

The HORNET BUZZ




CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS AGAIN!

By Collin Brown '18

The Hornet Varsity basketball team has been very successful over the past decade in winning championships year after year. Last Friday the Hornets clinched their second straight League title in two years, but they are not done yet there is still work to be done. They have had nothing short of a sensational season so far going 15-3 with only two more games left to go in the regular season the Hornets still have a lot of unfinished business with a district title in mind. When asking senior Bryce Drews how he thought the season was turning out so far he said, "It's everything I thought it would be, really having being a senior lead team, I thought that we had a solid chance to win a very competitive league which we did. It's been a long season so far. Hopefully we end the season on a good note and go play for a district title, which hasn't been in our grasps for a few years now. I know what it's going to take and it's not easy but we can get it done." The Hornets will be finishing out the season in a couple of weeks. Then they will be traveling just across town to Jonesville where districts will be held. So come out and support your Hillsdale Hornets basketball team as they fight for a district title!

SCHOLARSHIP SEASON

By Chloe Page '18

February is an important time for students to focus on scholarships since March 1st is a due date for many scholarship applications, including the Hillsdale County Community Foundation Scholarships. The Hillsdale County Community Foundation have a wide variety

of scholarships for seniors, including many which are exclusively for Hillsdale High School students and many that are for students throughout the county. Scholarships are important for students to get and they're very competitive. But, they help pay for college and they are something you won't have to pay back, so they're pretty much a gift for writing good essays and getting good grades. It's extremely important to write a good essay when applying for scholarship because they are a huge determining factor in whether you receive the scholarship or not.

I interviewed Katy Kempa a senior at HHS to see how her progress on scholarships is going.

How many scholarships have you applied for?

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Have you applied for the Hillsdale County Community Foundation Scholarships?

Yes, all that I qualify for.

How long does it typically take you to apply for scholarships?

About a day or two.

Doing scholarships applications does take awhile to do. But, if you take time to write good essays the results will be helpful. For the Hillsdale County Community Foundation Scholarships

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you have to have two letters of recommendation and good people to ask are employers and teachers. Make sure to ask soon enough to give them plenty of time to write a good letter. There's also scholarships on the board next to the office so it's a good idea to stop by there and look if any of the scholarships could apply to you. Make sure to show off your hard work to earn money for college.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

By Virginia Brown '18

Senior year is a scary one. Life comes at you with intimidating rapidity like you've never experienced before. Senior year is when you decide where your life is headed; a hefty decision for a young adult to make, but an essential one. Hillsdale High School has prepared us for college life in numerous ways. Soon enough, we will have to remember what we've been taught and put it into practice for college.

Chloe Page plans to go to college at the University of Toledo. Katy Kempa wants to "marry rich, never work." Collin Brown is going to Jackson Community College for their "top notch" radiology program and save up to be a millionaire. Terron Grant's plans after high school is to attend Jackson Community College for his first two years of education and possibly play college football--he plans to study business at a different college after getting the basics done at Jackson. Shannon Petersen is going to go to Hillsdale College and play football. As is evident, everybody is doing something different. Some people are going far away and some people are staying close.

As the end of the year approaches, and the end of a senior's entire high school career also comes to a bittersweet end. A senior's high school career is one of the most significant times in their life. It's filled with friendship, heartache, joy, pain, love and so much more. When people say high school goes by fast, they aren't kidding. Though seniors are excited to start the next chapter of their lives, they will never forget the memories made in the halls of HHS.

COLLEGE PLANS

By Emma Hammel '18

Where do you want to go? What do you want to do after high school? What colleges have you been accepted to? Did you fill out your FAS-FA? These are all questions that seniors at Hillsdale High have heard like a broken record. Although they may be annoying, these things are important to figure out how to be on the fast track to a great career.

I interviewed Austin Estel, a senior at Hillsdale High School. When asked if he was going to college, he replied "I'm going to a trade school in California for Commercial Diving." Although Austin is not taking the majority route, his plans after high school include moving out of tiny Hillsdale to pursue a fast-track certification. In some ways, Austin's plan may be considered smarter than others due to the fact that he will be certified and have a job in just a short three years. He will be in less debt than most students who choose to go to college instead, as well as have a higher-paying job as soon as he graduates.

Although Austin is just one example of plans after high school, most students choose to pursue a degree at a university. On one hand, the student loans and debt are outlandish. But when you consider your education and that knowledge is power, how could you not give everything to achieve it? So you may be going crazy from all these questions about your future, but it is worth it in the end. Whether it's college, a trade school, or the workforce, whatever you choose to do after high school doesn't matter; as long as you love what you do, that's all that really matters.

B O W L I N G REGIONALS/STATES: INTERVIEWING SENIORS

By Briana Bradley '19

As the bowling season comes to an end it has become a very competitive atmosphere. It can get very emotional for seniors. It is their last home meet. Their last time to compete at regionals. Also their last chance to make it on to state. Coming to the end of the season can be very difficult but all the memories are what counts the most.

I recently asked senior member and captain of the Girls Varsity Team, Sara Wallace '18, what her favorite memory was from her past three years going to regionals? Her response was, "My sophomore year we made it to state as a team by 5 pins, and hearing that being announced was pretty great!" I also asked her, "What are you looking forward to for this years regionals and possible state experience?" Her response was, "I would like our team to go to state again and make it further than what we did last time."

We have a great team this year and I would not expect any less.” Having a 7-1 season is not bad. With being LCAA League Champions, Regionals this weekend and hopefully onto the State level right after that, Sara and the rest of the team are going to be very busy. There is a lot of talent on the bowling team. Now all the team has to do is stay focused and keep their heads held high.

MEET BRIANA BRADLEY-ATHLETE

By Austin Estel '18

Briana Bradley is a student bowler at Hillsdale High School. Briana is a junior who loves to bowl and improve herself. Many achievements have been accomplished in the short time Briana has been with Hillsdale High School. One of the many achievements that Briana has attained is first team all league. Briana has earned this honor for two years in a row, and she continues to do her best.

Briana junior year at hillsdale high school has been very eventful. She beat one of the undefeated girls in bowling this year. This was a great achievement for Briana. After the match she felt like a weight has been lifted off of her shoulders. Most games the team huddles together before the match starts to get everyone in the mood to win. After a bowling match the team then goes out to celebrate together whether they win or not.

Briana plans to continue with bowling next year. With the hard work and long hours that comes with it, she is hoping to have another successful season. Bowling has had a positive impact on Briana's life because it gives her more responsibilities and positions to fulfill. Bowling has impacted Briana's high school career by getting her more involved in the activities that are offered. The first sport that caught Briana's eye was bowling. Briana does not plan to continue bowling in college, but she would give it a chance if it's offered.



HORNET BOWLING, PUBLIC EYE

By Brent Rocheleau '18

Bowling is not just a game to mess around with. But it also should not be take seriously all the time. Our team traveled to Ten Pin Lane in Tecumseh Wednesday the 7th to take on Blissfield. Unfortunately, Hillsdale took home their first loss of the season. But while the team was bowling, we stayed up beat and encouraged the whole time. “You

have to be willing to lose if you are ever going to win,” said Brent Rocheleau.

The Varsity Bowling Team is not just made up of jocks and seniors, there are four others on the team who are right up there with the rest of us. Adam Bowsher, Logan Miller, Parker Brown, and Joe Zass, our underclassmen stand right by Seniors Travis Fowler, Scott Hasen, and I, Brent Rocheleau, without any problem. Our Bowling team is a chance to show how good you really are and you don't get booted off the team because someone is more popular than you.

This last weekend, February 17th, Hillsdale traveled Ten Pin Lane in Hudson, Michigan to compete in our LCAA champion. With an impeccable season and the willingness to push forward, we took home the first place trophy against Hudson, Columbia Central, Blissfield, and Onstead. Once again, we're named the league champs of 2018. As the season comes to an end, we are anything but over. With a reputation to hold, the Varsity Bowling team heads to Flatrock, Michigan on February 23 and 24, to compete in regionals to hopefully move on to states the following week. Wish us luck because we are proud to be Hornets.



OVERACHIEVERS - WHAT DRIVES THEM TO WORK SO HARD?

By Vivian Pickard '19

Whether it is to become the valedictorian of your class, to get into your dream school, or if it is to become a professional athlete, we all have goals. Some barely make an effort to achieve them, some try but do not sacrifice much to get there, and there are some who will give and do everything to get there. That is the difference between most people and Overachievers. Overachievers are the people who will study for hours on end. They also are the ones who practice anytime, any day, and anywhere.

People are more likely to become overachievers in high school, college, and when they first start working. For some this is due to being a perfectionist and a fear of failure. A very common feature in overachievement is a passion for what the person is studying or trying to accomplish. Overachievers are dedicated and know when to buckle down and get things done. Combine these things with motivation and realistic goal setting and an overachiever is born.

A well known overachiever is Michael Jordan. Ever since he was young he was extremely passionate about basketball. He often woke up every morning at 5 a.m. to practice and would not stop for hours. Not many people know that he was told that he was not tall enough to be on the varsity team his sophomore year. Jordan strived and worked extremely hard to make the varsity team and every other team he tried out for after that. His passion to be the greatest did not let him down. Because of being such a strong overachiever, Michael Jordan became one of the most well known and one of the greatest basketball players to play the game.

A HORNET BECOMES A CHARGER

By Emily Kimball '19

Touchdown! The Hillsdale Chargers scored Shannon Petersen, Hillsdale Hornet, as he signed his letter of intent to play with the Chargers football team. He just finished a great season with the Hillsdale Hornets and will continue to use his skills for the Charger football team. I asked what his goals regarding football were. He responded, "I want to get bigger and put on more weight." He added that he hopes to start his Sophomore year in one way or another and that he'll go hard on the scout teams.

Petersen will be joining other former Hornets, like Andrew Wilcox, Zach Slete, Joe Philipp, and his

brother Martin Petersen. I asked Shannon how he felt about joining his brother there. He responded, "I think it'll be awesome and it will be nice to have him to show me the ropes and have someone there if I have any questions."

When Petersen was asked what made him choose Hillsdale, he replied, "My parents went there and my dad works there and took me to (football) games when I was younger." I also asked about his upcoming major and how he'll juggle school and football. He said, "I want to study art and psychology. I plan to fix some habits, like procrastination, and have also talked with some older guys who said it's doable." He also commented that he hopes to figure out the flow of things during camp and then once school starts have an idea of what he'll have to do to keep up in both. The Hillsdale Hornets are all wishing Shannon the best of luck in his next chapter!

GAVIN LAFOLLETTE ON VARSITY

By Ethan York '20

Gavin LaFollette is only a sophomore and is playing on varsity



for basketball. Not only is he two years behind all of the others he donomates when on the court. This is Gavin's first year playing varsity and is a guaranteed starter next season, getting some training with the seniors now will prepare him for next year.

I interviewed Gavin LaFolette on his thoughts of being on varsity and what he thinks his responsibilities are for the team. He responded with, "You realize how much harder the practices are, and how much harder you have to work to get playing time, and then during practices you have to focus on trying to make the first string better. On our team we all have roles, my role specifically is to play good defense, get boards and set screens, if we weren't all able to do our roles we would fall apart and fail to win league."

Gavin LaFollette was also on varsity for football and he said he went through some of the same similarities he is going through right now for basketball. He had to put in the hard work and effort for football to be able to play on the field and absolutely destroy the Hornets opponents.

FIGHTING THROUGH INJURIES

By Tj McLavey '19

Many high school athletes go through serious injuries during their high school playing days. It's already hard enough to balance sports, school, and maybe a job too. Now you have to hobble to all of your classes and hope you heal quickly enough to play again.

Hillsdale High School senior, Collin Brown knows this all too well. Collin tore his ACL during foot-

ball season, but continued playing because he thought it was only a minor injury. Now it is basketball season and Collin is still toughing it out. Although he wears a brace which makes it a little harder to play, he is still a major impact on the court. Collin may only be 6'3 but he makes up for his height by playing big. He plays great defense and is always grabbing good rebounds. The way Collin is fighting through his torn ACL proves what a high school athlete will go through to be able to play a final season. You can overcome anything with hard work and determination.

Balancing school and sports may be hard and even harder with an injury but looking back as an adult they will all be good memories. The minute your playing days are over it's all just a memory so make the best of it. Live life while you can, even with something holding you back. I encourage everyone to at least try a sport or club and have some fun during high school, you won't regret it.

TOO OLD FOR TOYS?

By Terrontino Grant '18

Are you too old for toys in high school? I am not, I play with LEGO's and little tiny race cars. Of course when nobody is around. Shannon Petersen says he plays with knights and dragons, Star Wars and marvel action figures. There is nothing wrong with someone playing with toys. We all grow up too fast. Connor Stefes, who loves his marvel characters also wore marvel wrestling shoes this year. Who also did very good this wrestling shoes, maybe it's the shoes?

Regardless of what your into the idea here is that us as high schoolers need to stay young on the inside and be as pure as possible for as long as possible. Growing up is overrated stay young, and play with toys stay interested into the marvel and the action figures you want. No one is expecting you to change who you are, not me at least.

MEET THE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

By Breanna Bildner '19

Imagine being away from your family, friends, school, and country for 10 months in a place you have never been before living with a strange family. That's what the 11 foreign exchange students did this year. This year we have three exchange students from Germany, Fabian Harkof, Ava von Engel, and Ilka Honczek, one exchange student from Basque, Spain, Asier Esandi, two exchange students from Thailand, Yanisa Niamson and Kunteera Wongniwatkaajorn, two exchange students from Kazakhstan, Vitaliy Konyukhov and Asemgul Sadykova, one exchange student from Japan, Marin Nakaoka, one from South Korea, Jihun Kim, and one from China Sitong Liu.

One of the exchange students, Fabian said, "My favorite memory so far has been sitting in a kayak while getting pulled through the yard by a truck." Another exchange student, Asier said, "I think that the host family is part of the experience and to be honest I am pretty glad that I live with the family I have even if it's very different than mine." In response to being asked if they would come back to America in

the future Fabian said, "Yes, it's cool here and I would like to see everyone again in a few years." Asier said, "I hope I can someday come back, but right now in this moment I'm not really thinking that." All the exchange students would say that Hillsdale is like a second home. For them and that our school has impacted their lives. The exchange students aren't the only ones that are impacted, the friends they make and the families that they live with are impacted. When someone gets to know them they realize just how special they are and how they will be in your life forever no matter the distance between their countries. Senior, Brent Rocheleau, who has befriended many of the exchange students this year gives this advice to the exchange students, "Cherish every moment because not every good thing lasts forever."

The people they have met and the experiences the exchange students have had this year will be remembered forever. When the Exchange Students come here they come with having one family back in their home country but they leave having a family in America. When they come here they have no idea if the friendships and relationships they make here will last throughout their lifetime. When we say goodbye to them in June we don't know if they will come back or if we will see them again in person, but we know that with social media and

technology nowadays, we will be able to keep in touch with them and continue the relationships that were started here.

Newspaper Staff Note:

The Hornet Yearbook staff would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to exchange students from Thailand, "MO" Yanisa Niamson and "Postcard" Kunteera Wongniwatkaajorn for your wonderful gesture on Valentine's Day. We say "KUDOS" to you two wonderful girls for spreading a little love! 450 Valentine's were greatly appreciated.

THIS YEAR I AM MOST PROUD OF...

By Cassie Bowditch '19

This year I have been proud of many things I have accomplished, but I am going to choose three different things to talk about. I am going to talk about the year 2017 because 2018 has not been around that long. The first major thing I am proud of was that I got my first job close to the end of my sophomore year. I have been working at Michindoh ever since then, and maybe plan to stay until the end of High School. If I do not stay that long, I will probably be done the end of my junior year. I do believe getting a job is a big step into adulthood, and starts to get you ready for part of the real world. It helps you start to plan out what you want to do with your life, when you finish high school.

The second thing that I have been most proud of would probably have to be removing negative/ toxic people out of my life. It is a couple of hard decisions and long nights, but it was for the best. It may sound like a bad idea to some, but actually to me, it was a couple of the best decisions I have ever made in my life. My life since I have removed those people has been so much better. Also for me it has been stress free, drama free, and I have had more time for myself. Yes, I will admit it is sad and I did not want to do it so soon, but it is again for the best. It benefits you in many ways, even if you think it won't, it will.

The third and last thing I have been most proud of this year would be that I am finally going to start driver's training. Starting this, to me is also another big step into helping me with adulthood, and getting ready for the future. I do enjoy driving and I am also decently good at most of it. So since I know what I am doing, and how to do a lot of the things, I do think I will do a good job while I take the classes. I plan on hopefully getting a vehicle, and while having a job, I will be able to put any needs into that vehicle, if needed. Although, if I do need help with any of it, I know I have family and friends that will help me with anything I need. The 2017 year, I have been most proud of many different things. I do believe all of these things have been important to me in many ways, and will help me in the future.

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MEET NEW TEACHER- MR. STURT

By Katy Kempa '18

Due to the loss of English/History teacher, Lahyrn Spencer, Hillsdale High School's newest hire, Mr. Sturt, is here to follow in her footsteps. Mr. Sturt currently teaches World History, American History, Global Issues, and Speech and Listening. He grew up in Toledo, Ohio, but now currently lives in Napoleon, Ohio. Mr. Sturt likes to work on cars, workout, sports, and loves to hangout with his wife. He travels nearly an hour to get to school every morning.

I interviewed Julissa Torres '18 on her thoughts on the new teacher. When asked, "What do you like most about Mr. Sturt's class?" She replied, "I like doing Kahoot in his class because it helps me on the tests." Kahoot is an online quiz that his students participate in right before every test to test their knowledge on the current chapters information. When asked, "What do you like about his teaching style?" She replied, "I really like how he is passionate about teaching history."

Being a teacher was not always the goal in mind for him, as he has a major in criminal justice. Sturt was a football coach for a nearby school and feel in love with working with kids; thus the idea of becoming a teacher was brainstormed. Since working here at High Community Schools, Sturt says, "The students are fun to work with and my coworkers are nice." Sturt also exclaimed in the interview that the community is a safe and fun place to be. Mr. Sturt is working on his future plans and becoming more familiar with the school and community.

MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT

By Grace Olinger '19

Hillsdale High School is filled with outstanding Musicians. Being a musician takes a lot of hard work and practice. They are in band, choir, and orchestra. In this article we take a look at Xander Sallows and Jacob Roe. They are dedicated to their music and willing to do whatever it takes to accomplish their goals.

Xander Sallows is a freshman in both band and chorale. He plays saxophone for the marching band and symphonic bands, but he also plays drums, guitar, piano, records electronic music, does sound design, and has a basic understanding of all woodwind instruments. He has always loved to sing but learned his first instrument, the saxophone, about 7 years ago. Xander's favorite thing about music is programming and recording. "I love when I work hard on something for weeks and I get to put a smile on people's face with my music." In the future he wants to go to college for music production and sound design, and be an electronic music artist.

Jacob Roe is a senior and is involved in Hillsdale's marching, symphonic and jazz bands. He started playing the trumpet 10 years ago, and is currently first chair in the band. He enjoys how music impacts people's lives. Jacob's musical goals are "to become a professional musician and change the lives of as many people as I can for the bet-

ter". He also has been involved in college bands and several honors bands.

These individuals have played alongside many other great student musicians in concerts, practices, and competitions. They have been successful and lead by the music directors at Hillsdale High School, Mr. Boswell, Dr. Rushing, and Mrs. Kuhn. The next school musical event is Artrageous and we hope to see you there!



LUNCH BUDDIES

By Gavin LaFollette '20

Who do you sit with at lunch? Is it your best friend, your family, or your special person? Do you always sit at the same table and with the same people? What do you and your friends talk about? Do you talk about how you're liking your classes or are you the kids who throw food at each other and try to catch it in your mouth? Keegan Semler explains why she likes sitting with her friends at lunch. "I like sitting with my friends at lunch because I don't have classes with all of my friends so at lunch I get to see them. At our lunch table we share all of our food, so we get to feast! All my friends make lunchtime fun and it would be boring without them.

I'm so glad that I get to eat at a table with all my amazing friends." Trent Worthem explains why he likes sitting with his friends at lunch. "I don't like eating by myself so I sit with my friends. We talk about teenager things. We talk about the new trades in the NBA because its basketball season. We also talk about other sports like football and wrestling." For most people they sit with their friends for the good times, the unforgettable sports arguments and the long lasting friendship.



INTERACT CLUB- BACKPACK PROGRAM

By Brylee Boyd '21

One in six American children face hunger and approximately seven out of ten Hillsdale students are also affected by not having enough food to eat. The 2016-2017 Interact Club President Anders Moore with the help of his mother, Micha Moore (principal of Bailey Early Childhood Center), discovered that many children didn't have enough food on the weekends. Due to this discovery, the Interact Backpack Program was born.

The Interact Club had a total of 20 members last year and this year the the club has doubled in size. They started the Backpack Program because they saw a critical need for children to have food over the weekends. Every Tuesday we meet in the old home economics class-

room and discuss what we need to do that week such as packing the bags and delivery the bags.

Every few weeks a truck is delivered to the front of the old superintendent's office. We deliver the bags bi-weekly in groups of five on small deliveries and seven on large deliveries. The truck usually has about 100 bags. The bags contain: one box of cereal, macaroni and cheese, a few fruits and vegetables, pudding or jello, and a brownie or cookie. We believe the backpacks have and will benefit many students in our elementary schools. The backpack program has received funding from the Hillsdale County Community Foundation and the Rotary Club to make it possible to help the children in need around Hillsdale.

If you are interested in donating to our program, please feel free to contact this years president, Sam Vondra, or our advisor Cyndi Young.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar 23 - Half Day
 Mar 23 - End of Marking Period
 Mar 29 - Half Day
 Mar 30 - No School
 Apr 2-6 - Spring Break
 Apr 21 - Prom
 May 1 - Decision Day
 May 28 - No School
 May 31 - Class Night
 Jun 3 - Graduation 2 p.m.

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