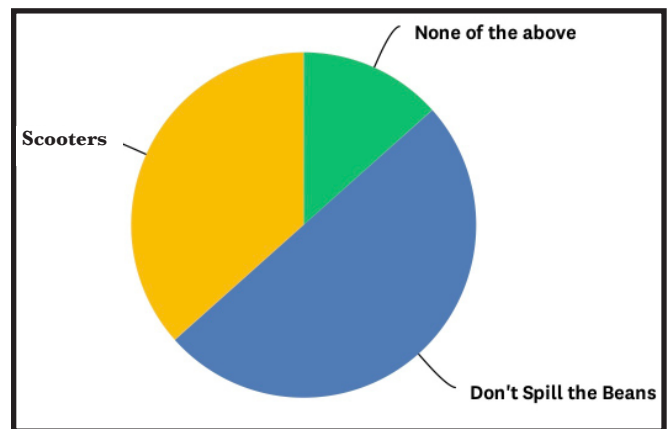
It is time we finally settle this debate. Is our local Don't Spill the Beans better than Scooters? According to the HHS student body, Don't Spill the Beans is superior. 52% of students think Don't Spill the Beans is better while 34% prefer Scooters.

I was surprised by the results of the survey but I agree with them. I prefer to go to Don't Spill the Beans since supporting a small business is important to me. Considering Don't Spill the Beans has been around for so long, I have grown very fond of their "sweet and salty" coffee drink.

The Tiger Stripes staff taste-tested four drinks, two from each location. Don't Spill the Beans was a fan favorite, although there were a few that liked Scooters better.

After trying Scooters chai tea, Cameron Ruth-Styer stated, "Scooters chai is GROSS." Jillian Reno also had strong opinions on Scooters chai, "It is too watered down, which makes it nasty." Moses Gross said, "Scooters has better blended drinks and cold drinks."

After much investigation, Don't Spill the Beans clearly won the long-awaited battle.



GRAPH FROM SURVEY MONKEY

This graph shows that Don't Spill the Beans clearly won over Scooters. A good majority of students surprisingly picked "none of the above."

## Outer Banks returns

BY CONNER HOFER

*Outer Banks* is an extremely popular TV show to HHS students. It is a show where a group of kids search for lost treasure. There is drama, comedy, action, and in my opinion, a little something for everyone.

Allison Janes, senior, is very excited for season four because of the action in the past seasons. Teacher, Ms. Molly Perry, is not excited, she says she lost interest because she expected it to be more like the movie *Fools Gold* and it was more of a soap opera.

Janes' and Perry's favorite character in the series is JJ Maybank, because they think he is cute and funny. The two have very different views on the character Rafe Cameron. Rafe is the son of a rich man and is a very popular character in the show. Janes says, "Rafe is crazy but he's also one of my favorite characters because of how wild he is." Perry stated, "I don't like Rafe, not a fan of Rafe at all, he makes me angry."

Personally, I am very excited for the next season of *Outer Banks* because of the suspense. It is fun to try and guess where the gold will be or what will happen to the characters because of all the plot twists. I recommend watching the show; it's different every season but the theme stays the same.

Finally, why should you watch *Outer Banks* season four? When asked what got her to watch the show, Perry replied, "The treasure hunting, I thought it would be fun, the coast, I'm interested in that stuff." Janes was asked the same question and responded, "I started watching during covid because there was nothing better to do and it was all over TikTok."



PHOTO FROM NETFLIX

Netflix flashes a poster for the new season. Part one, which will be the first five episodes, comes out October 10. Part two, which is episodes six through ten, comes out in November.

## Has "brain rot" gone too far?

BY ETHAN NEMMERS

"Brain rot" is a term that many of us have heard of, but maybe do not know the meaning of. I believe that it is doing a disservice to our society for its content that turns off one's brain and lowers our IQ.

The things I will be focusing on are Hailey Welch and Skibidi Toilet, but believe me, there are many more. Welch is a person becoming popular for her response in a street interview. "Skibidi Toilet" is from a YouTube video by a popular Georgian creator.

Welch is getting popular and she has gotten so much fame, that she made a podcast, she became rich. According to her agent, Jonnie Foster, she is making hundreds of thousands of dollars off merchandising alone. In my opinion, someone shouldn't get rich from saying one thing.

Skibidi Toilet is a term that I feel is making youth dumber.

There is a concern among parents that their kid might have 'Skibidi Toilet Syndrome', which is a term used to say how watching Skibidi Toilet might be harmful for kids. One of those concerns is that the series' visual effects will have a negative impact on their children's brains.

As if a series isn't bad enough, the creators are considering

making TV shows and movies. I personally believe that society is officially gone if Skibidi Toilet goes to box offices.

I also feel that people our age laugh at Skibidi Toilet because they find it funny to find something like that funny. They see it as ironic rather than truly funny.

It just makes me sad to see all these different videos of internet creators riding the trend wave of stupid trends just to make a living.

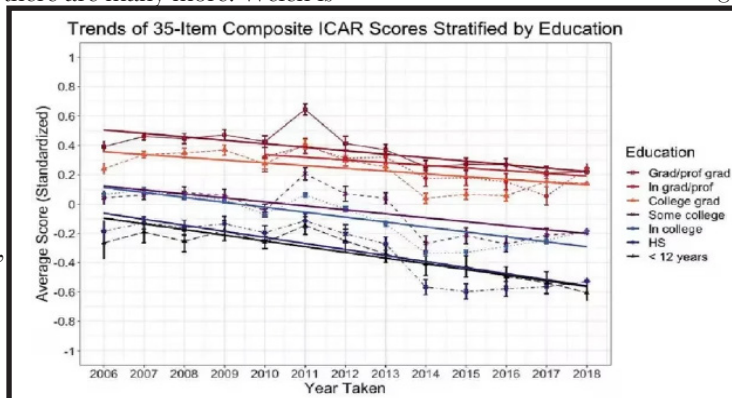


PHOTO FROM PHYS.ORG

The graph above shows how IQ scores by education level have been dropping in recent years. I believe this is because of the amount of mind numbing content on the internet.

## New year, new location for cheer and dance team

BY AURORA DREYER



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This year, the Huron Tiger Cheer and Dance team has moved from the Tiger Activity Center to the high school gym due to the safety hazard of the TAC's ceiling. The new location has not affected the teams' practice schedule but has still brought some challenges.

One of the biggest challenges, according to head coach Whitney Reimer, is "The TAC...had no distractions or people passing through during our practice times, but because of all the other teams practicing, frequently becoming distracted becomes a struggle for the girls."

Reimer hopes to be back at the TAC next year.

# Fall sports wrap-up

BY COLTON MCNEIL

## BOYS GOLF

When asking boys golf head coach Kyle Johnson about the season he said, "I believe our season was a success. We saw a lot of growth and better scores from many of our golfers."

The boys golf has a few things they plan to work on this off season. The biggest thing according to Johnson is, "The team needs to get on the course. Golf is a game of consistency..."

## BOYS SOCCER

The boy's soccer season was, "...not as good as years past in terms of our record. Our record was deceiving though," said head coach Leah Branaugh. The team ended with a record of 2-9-3. Branaugh said, "We played most of the top teams close and only lost by a goal or two."

The team's biggest games came with the last three games of the year. This was because, "...the guys really stepped up and played a lot of minutes and sometimes in positions that they weren't comfortable with," said Branaugh.

Although the team's season was not what they hoped for they still made tons of memories. One of those favorite memories from Aung Myit, senior, was "...when we all were singing in the bus." Branaugh's favorite memory was, "Any time we were in a close game, our defense, juniors Teh Way Soe, Johnson Min, Christopher Dah, and Juan Arevalo Moataya came in clutch for us, and they do a great job working together." With the season ended the soccer team plans to work on a few things this off season like shooting and ball movement according to Branaugh.

## GIRLS SOCCER

The Huron girls soccer team ended the season with a 0-14 record. According to head coach Teresa Peterson, "I am incredibly proud of how hard they played throughout the whole season no matter the score."

Even though the season didn't go as they had hoped, they still made a lot of memories. Player Hser Da Say's favorite memory was "Eating on the bus and singing our souls out on the bus ride back home."

# Huron fights against cancer

BY AURORA DREYER

The American Cancer Society says that about one in eight women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer every year. The Huron community dedicated the month of October to honoring and supporting those who are battling, those who are survivors, and those of our family and friends who have passed.

The annual "Dig Pink" breast cancer night has been a tradition since 2008 for the Huron Volleyball team. On October 17, the volleyball team played Souix Falls Jefferson after their rose recipient ceremony, honoring community members.

Terri Schuchhardt, mother of current freshman Chase Schuchhardt, was

diagnosed last year with breast cancer and has been heavily impacted ever since. Schuchhardt said, "The cancer diagnosis has brought my family closer to each other." The Schuchhardt family stated that they no longer take anything for granted and cherish all the time they get together, whether it is a phone call, hug, or quality time at home.

The Huron volleyball team showed their support by completing their annual silent auction and t-shirt sales. The proceeds of which went to the "We've Got You Covered" program through HRMC which provides free mammograms to all women regardless of insurance status.



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Aurora Dreyer, senior, honors Terri Schuchhardt, a breast cancer survivor, during the annual rose ceremony before the volleyball match at the Arena.

## Matinees Return to Fall Play

BY LOGAN LEYENDECKER



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**The cast and crew celebrate after a successful show. They performed six shows over two days, Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12, at the HHS auditorium.**

A matinee performance of the fall play, *Big Bad and the Disappearance of the Three Little Pigs*, marks the return of afternoon performances.

In this year's play, the matinee crowd was made up of elementary students from Holy Trinity and Washington 4-5 Center.

According to Molly Perry, director, "We are bringing them [matinees] back to promote the theater department. Seeing these performances at a young age can stick to these kids and make them look forward to joining when they begin

high school."

Acting may seem exciting, but there is a lot of hard work that goes into preparing for the performances. "The main things that we focus on while preparing are costumes and makeup, set design and construction, light and sound design, memorizing scenes and lines, and then putting it all together to run a smooth performance," said Perry. There are long exhausting days put into these practices making sure everything is done right.

## "Catching" end of Marching Band

BY ALEC PESTER

The Huron Tiger Marching Band has been working hard this year, practicing for up to seven hours in the blistering heat of the summer, and bearing the cold of early fall mornings, to perfect their theme "Catch Me If You Can." The band got 3rd at their first competition, 4th at their second, 7th at their third, and finished it out with a bang, by getting 3rd at their final competition.



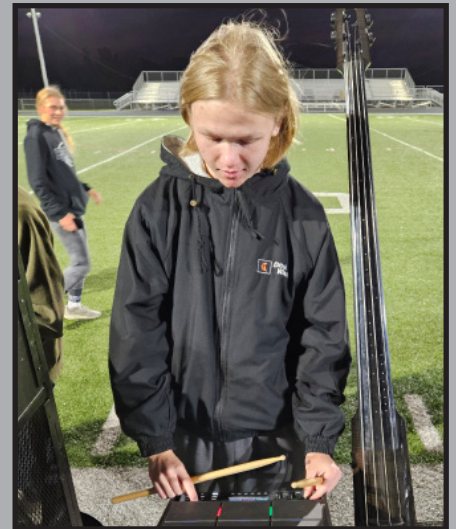
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**The seniors in the marching band dress up in Steuckrath's iconic fit. This was the highlight of their last summer practice.**

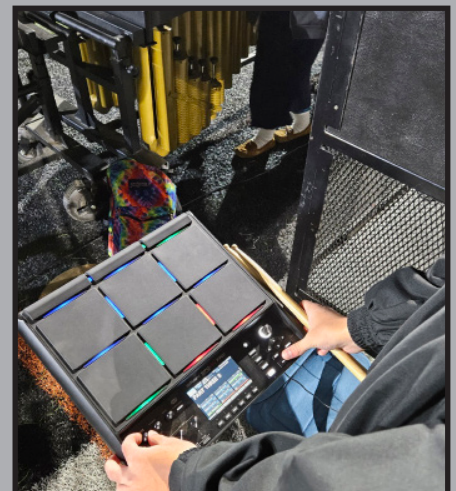
## Unique Instrument

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ALEC PESTER

Logan Gerrits, a member to the Huron Tiger Marching Band, has been playing the drum pad for about four months. When asked why he decided to start playing he said; "Mr. Stueckrath asked if I would play it for the marching band show. I agreed since it was a cool opportunity." Logan says that "the hardest part about playing is setting it up. If I make a mistake on set-up it'll play wrong sounds or no sound at all."



**Gerrits is ready for morning practice. He has put in many hours of dedication**



**Logan Gerrits sets up his drum pad in preparation for practice. This has been**

## Jenc brings changes to FFA

BY JILLIAN RENO

New opportunities are being introduced to the Huron FFA chapter with the hiring of new advisor, Samantha Jenc.

There is much more to FFA than people often think. When Jenc was asked what FFA is mainly about, she responded that it is an organization that prepares students for leadership and careers in science, business, and technology of agriculture. She added that it is not

only for farmers but also involves the following content areas: food, animals, plants, technology, etc. Jenc said she is very excited to implement new changes and ideas.

An change to Huron FFA is the addition of Leadership Development Events (LDEs). LDEs are competitions held in the fall. Brady Meyer, junior, believes this is a good change, and says, "Jenc has been a good FFA advisor

and she has had a lot of ideas that will definitely make FFA even more fun."

Some goals Jenc has for the future are to give the members a chance to, "...explore their interests, meet new people, and make positive memories."

FFA officers for 2024-2025 are as follows: Hannah Schoenfelder, Kenna Dickson, Ryker Sawvell, Jake Guzman, Lydie Cook, and Brady Meyer.



PHOTO BY JILLIAN RENO

**Jenc is not only the FFA advisor, but also teaches multiple classes like Companion Animal, Horticulture, and Animal Science. Above, the Companion Animal class stayed focused while they took a quiz.**

## Educators Rising travels to Learning Expos

BY EMMA AHLERS



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**Educators Rising participates in many different activities at Learning Expos. At DSU, they listened to 2024 SD Teacher of the Year Charles Hawkins speak on his journey into education.**

On October 9, sixteen Educators Rising members went to the Learning Expo at Dakota State University in Madison, SD. "Learning Expos are a time in which all the Educators Rising groups from across the state get together at different colleges to learn about the programs the colleges offer and also give students hands-on experiences in different areas of education," Brandi Fitzgerald, Educators Rising advisor, explained.

All members of Educators Rising are encouraged to attend the Learning Expos, but it is not required. "Students

get to choose which ones they would like to attend," Fitzgerald stated. "The only one that is restricted on space is the USF [University of Sioux Falls] one...so I only allow those students who are going to compete at State Conference go, so that they can get practice rounds in."

This is Huron's third year of going to the Learning Expos. The first year they went, Educators Rising was not considered an official group yet.

Educators Rising also plans on going to Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, SD on November 6 and the University of Sioux Falls on January 13.

## Culture Club introduced at HHS

BY EMMA AHLERS

There is a wide range of clubs offered at Huron High School, and they appeal to a variety of interests. Recently, there has been news of a new club starting up-- Culture Club.

Tara Winger, junior, was the person to come up with the idea of having a Culture Club at HHS. "Culture Club is a club where everyone with different cultures can come together and perform or connect in ways that are closer to home and more familiar," Winger explained. HHS and the town of Huron as a whole is home to many students from a multitude of different backgrounds and cultures, and Winger wants this aspect to be represented and shared with the community. Her goal with starting this club, "...is to bring people together and show off some culture here at school." Some of the activities that people can do in this club are dancing and performing, helping with flyers, stage work, and cooking.

Contact Tara Winger at [tw3897@k12.sd.us](mailto:tw3897@k12.sd.us) or Ma. Christina Urzabia, the Culture Club advisor, at [machristina.urzabia@k12.sd.us](mailto:machristina.urzabia@k12.sd.us) with any questions.



## Daycare makes degrees

### *McHugh earns work experience and certification*

BY HANNAH SCHOENFELDER

Little Blossom Learning Center opened this fall, bringing with it waves of opportunity. MaKayla McHugh, senior, is one Huron student reaping its benefits. McHugh is currently doing a program to receive her CDA certification and gaining work experience through Little Blossom.

This opportunity was first brought about by Brandi Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald said she found out about this program through Educators Rising. “Because MaKayla had taken the Intro to Education course, I had known that she wanted to open her own daycare, so I approached the principals and the CTE director to see if this could be an option for her,” said Fitzgerald.

Not only is McHugh working at the daycare, but she also has a course online, similar to Edgenuity, that she will have

to complete before she can take a “final test” to earn her certification. McHugh estimates that this course will take her no longer than this school year to complete. Her plans following high school include going to college for human development and then opening her own daycare.

McHugh was asked if she would recommend this course to others in high school and her response was as follows: “If you don’t know one hundred percent beforehand that you want to work in childcare specifically, I wouldn’t. If it’s something you’re passionate about and actually care about then I would absolutely recommend this course.”

Earning her certification and paving the way for others to follow, McHugh is taking charge and building her future, one day at a time.



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MaKayla McHugh (top row left) and coworkers gather after a busy preview day. Little Blossom Learning Center is ready for grand opening.

## Friendly Fridays at Buchanan

BY JILLIAN RENO



A new program started by Buchanan Principal Heather DeBoer is Friendly Fridays. The purpose of this program is for HHS students participating in fall sports and clubs to make their way to Buchanan school on Friday mornings and greet the K-1 kids.

It is a very fun opportunity for the children to play and give high fives, hugs, smiles, or simply say hello.

The football boys were given this opportunity and they had a great time.

When Kolby Hofer was asked about the experience he said, “I think the kids were inspired and excited to play football, they thought we were cool, and they liked high fives.”

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KRISSA KORKOW

## Halter makes debut in Wilder play

BY MADELINE KLEINSASSER

Lily Halter, senior, and alum Tessa Gogolin both auditioned and starred in the Laura Ingalls Wilder play in De Smet this summer. Gogolin had heard about the play through a friend a few years back and has acted in this play the last three years. This past summer, Halter joined her.

For the audition, they traveled to the Welcome Center in DeSmet where they were required to do a cold-read and had to fill out paperwork. They practiced every week day in the evening at the original homestead, where they also performed. They performed ten times during the summer, the first three Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in July. They also had a pre-show for the locals to come and watch.

On the day of the last performance, Halter put her own twist on it. Halter played the older Laura Ingalls Wilder and Gogolin played Rose Wilder Lane, Laura's daughter. After Halter's last line she stepped off the wagon she was sitting on, and the step broke. Halter said, "I grabbed onto the bench I thought was attached to the wagon, but alas, it was not." So she fell with the bench dropping on top of her, and when she sat up her head was bleeding. Luckily, Halter was okay and didn't face any serious injuries. A few audience members and family members came and helped her out.



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Above is a picture of the entire cast from the Laura Ingalls Wilder play in DeSmet. Below is a picture of Lily Halter and Tessa Gogolin in their costumes and a photo from one of the performances.



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## Counselors' Corner newsletter makes comeback

BY MADELINE KLEINSASSER

The Counselor's Corner newsletter has been produced at the high school for many years, but it ended after COVID hit in 2020. In the past two years, Crystal Lien, the counselors' secretary, brought it back in a digital-only format. The newsletter consists of testing dates, study guides, college visit dates and camps, scholarship details, links, and deadlines. There is also information about financial aid.

Lien does not post the newsletter because she has to, she does it for the students because it will help prepare for them for their futures after high school. Like Lien said, "If you fail to plan, then plan to fail."

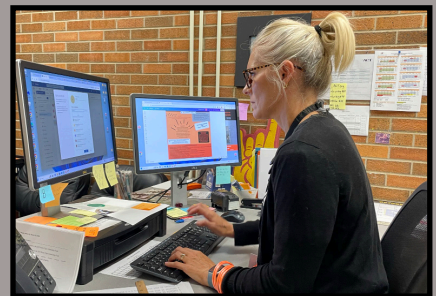


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Lien works on finalizing the newsletter. It comes out every week on Thursday.

# New transfers at Huron High School

BY MYLIE BYRD

## Lily Swanson

Lily transferred from James Valley Christian School, which she attended for eight years.

**Q:** How are you feeling about HHS so far?

**A:** I really like that we get to wear jeans and that we have a lot more freedom.

## Addy Knight

Addy transferred from James Valley Christian School where she went for 12 years.

**Q:** How are you feeling about HHS so far?

**A:** Things I like about HHS are there are more selections for classes and different clubs, and I like that we get open campus lunch.

## Gabriel Chevarria

Gabriel transferred from Arkansas where he lived and attended school for two years.

**Q:** How are you feeling about HHS so far?

**A:** The people are much nicer and the periods are longer. I also like the study halls.

## Dakota Feige

Dakota transferred from Oklahoma where he lived for 17 years.

**Q:** How are you feeling about HHS so far?

**A:** I like that Huron offers building trades and numerous CTE classes...coming to the games and going crazy in the student section is also fun.



# Rapstar Levi Johnson spits bars

BY BLAKE ELLWEIN

Levi Johnson, known in the rap world as “Lil Cheerio”, is normally a man of few words. He is a self-taught rapper who started because he thought it was fun. After listening to NLE Choppa’s music, Johnson’s favorite rapper, he was inspired to try it himself.

Johnson enjoys his time rapping about whatever is going on in his life. Although he does not post too often, when he does, he posts on Pandora and Spotify.

Performing live is not Johnson’s idea of fun; it makes him uncomfortable, and he hates the fact that he does not know who is watching him. But, he said one thing he would do is come back to his hometown for the State Fair to perform.

Johnson decided to leave behind his rap career because he was not meeting his personal standards behind the microphone, causing him to transform into more of a YouTuber. “I do have a YouTube channel with 364 subscribers and 152,000 views. My channel name is Leviticus157 Vlogs.” On Johnson’s last YouTube post, he videoed a group of kids around HHS celebrating homecoming traditions.

Even though Johnson is now focusing more on his YouTube channel, he said he might come back to the rap world soon.



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Levi Johnson, junior, strikes his infamous “W” rapping pose outside of Craig Jones’s classroom. He was celebrating turning in his history homework.

