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## Meet the paras

BY MIKENA MOORE



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Pictured above in back are Chelsey Timm, Rhonda Ransom, Jeanne Bultje, Emma Friesen, Peg Harkness; in front are Taryn Kissner and Angela Dennis. These are some of the para-educators at the Huron High School. Students probably recognize many of these faces as they are always helping whenever and wherever they are able.

A para, or paraprofessional, is an educational worker that isn't licensed to teach, but works more individually with the students and helps in the classroom.

In the Huron School District, there are more than 60 paras and out of those, almost 20 are employed at the high school.

There are many jobs that a para does, and each one's duties are different. Some go into classrooms with the students and help them with their assignments, enabling them to stay on task. Others work in credit recovery and help students get caught up in their courses during their free periods. Some specialize in working with ESL students

outside of class with things they don't understand.

Paras are vital in the success of students who need a little extra help. Lindsey Alves, a para seen frequently at the high school in the A-200 hallway, said her favorite part of the job is watching the students succeed and be proud of themselves when they finish a class, especially a class they were struggling with. Peggy Harkness, another frequenter of the A-200 hallway, said her favorite part is helping the kids and hopefully enabling them to graduate from high school, because she feels like she had a part in their success. What especially makes her day is when students thank her, even after graduation, when they see her out in

the community and talk to her. (She has yet to give her seniors from last year their congratulation hug.)

While being a para is very enjoyable and rewarding, there are some down sides. Lori Harp, a new para, says her least favorite part is not remembering things from high school that she should be able to help with. Chelsey Timm, an ESL para who started in October, said her least favorite part is test days, because they can be extremely boring as she can't really help her students. But all paras seem to overall really enjoy the job and love helping students and educators to make success possible for everyone.

## Vocational building addition

BY EDUARDO TRUJILLO



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The vocational building will have a new look next fall, as HHS is adding a new building trades warehouse to the grounds. Matt Busch is the building trades teacher, and he also owns his own construction company, Busch Construction. When asked how much the new building will cost Busch said, "It will cost approximately 1.2 million dollars." The current warehouse is only 80 feet by 40 feet, but the new building will be 96 feet by 115 feet. It will be located on the east side of the vocational building. When complete at the beginning of the next school year, the new space will allow for construction of the annual building trades house to be done indoors during the frigid winter months. Overall the expanded building space will serve many purposes and will enhance the programs offered at HHS. Both students and teachers are excited about the added space.

## Black history month tribute

BY MIKENA MOORE

February is Black History Month. This month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their important role in U.S. history. This celebration grew out of "Negro History Week" which was created by author Carter G. Woodson and popular minister, Jesse E. Moorland, in 1926, almost 50 years after the 13th amendment was implemented.

They selected the second week in February because it coincided with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass. This week inspired schools, churches, and communities to establish history clubs, organize local celebrations and host performances and lectures to honor African Americans and their role in history. Woodson and Moorland founded the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) which is an organization dedicated to exploring and celebrating the achievements of African Americans. This organization is what enabled them to create this special week that soon became a month-long and nation-wide event.

Mayors in cities all over the U.S. issued proclamations celebrating this event, which continued to grow over time. Pretty soon, most places celebrated "Negro History Week". By late 1960s, the week had evolved into a whole month. Finally, in 1976, Gerald Ford became the first president to officially recognize this month, and every U.S. president since has designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world like the United Kingdom and Canada have also committed a month to celebrate Black history and achievements of African Americans.

## Valentine's Day deserves better

BY HAYLEE PETERSON

Do you remember how exciting Valentine's Day used to be? We used to decorate our own paper treat bags and bring cards and candy to school for one another. Then, we would spend the day watching a movie together and consuming way too much sugar. It was a bonding experience, and something that we all used to look forward to. What happened to that?

A feeling of cynicism and dread over what used to be a fun holiday has been growing with every passing year since elementary school. Not only is this

seen within the student body, but also everywhere in the country. A survey conducted in 2019 showed that only 51% of Americans planned to celebrate Valentine's Day that year. Many people who are not in a relationship see the holiday as nothing but an unwelcome reminder of their loneliness.

However, this is not entirely their fault. Valentine's Day is typically marketed toward people who are already in a relationship. It encourages them to spend ridiculous amounts of money on gifts to prove their love for their significant other. It

pushes the narrative that if they can't afford an expensive gift, they must not love their partner enough.

In 2020, Americans spent 27.4 billion dollars on Valentine's Day gifts. This figure, along with the stigma surrounding the holiday, leads us to ask a very important question: what is Valentine's Day about anyway?

What Valentine's Day should be about is showing the important people in your life that you love and appreciate them. This doesn't have to mean your significant other - platonic

love means just as much as romantic love.

It is also vital to remember that the best gifts come from the heart. A higher price tag does not equal a better present. Even a simple handwritten note could really make someone's day and show them that you love them.

The Valentine's Day that we used to know and love still exists, and we can define its meaning. No matter what your relationship status is, it's always important to show your appreciation for those you love most.

## Ultimate guide to serious high school relationships

BY HEI SAY

Here's the question that's going on in every love-struck high schooler's brain: how soon is too soon to get in a serious relationship? Valentine's Day has passed, but relationship questions are year-round. Here are some things to take into consideration before you get into a serious relationship.

### Why are you dating?

Everyone has different reasons as to why they date. You should make your intentions clear when you get into a relationship with someone. If you're dating someone for fun, or if you just "ended up in that situation", you shouldn't mislead your partner into thinking they're

going to get something more out of it than a high school relationship. Make sure that you are in a mutual understanding for what kind of relationship you want. You don't want to be dating them for six months just to find out they were going to dump you before they went off to college.

### What kind of person are you?

You know yourself the best, but sometimes other people see things that you don't see. Hormones can get in the way and misguide your judgment. Ask a friend if they can see you getting serious. You may think you're serious about your relationship, but it could just be an instance of the short-term

infatuation that most teenagers experience. Is your partner who you think they are? Do you and your partner encourage each other to be better versions of yourselves? This leads to my next point.

### How well do you know them?

You might think you know all there is to know about your significant other; however, the truth is, only time can tell. We're in high school anyway, a phase where we're unsure of our identities and only discovering our purpose and passions. You and your partner might find that what you're looking for long-term has changed. Don't let anyone rush or pressure you; we're only in high school.



PHOTO BY HEI SAY

Juniors Drew Arteman and Tori Larson in the aftermath of a high school break up. Although Larson had already planned picked a dress and planned their wedding, Arteman let her know it was only a dream, not a reality.

## Politicians on social media: yes or no?

BY EH HSER HTOO

The First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." That includes the internet.

Since the start of the internet, communication has never been so easy. It helps people share ideas and talk from all over the world. Politicians are no exception. They have the right to express their ideas and opinions on the web. Inciting inappropriate behavior is interpreted by the readers and their followers.

One example is Trump's tweets about his loss in the election. He sent out a barrage of tweets about voter fraud that were misinterpreted by his followers. They stormed the U.S. capitol and blood was shed. Former President Trump did not want any of this to happen and even went on Twitter after being banned to tell his supporters to go home with love and peace. No single politician wakes up one day thinking they will stir up supporters to commit these types of behaviors.

Having so much influence is hard to control, especially if the readers act on something outrageous said online. If a common person can say whatever they want online and have no repercussions, then why can't politicians? People can't pick and

choose who gets to express their opinions and ideas, because that goes against the very idea of the First Amendment. Why have the right to free speech if you can't express it?

Politicians' social media is also a helpful source for the supporters to follow current events. Society is in the age of technology and most of the world receives news from their phones. Politicians updating their followers is so much faster than

waiting for traditional media to send out a message. They can also give an inside look on how they feel about a certain new bill or situation that is going on. Having influence can be a good thing, because it can spread awareness of important issues like world hunger and social injustices.

Social media is a great platform to express opinions. If people don't like the message, then they should respect the author of the message and keep it to themselves or unfollow them.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion. Freedom of speech has been around for a long time, and it shouldn't stop now. Just like everyone else, politicians should be able to express their First Amendment rights and say the things they want without repercussions.

BY HEI SAY

Politicians should not be on social media, and I think former President Trump is the perfect example. His presence on social media does more harm than good. He directly calls people out, starts unprofessional disputes, and spreads "fake news." As seen from Trump's Twitter legacy, politicians can become too personal on social media, which isn't always a good thing. It reduces their professionalism and respectability.

Politicians on social media can stir up dangerous conflicts with other authorities and create unneeded stigma. Here is an example of a problematic tweet by Trump: "To Iranian President Rouhani: NEVER EVER THREATEN THE UNITED STATES AGAIN OR YOU WILL SUFFER CONSEQUENCES." Not only does it make the politician look bad, but it also affects the nation.

Sometimes mistakes can happen--like when former representative Anthony Weiner accidentally posted a not-very-appropriate picture of himself. Having social media just creates more opportunities for embarrassing accidents to occur.

Sadly, politicians aren't the only ones that can ruin themselves.

According to ZeroFOX, a cyber security company, "social media account takeovers are an increasingly common occurrence affecting... politicians, celebrities, brands, and other high-profile accounts."

A perfect example is the Bitcoin scam on Twitter that affected many public figures from Jeff Bezos to Barack Obama last summer. Someone hacked into their accounts and posted Bitcoin links that promised to give

back if users donated money. Having social media not only creates more chances for politicians to wreak havoc, but also for other unknown people to cause destruction.

Restricting the use of social media accounts for politicians is not a breach of freedom of speech. They could still express themselves through private social media accounts only available to close friends and family. If they really wanted to express themselves to the mass, they can do so professionally in other official sources like on the news or in magazines.

If we have to sit here and argue if it's appropriate for politicians to be on social media, should they really be on it in the first place? I don't think it's necessary for politicians to own public accounts without any monitoring. It creates more harm than good.

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## Importance of napping

BY KENZIE PAULSON

Sleeping is one of the healthiest things you can do. It can make your heart stronger and can improve your memory and cognitive function. It also can reduce anxiety and other mental illnesses. This is why employers from India to Spain have started to let their workers nap at their desks to recharge before having to work again.

As humans, we are supposed to sleep twice per day to keep us at our healthiest. Once we wake up from our good night's sleep, we still need to have a small break during the day to rest our brains. If you don't sleep enough, or at all, it can be incredibly bad for your health.

Not getting enough sleep is called sleep deprivation. In our

daily lives, even with enough sleep, we aren't focused one hundred percent of the time. Eventually we get back on track, but when we are sleep deprived, our brain can't refocus after becoming distracted.

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To improve your sleeping schedule, you should take short naps throughout the day. Power naps that last around twenty to thirty minutes are the most common type of naps. They help reset your mind and body and

make you feel more awake and alert.

If you decide you want a longer nap, take one for sixty minutes. These naps will help improve your memory. The best type of nap is a ninety minute nap. During this nap, you complete the entire sleep cycle. These types of naps improve your creativity and can help you preserve your automatic memories, like how to drive or how to ride a bike.

Taking short naps throughout the day can benefit your mind, body, and overall health. Naps have many positive effects on the human body. It's extremely important to be well-rested in order for us to function normally in our daily lives.

## Sledding season

BY CARTER HANSON

Snowmobiling, often called sledding, is a fun activity to do in the winter when there is not much else to do. Many students around here agree with this.

Freshman Paycee Head has been sledding for three years. Her dad and brothers do it every winter, so she decided to try it as well. "When I go sledding, I'm usually in my backyard because I have enough land to do it on." Head rarely goes sledding anywhere else. "Some good places to go around here are usually around in the country and out by Alpena and Cavour."

I don't go sledding often for lack of my own sled, but when I do, it's out in the country or in the Black Hills. Many other students go sledding in these locations as well.

It is very common for farmers and farm kids who get bored every once in a while in the winter to go sledding around their fields and pastures and in the ditches.

In my opinion, sledding is one of the best winter activities there is.

## Making homeroom great again

BY EH HSER HTOO

As many students know, homeroom can be a bore. Not everyone has fun or enjoys being in homeroom. Since the beginning of second semester, when new rules regarding homeroom attendance were put in place, there have been more students showing up, but some still think it is a waste of time. *The Tiger Stripes* asked HHS students, "What would make homeroom better?" Here are a few of their responses.



PHOTO BY EH HSER HTOO

**Peyton Bischoff, freshman-**  
"I wish we had an option to leave homeroom if we have all our work done. There is no point in staying at school and doing nothing if we have everything done. It should be a privilege for people who do their work."

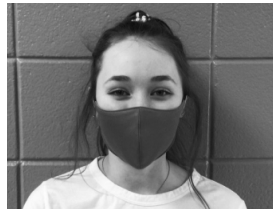


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**Channelle Coss, sophomore-**  
"Playing games could make homeroom better, and it would be a step up from doing nothing in class. Another thing that would make it better is focusing on school work and keeping kids caught up who are behind."



PHOTO BY EH HSER HTOO

**Ethan Remington, junior-**  
"I think there should be more activities rather than sitting on our phones. There should be like competitions against other homerooms. I think that would make it way more fun and make all the kids in class involved."



PHOTO BY EH HSER HTOO

**Regan Hamilton, senior-**  
"Playing games and competing against other homerooms would be fun, exciting, and entertaining. I think it would spice it up a bit and make people actually enjoy homeroom, rather than hating it like they do now."

## Start of something new: 2020 vs. 2021

BY COLBY HOTT & EMMA LITTLEFIELD

Some would argue that the beginning of 2020 was one of the worst starts to a year ever. Now, at the start of 2021, many people wonder if this year will be just as terrible. Here are some of the major differences between last year and this year so far.

At the start of 2020, trending news included the tragic helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant, his daughter, and seven others; the House of Representatives filed articles of impeachment against Donald Trump; and the first COVID-19 case appeared in the U.S.

At the start of 2021, trending news has focused on the raid on the United States Capitol Building, the military coup in Myanmar, Inaugural poet Amanda Gorman, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers beating the Kansas City Chiefs 31-9.

We are still deep in the pandemic with over 27 million total COVID-19 cases and over 463,000 deaths in

the U.S., but now widespread vaccinations are ramping up.

In news closer to home, compared to last year, this year has been much less stressful for choir director Mrs. Stueckrath. Last year's choir students were each preparing two or three events for competition. After all the hard work that both Mrs. Stueckrath and her students put in, the competition was sadly snowed out.

So far this year, changes have made things a lot less stressful. Now kids only participate in one event. Everyone hosts themselves, rather than traveling to Aberdeen, which minimizes the chances of their competitions being canceled.

For math teacher, Brandi Fitzgerald, the beginnings of both last year and this year have been ones to remember. At the start of 2020, she found out that she was pregnant! Now, she gets to snuggle her new little boy, Kohan, everyday.

Freshman Yer Sayar Guide's life hasn't change much between last year and this year, besides having to wear a mask in public spaces and having to follow stricter rules. Both years, he has been in wrestling and normal school classes. "I slept more last year during quarantine compared to now, because I didn't have to be in school," he said. Guide wishes he could sleep just as much as last year, but he is happy to be in non-Zoom school.

This year has been quite different from last year, but not necessarily in a bad way. Many students and faculty have learned to appreciate little things and are excited to see what 2021 has to bring.

If 2020 has taught us anything, it is that we are strong. Whatever happens this year, we know that we can withstand it. Hopefully, this year will be the start of many good years in our future.



PHOTO BY BRANDI FITZGERALD

**Brandi Fitzgerald holds her son, Kohan. Starting 2021 with a new baby in the house has been a happy and exciting change from the beginning of 2020.**

## Tiger Pep Band sets precedent

BY NIGHTIN DAY

Huron High School pep band is one of the only pep bands in the state. The pep band does an outstanding job and always makes game days a little more fun.

Due to the pandemic, things are a little bit different from last year. The biggest change would probably be masking up; they have to wear a special mask for themselves and their instruments. Another new thing this year are the songs. Maggie Knippling, a clarinet in the pep band says, "We actually have lots of new songs for this year's pep band season including arrangements of: "I Fall Apart" by Post Malone, "Mr. Blue Sky" by Electric Light Orchestra, "Shout It Out" from the movie "Drumline" and more. In fact, James Stueckrath, the band director, arranged "I Fall Apart" himself.

The basketball coaches, Tim Buddenhagen and Jonathan Schouten had nothing but good words to say about the pep band. Buddenhagen said, "The pep band does a fantastic job playing at our games. Mr. Stueckrath does a tremendous job with his band. They work hard, play loud, and they have a lot of pride in what they do. We greatly appreciate them being at our games." Schouten adds, "The Tiger pep band is outstanding. The song selection is great. The energy that the band brings and also creates is part of what makes game day in the Huron Arena so special. Mr. Stueckrath does an incredible job with the pep band. We are grateful that we are able to share the game day experience and also for the band members making games days in the Huron Arena so memorable."

The girls basketball team also had very nice words to say about the pep band. Mattie Huber, a basketball player said, "By playing in different towns, I appreciate how great our pep band is. They are fun to listen to and they even join in on cheers during the game." Bryn Huber, another player on the girls basketball team stated, "They are not only great at playing songs, but they are an amazing crowd and are super loud! I wish they played at every game!"

The Tiger Pep Band continues to provide tremendous energy to the Huron Arena and sets the enthusiasm bar high for all spectators.



PHOTO BY AUBREY RUTLEDGE

Pep Band performing on Tuesday, February 2, when the Tigers played against Sioux Falls Washington. Elizabeth Estrada and Anna Kruse play the snare drums. Kruse also plays the ride cymbal.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MITCH GAFFER

The Speech and Debate events are being held online through Zoom this season. Nicolas Weir and Kaleb Caulkins spend time prepping their next arguments during a Public Forum debate.

## Technology makes Speech and Debate season possible

BY LE YANG

In the month of February, Speech and Debate will have participate in three tournaments: a Central Forensics Conference, which determines where the team will place in the district, the Rushmore Challenge tournament hosted by Harrisburg, and the National Qualifying tournament (Quals) in Watertown. Quals is the tournament that decides who will go into the National Tournament in Iowa later this spring.

Even though there are many events, everything is happening online this season.

For Senior Plar Plo Clay, there hasn't been a day that has gone by without him thinking about the changes to his speech and debate season. He feels sorrowful for not

putting as much effort in this year. Not being able to travel with the team, competing with other schools via Zoom, and submitting videos hasn't been fun. When Clay thinks of Speech and Debate, he thinks of live audiences, performing in front of people.

One positive was Clay, as vice president, had the pleasure of submitting his teammates' points into the National Speech and Debate website.

COVID has caused many people's productivity to dwindle, but even in the midst of changes and restrictions, in the end, the team still gets to bond in the Commons, and competing is still a rewarding feeling.

## Mrs. Lavallee: uncovered

BY LE YANG

Mackenzie Lavallee, raised in Dayton, Ohio, has been through a variety of careers: a sailor in the United States Navy, a bartender/waitress, a staff member at a youth group home, a phlebotomist, and now an art teacher at HHS.

Mrs. Lavallee graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in art education with an emphasis in printmaking and minors in art history and psychology. Both Lavallee and her husband, Kris Lavallee, work at the high school. They have four kids: Tyler, Carter, Rebecca, and Deacon.

Last year, [Mrs.] Lavallee taught K-12 Art at Boyden-Hull in Iowa. The biggest difference teaching here now is that the commute is ten minutes instead of sixty, and her classes are larger. She is excited for the opportunity to teach in her hometown of Huron but was also sad about the departure of the previous art teacher, Delretta Halvorson. She feels like those are some big shoes to fill.

There are many art project ideas Halvorson had that Lavallee likes and plans to keep, but she's also adding in twists and changes of her own. She likes using technology and thinks it can be great for researching, editing, and creating.

One question that comes up a lot is will there be an Art Club? The answer is yes, but due to COVID-19 and this being her first year teaching, Mrs. Lavallee plans to restart it next year.

Lavallee enjoys helping students tap into their creativity and imagination. There are so many talented students at HHS, and she is all about her students being the best artists that they can be.



PHOTO BY LE YANG

Above are the ceramics projects from Mrs. Lavallee's Ceramics class before entering the kiln. Students are making cellphone amplifiers out of clay.

# Buddenhagen ends high school athletic career

BY NATE LYON

*Tiger Stripes* is shining a spotlight on senior girls basketball player Tenley Buddenhagen. Her season came to an abrupt end when she suffered a knee injury in early February. Here's what she had to say:

**Q. How is the season going?**

A. The season has been going really well. We have been so close in games against some great competition. I am now stepping into a new role, but the goal of making it to state hasn't changed for any of us."

**Q. What is your injury?**

A. "I tore my ACL and tore two places in my miniscus."

**Q. How are you feeling?**

A. "It has been really sad and pretty tough knowing that I am done with high school athletics, but I do think things



PHOTO SUBMITTED  
Tenley Buddenhagen is given encouragement by Brooke Schiltz, senior, and another teammate as she prepares for a free-throw shot in a home game against Brandon Valley.

happen for a reason which means this is only the beginning of a brand new journey.

**Q. What are some favorite parts of playing?**

A. "Getting to play basketball since a young age has been something I've been so thankful for as I have gotten

to share many memories and laughs with teammates and my parents...I have been so fortunate for all the opportunities the Huron uniform has given me."

**Q. How are you feeling looking back on your high school career**

A. "Honestly, it hasn't really hit me yet that I am now looking back at playing. The finish line was not nearly as close as expected for me to be done but I will still be there every step of the way with my team."

**Q. Any advice for younger players?**

A. "I would say to enjoy and cherish every memory in practices, games, trips, etc. You never know when it could be over as you are never guaranteed tomorrow."

**Q. What are your future plans?**

A. "I plan to attend the University of Jamestown to continue playing volleyball. I am leaning towards focusing on a career of some sort in the health or medical field."

# Off-season training key to success

BY CARTER HANSON

Some athletes wish they could play their favorite sport all year long, but that's not how it works. In the off season, some athletes play other sports, but others do off-season training to prepare themselves for the next season. Off-season training is available for any HHS athlete if they choose to take advantage of it.

Junior Jonathon Hernandez is among those who train in the off season. Hernandez plays football, baseball, and track, and his off season begins a couple weeks after football ends. He says, "The off season is where you make your muscle gains." He also said, "Training is important to

me because it allows me to grow as an athlete and better myself. Training is the most important thing to get better at the sport you play. It does pay off in the end. If you want to make it to the next level you need to train. You can't make it without working for it."

Mrs. Thomas, a teacher who coaches some off-season training says she has two reasons for starting her program. "The first reason is because I want track athletes that aren't doing a winter sport to do speed workouts which will make them faster for track. The second reason I started this program was to get students/athletes interested in track. I want

students to understand that track isn't just about running. Track has an event for EVERYONE and participating in track helps athletes in their other sports as well."

Thomas enjoys training athletes because she likes seeing how much fun students have during the sessions and how successful the athletes are in-season. She says her training isn't only for track athletes though. "I want to see more students participating in all sports at HHS and I want to see all of our sports be successful, and this is one way that I can contribute."

# Senior gymnasts hang up their leotards

BY COLBY HOTT

After hosting ESD in early February, the gymnastics season has come to an end with two gymnasts, Adison Gross and Eastyn Eichstadt, competing at the state tournament in Watertown on Saturday, February 15.

Both girls qualified on the vault with Gross finishing in 42nd and Eichstadt tying for 36th place. Since Gross is a sophomore and Eichstadt is a freshman, expect to see more from these gymnasts in the future.

At the other end of the spectrum, two gymnasts saying goodbye to their gymnastics careers are seniors Leah Pyle and Cailey Coss. As their season came to a close, they reflected on the year and their careers as Tiger gymnasts.

Pyle is sentimental about the conclusion of this year and all the good memories that came with it. She states that some of her best memories were building friendships with the other gymnasts on the team.

Pyle isn't the only one with torn up feelings about the end of the season. Coss says she will also treasure the memories she made throughout the years, one of those memories being their trip to State in the 2019-2020 season. Both Pyle and Coss agreed they will miss their coaches and fellow gymnasts

very much.

Both seniors have a lot of personal accomplishments they are proud of as well being very proud of the efforts the team has made over the past couple of years and the family bond they've formed with the team. They wouldn't trade the experience for anything.



PHOTO SUBMITTED  
Nancy Perez stands upon a balance beam during ESD at the TAC in early February.

# Bowling onwards

BY NATE LYON

If there are any activities that have found a way to thrive during the pandemic, it would no doubt be ones of sport. Basketball, football, wrestling, etc., are still traveling and having tournaments.

While it doesn't receive quite as much notoriety as the aforementioned sports, bowling is another sport that has continued. There is still plenty of competition around the state. Huron, Madison, Aberdeen, Pierre, Mitchell, Dell Rapids, and Chamberlain/Gregory are all traveling this year.

Due to Covid, the competitions are broken up, and only one team goes to one town to compete against that team.

Both Huron teams are going strong, with the boys team in 1st and the girls team in 4th, respectively. There are also other Huron students competing, though they are either at the middle school or surrounding schools.

## Girls Team

Malorie Mattke, Lisa Engelhart, Abigail Harrington, Annaliese Schmitt, and Morgan Eggleston.

## Boys Team

Luke Eckhardt, Jerod Steilen, Bryson North, Brandon Forrette, and Rylan Eggleston.



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## Best and worst dates at HHS

BY TORREY VANBERKUM

The *Tiger Stripes* staff sent out a Survey Monkey asking students what their best or worst date was and why. Below are a few of the best answers submitted by "My worst date was when me and my boyfriend were going to La Hacienda and the waiter asked if he was my brother."

Brynn Gose said "My best date was playing a 17+ card game with him and my parents and seeing their reaction to the cards."

"I asked this one girl out to the movies in 8th grade but I fell asleep and missed the whole date."

"One time this guy in 8th grade asked me on a movie date but he fell asleep and missed the whole thing."

"My best date would be going to the drive-in movie theater because it was so nice outside and I love watching movies and eating candy."

Haylee Peterson said "I went on a double date to the fair, but my date had a crush on the other girl that his friend was with. He planned the double date as a way to get over her by seeing her with someone else and completely used me and I didn't even find out until after he broke up with me."

"The best date I had was when I went to Paris with my lover, Brando."

## Nate Lyon builds D.I.Y. guitar

BY TORREY VANBERKUM

Nate Lyon is a senior at Huron High School who enjoys playing the guitar and performing for school activities. This year, Lyon decided to build a guitar himself because it is cheaper than buying a new one. This way he was able to customize it to make it his own. He wanted a guitar that sounded and looked exactly how he envisioned.

Lyon says, "I wanted a guitar that was personalized for me so I could make it look and sound how I wanted and to represent my personality." He bought all of the guitar parts and put it together himself. With the cost of all the different parts and shipping, the guitar cost \$500 in total.

Minus the time it took for the pieces to ship, it took Lyon about one week to build his guitar in order to play it.

When deciding what kind of guitar to build for himself, Nate carefully considered his options and ultimately decided that an electric guitar would be most suitable for him. The electronic portion in his guitar is battery powered; Lyon just needs to change the batteries when necessary.

Lyon's favorite music to play is rock music, and he enjoys playing songs that he knows by ear. Lyon enjoys his new guitar and playing music on it, knowing he built it and personalized it himself.



PHOTO BY NATE LYON

Nate Lyon's do-it-yourself electric guitar is shown in its case. Special features include a personal drawing of a sunflower on the body of the guitar, a sun strap, and active electronics.

## Attracted to toxicity: how to spot the signs

BY EMILY DALE AND TORREY VANBERKUM

The situations listed below may be signs of a toxic relationship. A student answering yes to seven or more of the statements may want to rethink the relationship, possibly exiting it and sending this article as closure. (\*Not a scientific study.)

- You or your s/o have not had long prior relationships.
- You or your s/o can't apologize.
- You or your s/o are self-conscious of your relationship.
- You or your s/o only do things to keep peace between each other.
- You or your s/o are unhappy.
- You or your s/o know you're doing something wrong but can't stop.
- You or your s/o don't accept no as an answer and push people away.
- You or your s/o have concerns from others about the relationship.
- You or your s/o twist the truth to be the victim.
- You or your s/o don't trust each other.
- You or your s/o are afraid of the relationship.
- You or your s/o feel attacked in the relationship.

## Welcome to the world of Webtoon

BY EMILY DALE

Webtoon is an app that provides digital comics. It was invented in South Korea, and it is the number one webcomics app. It has more than fifty-five million active participants monthly, and fifteen million readers daily. A survey last year says more people read webcomics on that platform in one day than watch most television shows. Below are summaries of some of the most popular comics.

### Remarried Empress



WEBTOON APP

"Navier Ellie Trovi was an empress, perfect in every way— intelligent, courageous, and socially adept. She was content to live the rest of her days as the empress of the Eastern Empire. That is, until her husband brought home a mistress and demanded a divorce. In a shocking twist, Navier remarries another emperor and retains her title and childhood dream as empress. But how did everything unfold?"

### Unordinary



WEBTOON APP

"Nobody paid much attention to John— just a normal teenager at a high school where the social elite happen to possess unthinkable powers and abilities. But John's got a secret past that threatens to bring down the school's whole social order - and much more. Fulfilling his destiny won't be easy though, because there are battles, frenemies and deadly conspiracies around every corner."

### God of High School



WEBTOON APP

"Mori Jin is a high school student Taekwondo specialist who enters "The God of High School," a fighting tournament that promises the winner anything they want. What began as a competition to seek out the best high school fighter soon reveals itself to be part of a much greater plot that goes beyond Mori's wildest imagination. What will he give to become a god?"

### Sweet Home



WEBTOON APP

"After an unexpected family tragedy, a reclusive high school student is forced to leave his home — only to face something much scarier: a reality where monsters are trying to wipe out humanity. Now he must fight alongside a handful of reluctant heroes to try and save the world before it's too late. Now a Netflix Original Series, Sweet Home has one season and ten episodes."

## Disney Valentine Crush

PHOTOS AND ARTICLE BY REILLY HOOPS  
For the month of February, *Tiger Stripes* asked several students in the high school who their Disney Crush is and why. Here are their responses.



Pictured above is senior Brooklyn Boetel. Boetel's Disney crush is Flynn Rider from the movie "Tangled". Her reason for crushing over him is that "He's Hoc."



Pictured above is junior Steven Degeest. His Valentine Day's crush is Cinderella. He is crushing over her because he says "she is smoking hot."



Pictured above is freshman Grady Bott. Grady's Valentine's day crush is Mr. Beast. He is crushing over him because he thinks "he's sexy."

## Anonymous love letters

In this month's *Tiger Stripes* Survey Monkey, anonymous love letters were requested. After reviewing the submissions, the staff chose some of their favorites.

Please please please let this be anonymous Nate Lyon (I think that's how you spell it?), 12th grade I think you're really cute and funny and I want to get to know you better but I'm too shy to start another conversation with you. I think being friends with you would be really cool too, because we have a lot of common interests and you're really smart. Anyways I'm sorry, I know this is weird but at least it's anonymous, right? (Also if you're in a relationship right now I'm so sorry because this'll be even more weird).

I don't want to say that I'm in love, but I really appreciate this person. She is always willing to help me with my homework, and she is really funny. She also bought me lunch one time that was super awesome. This person also has very pretty eyes and a nice sense of humor. Her name is Kimberly Yanes.

Dear Mrs. Olivo and Mrs. Malley, Thank you for everything you do for us, we don't know what we would do without you. Love, the student body.

Hey Reilyn Zavesky, are you google? Because you are everything I'm searching for... but like actually we are meant to be but I'm too nervy to tell you in person so here go!

Dear Bree Ann, in sophmore year. you thought you wouldn't get one? You really thought you wouldn't? Thanks for being awesome. With affection or something, You Know Who

I love you so much, Kelby John Dickson. You're beautiful eyes and luscious smile gets my heart racing at 1000 miles per hour. If only we could see eye to eye on love... \*sigh\*

Kay doh, hey I love you. I like spending time with after school.

## Sudoku

Challenge yourself to a game of Sudoku. To complete the puzzle you have to insert a single digit number into one of the empty boxes. No two of the same numbers can be in the same row, column or box, and each row, column, and box must have the numbers 1-9.

1		6			2	3		
	5				6		9	1
		9	5		1	4	6	2
	3	7	9		5			
5	8	1		2	7	9		
			4		8	1	5	7
			2	6		5	4	
		4	1	5		6		9
9			8	7	4	2	1	

To Wade Stobbs Hey bra, Wanna go to the park???

Dear Basketball teams, we have a love/hate relationship. I wish you would win, please.

Dear Ethan Neugebauer, you don't know me but we are soulmates...


## Ready, Set, LoGo


*Tiger Stripes* is featuring game in this edition. Throughout the newspaper will be multiple logos hidden among the pages. If all logos are found, students may come to Mrs. Rubish's room, A-207, for a piece of candy at the end of the day on the day of distribution only. The logos hidden in pages 1-8 of this edition are shown to the right.





## Haylee's post-Valentine's horoscopes: the sequel


BY HAYLEE PETERSON


 **Taurus**  
Taurus make wonderful partners, because they are always supportive of what their loved ones may be going through. However, they can be incredibly stubborn if these problems begin to interfere with their relationship. Remember next Valentine's Day that it's okay to compromise. Try to open your mind up to new ideas, and it will change your relationship for the better.


 **Sagittarius**  
Sagittarius are known to be very idealistic partners who are always hoping for the best in their relationship. However, they sometimes find that they are unable to fulfill the promises they make. Remember next Valentine's Day to find a balance between your idealism and reality. It's okay if things don't always end up as planned. You may look back one day and feel happy that you didn't end up with what you thought you wanted.


 **Libra**  
Libras are very considerate and open-minded when it comes to relationships. However, they feel a need to constantly measure up to their own expectations, which results in lots of self-pity. Remember next Valentine's Day that relying on others isn't a bad thing, and it's okay to not always meet your own expectations. Those who truly love you are always there to help you.


 **Capricorn**  
Capricorns are hardworking, and they are always trying to better their relationships. All this work can be very beneficial, but sometimes it can get to their heads. Remember next Valentine's Day to hold back on cynicism. It's okay to let go of control, and it doesn't mean that the worst will happen. In fact, the equal balance of power can lead you to a very healthy relationship.


 **Cancer**  
Cancers are controlled by their hearts, which can be a blessing and a curse. They are kind, affectionate, and understanding, which makes them wonderful partners. However, their emotions can sometimes blind them to reality. Remember next Valentine's Day that not every problem has earth-shattering consequences. You can use conflict as a way to strengthen your relationship and gain a better understanding of each other.


 **Virgo**  
Virgos are dedicated partners. They always know what to say and when to act, and they do it with kindness. However, they can be workaholics and very hesitant to express their emotions. Remember next Valentine's Day that not everything has to have a plan. It's okay to let your emotions guide you every once in a while, and your partner will appreciate the vulnerability.


 **Scorpio**  
Scorpios will do anything they can to protect their partners from harm. However, they can become too protective, which leads to extreme paranoia. Remember next Valentine's Day that other people aren't always out to get you. Make sure to use your intuition to choose a partner who won't make you question their loyalty, and it will save you a lot of heartache.

 **Gemini**  
Geminis are curious about the nature of those around them, which makes them great conversationalists. They are always seeking to learn about their loved ones. However, they can become nervous and indecisive. Remember next Valentine's Day that you are not a burden to the people who truly love you. Your curiosity is admirable. Don't close yourself off from others because you are afraid of annoying them.

 **Pisces**  
Pisces are expressive, creative, and intuitive. They are great at expressing how they feel, and form incredible emotional bonds. However, these traits can sometimes create a "tortured artist" complex. Remember this Valentine's Day that not everything has to have a deeper meaning. Try to understand the motives of others before playing the victim. It's okay to break things down to their simplest terms.

 **Aquarius**  
Aquarius are entertaining, compassionate, and creative. However, they tend to distance themselves from others out of fear that they won't be accepted. Remember next Valentine's Day that emotional vulnerability is a strength, not a weakness. Your personality deserves to be shown to the world, and this vulnerability will attract people who like you for who you are.

 **Aries**  
Aries tend to feel very excited and optimistic when jumping into a new relationship, and love to mentally plan their futures. However, they can become impatient when they don't immediately receive the results they are hoping for. Remember next Valentine's Day that true love takes work sometimes, and that joy is found in the journey, not the destination.

 **Leo**  
Leos are incredibly charming, and when they find a partner, they become very enthusiastic of everything that they do. However, they can struggle with ego problems. Remember next Valentine's Day that it's okay if your partner has different interests than you. Keep an open mind and support them in their endeavors. This could introduce you to new hobbies and interests that you can do together.

## Matchmaking with Jamee

BY JAMEE KATTNER

A couple years ago, former Huron High School *Tiger Stripes* editor Jemma Keleher started a matchmaking column pairing up people she deemed a perfect match. Well, I decided to bring it back.



Sophomore Jake Holforty and junior Cami Rathjen enjoying their time on Matchmaking with Jamee.

Finding for two people who could might be a perfect match was difficult. I searched high and low, looked through every class and student till I found two people who I knew were destined for love! Now let me introduce Jake Holforty and Cami Rathjen, my perfect match! They share some very similar qualities like being devoted band geeks and enjoying nature. I believed that they were bound to be a couple at some point, so I took them out on a matchmaking date to test their compatibility.

We spent our date at the Donut Shoppe, so that Jake and Cami could canoodle over donuts. A few mishaps later we ended up in the Casey's parking lot, getting more donuts.

It was hard to not feel the chemistry between Jake and Cami. At one point, I could barely get them to stop making puppy-dog eyes at each other.

Jake couldn't stop complimenting Cami saying, "Her eyes are so beautiful, like the ocean". When asked how the date went, Cami said, "The date was great! With Jamee being there to help calm our nerves, nothing was awkward at all".

## Power Couples of HHS

BY LEXY GILBERT



It's the month of love. That means it's time for PDA in the hallways and secret notes in lockers. This also means that the couples of Huron High School are out and about making others envy their relationships. There are many couples at HHS, but there are a few that stand out amongst all of the high school sweethearts. A survey sent out to all students revealed which couples are Huron High's "power couples". The top three couples chosen are Lisa Englehart and Will Radke, Bella Shreeve and Tyson Lien, and at the very top, Bree Gose and Derick Siemonsma.