

The HORNET BUZZ




VALENTINE'S DAY

By MacKayla Gingerich '19

Today is Valentine's Day, how will you be spending the holiday? Will you be giving your sweetheart some chocolates or flowers? Maybe you will be giving your best friend some sweets! You can celebrate Valentine's Day in many ways.

Valentine's Day is about spending time with the people you love, it could be your boyfriend/girlfriend, your best friend, and even your family. There are countless ways to give to the person you love. You could send them a card, candy, a stuffed animal, flowers, jewelry, go on a date, and many more. Sometimes just spending time with your Valentine would be enough.

At the end of the 5th century, the holiday "Lupercalia" was changed into St. Valentine's Day, because it was seen as "un-Christian". Valentine's Day was seen as a romantic holiday when France and England believed that February 14th was the

beginning of birds mating season, which added the romance. Gifts for Valentine's Day started in the 18th century when friends and lovers exchanged small presents, like notes. Valentine's Day has come a long way, and now it is one of the most popular holidays in the United States.

HOMEcoming RECAP

By Ella Lewis '19

Homecoming week was during the cold winter vortex. While the homecoming dress up days sadly had to be missed during the week, the Hornets worked together to continue the celebration the following week after homecoming. The theme chosen by the student council were four favorite TV shows. Although the week had been cancelled due to the freezing temperatures, the Hornets made the Friday beam with high spirits and cheered on the lovely class representatives! I interviewed our King and Queen from the night, and how it felt for them to win the crown! Following the king and queen crowning, the Homecoming dance made the night even more special.

The night was a special evening when all of the beautiful representatives walked out onto the gymnasium floor. The colors we saw ranged from all sorts of gorgeous colors. The beautiful dresses filled the floor with sparkle! The winter homecoming King and Queen were Chloe Goff and Nick Baxter. I asked the king and queen about how that moment felt for them to get the crown and they both felt very honored and

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excited all at once. Nick and Chloe were gleaming with excitement. After the exciting moment when the class representatives took the floor, many pictures were taken with them. So many people swarmed around each representative, and the king and queen. The excitement still was not yet over! All of the students hit the dance floor to celebrate the evening with loud music and some dance moves. The energy filled the cafeteria and ended the night with some successful memories. The cold winter vortex may have kept Hillsdale High School students indoors during homecoming week, but Friday night made up for all of the days missed with a memorable and amazing time.

BPA REGIONALS

By Emily Kimball '19

As it turns out, getting up early can sometimes be a good thing. For the Business Professionals of America, that was true. On Tuesday, January 8th, the BPA students completed their first round of competitions. Starting off the day on the bus, the Hornets traveled to Jackson College and got right to competing. With over 90 events to choose from, the students started doing what they had practiced months for, in a race to win against 12 other schools. At the awards ceremony, the Hornets dominated and came out with over 70 wins overall. Within those wins, 48 students qualified for the State Competition. After seeing all of the awards, honors, and medals, it showed that the BPA members' hard work paid off!

I asked the BPA President, Breanna Bildner, how she felt when she saw how many students qualified. She replied, "I was really excited, kind of scared to be taking that many to State, but excited!" I also inquired about her personal events and how those turned out for her "I did really well in my events. I placed 1st in Advanced Word Processing and 2nd in website design team." She replied about herself going to state by saying, "Yeah I'm really excited, it's a great networking opportunity."

In March, the state qualifiers will travel to Grand Rapids, MI and stay at the Amway Grand. At state, the competition will be tougher and even more competitive. However, if you work hard, you play hard, because there are fun activities at state along with the competitive events. During the weekend, there will also be a dance, a fancy dinner, and lots of fun memories to be made. Those who qualify at state get the chance to attend the National Leadership Conference which will be held in Anaheim, CA this year. Make sure to wish the BPA members good luck as they prepare and go to state!!

STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

By Drew Pitts '19

The 2019 school year consists of many memories and great achievements which come with such a large impact on our fellow students lives. A few of our fellow students had the chance to share their STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT moment.

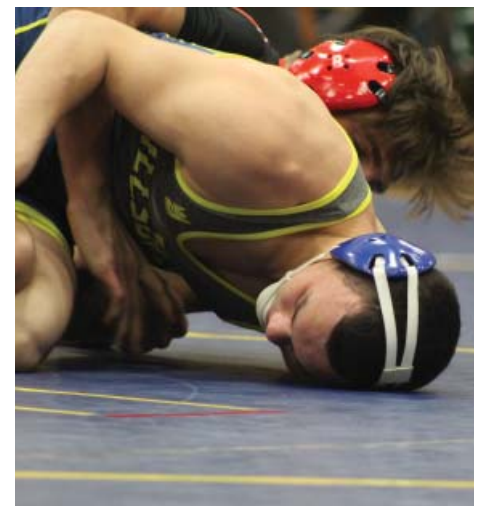


A impacting moment for junior Logan Coy was having the opportunity to contribute to the varsity basketball and football team to help them with many wins throughout the seasons. For football Logan was number 2 and for basketball he is currently number 24.

Also, junior Aidan Petersen and Trent Wortham are both proud to be teammates on the varsity wrestling team, Aidan's STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT moment was winning the Dan Taylor wrestling tournament. Trent's STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT moment was being on the homecoming court, Trent felt honored to be nominated by his fellow classmates to have the chance to be on court.

Sophomore Blake Wainscott and freshman Adam McGowan surprisingly share the same STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT their moments consist of being proud to have such excellent grades and they are both happy about making new friends which they both said they thought it would never happen but they are both quiet happy it did.

The 2019 school year is coming to an end faster than you think so hurry up and make a STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT moment that you will always remember and cherish forever.



STRESS NO MORE: HERE'S HOW YOU CAN REDUCE STRESS

By Editor Annie Hamaty '19

High school students are susceptible to stress. The “busy-bee” lifestyle is rewarding, but also hectic. Stress impacts students in positive and negative ways. It's easy to feel burdened by this, but initiating a healthy lifestyle and habits can reduce stress.



According to, “NYU Study Examines Top High School Students’ Stress and Coping Mechanisms”, NYU research student, Noelle Leonard, states there is such a thing as “good stress”, which includes “academic, athletic, social, and personal challenges” to better a child’s stamina. Positive stress plays a vital role in a student’s lifestyle by preparing one for their future. “Good stress” allows a high schooler to become accustomed to the hard work that will evolve in college or the workplace.

While “good stress” plays a positive impact on a student, negative stress can overshadow the benefits from the initial. Leonard continues to explain, “chronic stress appears to persist into the college years”, which is a future plan for some. Stress will be existent in life, but by establishing a healthy lifestyle one can learn to cope. HealthBC claims that activities such as exercising, eating healthy, identifying the stress instigator, and taking charge will reduce the burden of stress. For high school students, this could mean carving out a designated time to exercise, learning how to prepare healthy meals, letting go of a group of negative friends, and focusing on bettering themselves.

EARLY MIDDLE COLLEGE PROS AND CONS

By Tori Lucas '20

The Early Middle College is a program to help you get ready for college. There are classes you do that help you to show that you are ready to move on with your next step with life. The purpose of the program is to help you with speaking in front of people, talking with adults, and interviews. It's also helps you have confidence in yourself when you are going to do something big. I feel like this program helps with things you are not sure on in life.

The first steps I had to take to get into the Early Middle College was to go through a packet and fill out questions that you would do for a job interview and some. The next step was to make yourself look like you are ready to go in to The Early Middle College. You go through a interview with Amanda, who is one of the head advisors of the program and two different counselors from different schools. It is a long process, but you have to make sure you are ready to take the answer if you made it or not. If you are thinking of joining, then you should.

Early Middle College is just getting started so there are going to be a few things that may change. When going to the program, you need to make sure you can do it in between your life, school, and sports. Sometimes being involved makes it hard for you to stay on top of things. When you go into the program you have to make sure you have a positive mind set. The program is a great program if you are not a busy person and ready to take this step. It takes time and management, but they work with you to meet your goals.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By Breanna Bildner '19

The seniors have made it through their first semester and are in the homestretch. Graduation is in sight and the Class of 2019 are making the best of what is left. Senior Ella Lewis is an excellent example of making the best of what is left. Ella has not fallen ill to senioritis and it shows in her work. She continues to work hard in her Intro to Psychology college class, as well as her normal school work.

Ella plans on attending Jackson College for two years prior to transferring to Alabama for General Sonography. Ella has been planning for her future by being involved in many different clubs including Interact, Key Club, Student Council, Sewing Club, Freshman Mentor Program, National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, and Peer Listening. Ella definitely keeps herself busy between working at Toasted Mud and preparing for college.

Here is a message for the Senior Class: remember, graduation will come sooner than you expect and you don't want it to catch you off guard. Start now preparing for what you want to do after graduation whether that be deciding on a college, applying for internships and jobs, finding a trade school, or enlisting in the military. Your future is up to you and how you plan for it. Make sure the decisions you do now do not jeopardize your future.

PEER TO PEER

By Makenna Dietz '20

Peer to Peer is a student organization led by Karen Rozelle, Michelle Milnes and our school social worker, Sue Postle. The group works towards gaining skills to enable students to get peers the help and support they need in the school environment. Members attended at least one of two trainings last year and have periodic meetings in room 127. The mission statement of the group is "Our goal as peer listeners is to provide genuine care and support to fellow students in need of someone to listen" and searches to break the stigma about mental health. The group also makes sure that members are able to handle situations and wants members to tell the advisors of anything that will need intervention such as students thinking of harming themselves or others.

The group is looking to grow in numbers with trustworthy, caring students and is looking at a new training opportunity for students to handle situations and get adult help to peers. Peer to Peer also brought the "Stones" and "No sex, no drugs, and rock and roll" presentations to our school. Sue Postle worked hard on getting a grant for these presentations and wanted interesting presentations for students. All students are welcome to join and members learn a number of skills in the group. Students learn how to understand others and be a support system for them. The club is fun, educational, and seeks to make our school a better place. Members try to get other students to be involved in school activities and events, and furthermore, want to give people a friendly face to talk to. To join the club, listen to announcements for meeting days or talk to Sue Postle about joining.

ROBOTICS: WORKING TOWARD GREATNESS

By Muriel Mackie '20

On a chilly Saturday morning, most people still warm in bed, a small group of students flit around a contraption of cleverly cut aluminum and snaking wires. Through the whine of power tools and the murmur of voices, they are working together to build nothing more than science fiction's greatest dream, a robot, one that will hopefully lead them to victory in this year's competition, "Destination: Deep Space".

Sponsored by FIRST, a nonprofit learning-based youth organization, Hillsdale Robotics is a program that, in a simple sense, gets a bunch of kids together and convinces them to build a robot. Mr. Tucker, the head of the club, says that the

program "provides an opportunity for students to explore the world of engineering, coding, mechanics, and even graphic design." It's not just the teachers who believe in the program, the students themselves are equally invested and passionate. Many students use the club as a way to branch out intellectually or become better acquainted with their current career dreams; Katherine Knecht, a programmer, says that "I want to be an engineer, so this is the perfect way to get my feet wet, you feel me dog?" And it's not all intellect-driven either--the Hillsdale robotics team has a tight-knit and encouraging atmosphere. Sydney White, a mechanic, says "it's so empowering. I feel so smart and capable when I'm here!"

With the new season well under way, members (including the teachers) crackle with energy and have an overall confident tone. Kyler Bautista proudly declared, when asked what the predicted season might hold, "we're going to states, or worlds!" Robotics is an amazing group that inspires, encourages, and helps raise ordinary kids to great heights. In a sentence, according to programmer Ryan Wood, robotics is "an absolute treat!"

GIRLS HORNET POWER

By Kiersten James '20

The Girls Hornet Power class is getting to work on getting into shape. Many people think of hornet power as a class that they don't want to take because it's too difficult for them to participate in. The reality of it is that in this class you're encouraged to push yourself but not too hard, we all work together to try and better ourselves both physically and mentally. Now I know what you're thinking, "How does working out have anything to do with helping your mental health?" Well when you are weight lifting or playing games with girls around the same age as you that are there to help you push yourself and succeed, you start to gain a sense of inner strength and perseverance which is part of helping your mental health.

In Hornet Power there is a rotation between "Game Days" and "Lift Days" so you aren't lifting every day of the week.

We have “Game Days” every Tuesday and Thursday and then we have “Lift Days” every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. During “Game Days” we play games such as Handball, American Soccer, Volleyball, and other games that you would play in the Freshman PE class just for longer durations. For “Lift days” we do exercises such as Jammer Jams, Bench Press, Pull Up-Push Up Circuits, Heavy Ball Snatch, Overhead Walking Lunges, and many others. We also work on our flexibility and abs too with exercises such as flutter kicks, sit-ups, push ups, and other stretches.

Girls Hornet Power is during 4th hour and is a great way to just let loose from a stressful day of classes. You can let all of your anger and frustration out as pure muscle power and better your body and health in the process. You can sign up for this class while scheduling your classes with Ms. Milnes at the end of the year and as someone who has taken it, I recommend it as an elective. It doesn't matter what grade you are in as long as you have the incentive and drive to get better and stronger. So do yourself a favor and join this amazing class next year.

DARING POLAR BEARING

By Peyton Drews '19

Running? Hard. Winter? Cold. What could be more challenging than the two of those together? The Polar Bear Club stands for hard work and perseverance. As a member of the Polar Bear Club from freshman and sophomore year, I can agree with these testimonies of the club's ideals. Polar Bear is an outdoor sporting club, designed to build endurance and speed. It has something to offer for every type of runner.

Whether you run casually or for sport, Polar Bear helps you to improve your skill and form. Clay Schiman runs the Polar Bear Club. Runners are divided into sprinters and long distance, the most popular being sprinting. Regiments of training take place after school every day for the duration of winter going into track season. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the club works hardest to build muscle.

This starts with a warmup, a training routine, and usually finishes with core strength workouts. Tuesdays and Thursdays are cooldown days, meant to maintain strength and rest the body. Cooldown days include a warmup and an easier routine.

Every day Polar Bear ends with a mandatory group stretch, the purpose of which is to prevent injury. Warmups and afterward stretches are done as one group, filled with chatting and laughing. Sometimes the Polar Bear Club does special events, such as handing out candy to kids at the elementary schools. Having a tight-knit community of hardworking people will lead to a healthy lifestyle, so if Polar Bear sounds appealing, then consider signing up!



MEN'S SPRING FASHION

By Cameron Stych '20

Fashion designers are struggling to keep up with society's ideas of masculinity and being progressive. They have decided one thing though—dad jeans are here to stay. Tie-dye seems to be pretty popular among fashion designers this year. Your classical tourist tropical shirts are everywhere. Don't let me forget button camp shirts. Even Men's Wearhouse is sporting their camp shirt goodies.

Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, is one of 50 men in all 2019 said to have the best fashion. He sticks to casual dress and blue tones. If you have heard of Queer Eye, then you must know An-

toni Porowski. Another man from the grand list of 50. He's said to always pick outfits that fit his charming personality and knows how to put things together.

It doesn't matter if you come to high school with sweatpants and an old sweatshirt or you're decked out in some fashionista renegade, you rock it! Regardless of what clothes are in style or what clothes everybody is wearing right now, don't forget to use your fashion as your own form of expression. Wear what you want and feel good about it too!

WINTER FASHION TRENDS

By Kylee Hassenzahl '21

These past few weeks in Hillsdale have been extremely cold. But that does not stop our students from keeping up with the latest fashion trends. The cold weather does effect how these students are dressing, yet that doesn't mean they don't look fashionable.

One of the many trends that are very popular this season is called “the poopy jacket.” This may not sound the prettiest, but it's a new unique way to stay cozy in the bitter cold weather. I have decided to interview my friend Jenna Brown and ask her some questions about her poopy jacket. I asked her where she got her jacket, she responded with, “I got my jacket from Forever 21, I chose the tan one, but there was many other colors to choose from.” I then asked how she likes to style her jacket. She then told me, “It can be dressed up with some cute jeans and booties or it can be dressed down with like some leggings and vans.”

Wearing this very poofy and fuzzy jacket is just one of the many new winter fashion trends that we have at Hillsdale High School. It's a way to stay fashionable and looking good, while you stay warm in the freezing temps.

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HOW DO STUDENTS FEEL ABOUT LGBTQ+ STUDENTS IN HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL

By Lydia Lee '20

Students of Hillsdale High School have grown up in a small town where diversity is not very well known. Though, hiding under the flashes of Maize and Blue, there are students who hide secrets about themselves they do not want anyone to know about. These secrets are things from gender identity to love interest, and each student's secret is different.

On the day of homecoming, Friday, January 25, 2019, a poll of students and teachers took place. A handful of students and three teachers were each asked the same two questions; 1. What is your opinion on LGBTQ+ students in Hillsdale High School and 2. If there was something they could change within the school regarding such topics, what would it be and why? Most students said things such as, "I'm okay with it and there should be more acceptance," other students thought there wasn't an issue with students in the school who were a part of the LGBTQ+ community, as long as they didn't push it onto them. Many of the students that were interviewed seemed to have no issue with the situation of students in that community. Other students, refused to comment on the nature of the subject because they did not agree with it at all. A few teachers were also interviewed, there was only enough time in the day to interview three teachers and each one had something different to say. They too were given the same two questions as the students. Two out of three of the teachers who were interviewed were okay with it, they thought that it is their life and who are they to interfere. One teacher went as far as to say that there should be a club for the students in the LGBTQ+ community to talk about such things. The last teacher said they were not okay with the idea of it and even said that students of homosexual or heterosexual relations should not be expressing one's relationship status in the school hallway.

Not only were students of a heterosexual nature interviewed, a few students within the community were interviewed as well. One student stated they wish people would stop using derogatory slurs against the LGBTQ+ community as a sign of calling something stupid or just using it instead of saying something as simple as "bro." Another student agreed with a teacher that there should be a community or club so to speak for the LGBTQ+ community within the school to talk about their problems. Hillsdale High School's youth has really changed for the better, giving others the chance to express their love and individuality freely with little judgement along the way.

HILLSDALE'S BIGGEST RIVALRY

By Bailey Morgret '20

Hillsdale High School's biggest rivalry is highly considered to be our neighbors from Jonesville. Each year both schools take turns hosting a before-season football scrimmage in the fall. Although the scrimmage is held for fun, the varsity team and students of Hillsdale take winning this game personally.

For the last couple years, the Hillsdale's Boys Varsity Football team has competed and won against Jonesville. Alex Riley, a varsity boy player was asked how he felt before and during the game. Alex stated that before the big game he is, "Hyped, energetic, and prepared for anything." Alex says that during the game one of the greatest feelings is to, "run the ball down the field and score a touchdown."

The students of Hillsdale High prepare for this game weeks in advance. Not only are the varsity boys excited for the big game, the students who attend the game are energetic as well. The kids from Hillsdale High show up to Jonesville every year to support their home team in hopes of keeping their winning streak against their biggest rivalry Jonesville. Last football season the game was held on August 24, and took place at 7 p.m. The game for next season will be announced closer to the

start of next season.

JOB SHADOWING WITH HAILLEY

By Hailley Perry '20

Every morning for first hour I go to Northside Vet to job shadow or observe for possibly a future job. They are so nice and walk you through every step of certain procedures-even surgeries! Most surgeries take like five minutes. Dr. Wood does most of the surgeries and tells me what's wrong and what they're doing to fix the problem. All the vet techs let me help them with the machines and give shots-sometimes. I enjoy being there, not just the animals, even though they are very cute, but everyone is such a joy to be around, laughing a lot and talking about past memories and the office cats and the adventures they have.

One of the most popular surgeries Northside Vet performs are declawings. They have a new technique, which helps with healing time and pain. Watching them declaw a kitten about six months of age at first was weird, but then it reminded me of how we do our nails! It's almost like filing your nails down to size, but in the cats case, they're filing them off. They have a vacuum that sucks up the air, little particles, and the bad smell it leaves. When they're done with one nail the paw just falls to the table and the nail is gone, most declawings are done to just the front, they don't recommend you do the back claws because what if they get outside and need to defend themselves. Therefore, cats have a need for their back claws, so please keep them in!

One very old boxer came in, he had a problem on his third eyelid. After one of the vet techs evaluated him, Dr. Wood spotted the problem right away. It was conjunctivitis, a cloudy figure over the dog's eye; he could still see, the layer was very thin. They fixed the problem by taking a cotton swab and scraping the cloudy stuff off and pushing the third eyelid back because it was hanging out more than it should. Then some

super cute puppies came in, they were Golden Shepherds (Golden Retriever x German Shepherd) they were getting their dew claws done, I didn't get to see it because it was time for me to go back to school. The next day I heard it went pretty well and the little girl, Faith, got adopted out of the Humane Society. I have really enjoyed this great learning experience, and this is probably the field of work I will be taking.

BEST SPOTS IN TOWN

By Abigail Piske '20

So much of Hillsdale's business comes from the students, whether it's after school, in between events, or hanging out with friends. It's no surprise that many students have opinions on their favorite places in Hillsdale. I interviewed four different Hillsdale High School students about what some of their favorite places were.

First I asked sophomore, Sydney White. Her responses were El Cerritos, the Mexican restaurant in town, and Johnny T's Bistro. As a follow up I asked her Why? She explained to me that both places have really good food, and are very nice places that her friends and her can go to. I also asked Senior, Ella Lewis, and like most, she had multiple. Her choices were: Checker Records, Toasted Mud, Maribeth's, Rough Draft and Baw Beese Lake. She told me that she loves coffee and has to have it everyday, that all of those are her favorite hangout spots, and that she enjoys water activities out on the lake.

I then asked Cameron Stych, a junior. Cam responded with Nature's Call, the pet shop, and Small Town Sweet Boutique, the candy shop. After asking why, Cam explained that he really likes all animals and that the candy shop was just "aesthetically pleasing". Lastly I asked Bailey Morgret, who is also a junior. Her response was that her favorite spot was the Finish Line. When asked why she

told me that she thought they had the best coffee in town.

I know I agreed with many of these students' choices, did you? Who do you think had the best place and the best reasoning?

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE IN A SCHOOL MUSICAL

By Hanna Ritchey '19

Do you have what it takes to be the lead in a school musical? The villain that the cast fears? Or would you rather be a background singer in the chorus? Explore your possibilities and see if you've got what it takes to get the center spotlight. This article will take you through the steps on how you need to prepare for the role of your dreams.

Practice. The only real thing you need to do to land the role you've always wanted is practice, practice, practice. Read over the requirements for each character and choose the role that fits inside your skill set or risk it all for that one role you connect with the most. For a play, find a monologue that connects with you, and/or fits the role you want. After you've found a monologue, test out some voices for the character and practice like crazy. Practice in the shower, before bed, even while you do chores. If it's a musical role you're after do the same practice you would do for a play, but find a song that fits the same requirements as a monologue, and sing as much as possible.

When the audition day has finally come, remember not to psych yourself out by thinking about the others auditioning, they're probably just as nervous as you. Remember to be a good sport and support others as they audition. You never know if that will make or break you landing the role, the judges look for people who can work with others. As long as you give it your best, you can't be disappointed with yourself, even if you don't get the role you wanted. Remind your-

self, theatre is for creative minds, no matter what part you receive you can have the time of your life, make new friends, and bring a character to life from paper and ink.



JAZZ BAND

By Erin Ruley '20

The early bird catches the worm. Some think school starts too early at 8:05, but jazz band is a 0 hour class that starts between 7:00-7:15 and runs until 7:50. Hillsdale High School Jazz Band consists of students who auditioned back in the beginning of the school year. Members spend their mornings preparing for concerts and festivals. This group of kids work together with the help of Dr. Keith Rushing to play songs that vary from Welcome to the Jungle by Guns N' Roses to jazz classics such as In the Mood by Glenn Miller.

At the end of last semester, the jazz band performed at the collage concert over a span of two days, the first night was open to the public and the second day was for the school. The collage concert along side Artrageous (in March) is an opportunity for the musicians in the school to let loose and show off their hard work. The jazz band itself played a whole set full of Christmas songs, with solos featured. In addition to the group songs, many members performed pieces of their own. These included anything from violin solos to an octet concert of Pentatonix.

While getting to know a select few of the jazz band I asked three questions: What instrument do you play and how long have you played it, what is your favorite jazz song, and what is your favorite jazz memory. Abi Piske, junior, has played the trombone for a year. Her favorite jazz song is "Get it On" and her favorite memory is when Dakota ran over Erin's saxophone after the collage concert. Makenna Dietz, junior, has played the trumpet for five years. Her favorite jazz song is "Birdland" and her favorite memory is going to The University of Michigan Jazz Fest her freshman year. Hanna Ritchey, junior, has played the saxophone for five years. Her favorite jazz song is "Zoot Suit Riot" and her favorite memory is the roasting sessions on the bus. Dakota Batterson has played the drums for three years. His favorite song is "Chameleon" and his favorite memory is when Dr. Rushing called him cool.

On February 5th, the jazz band traveled to Mason High School to participate in the MSBOA District 8 Jazz festival. The jazz band played "Zoot Suit Riot", "Chameleon", and "Groovin hard". Within these select songs many members soloed: Hanna Ritchey, Lauren Jenkins, Erin Ruley, Chloe Deck, Muriel Mackie, Keaton Caine, Grace Olinger, Abbey Baker, and Ashley Rushing. After the performance the band met with Xavier Davis who is a jazz professor at the Michigan State. This was not a competition but just a learning experience. This was a great opportunity for the band to get outsider help on techniques and opened their eyes to a new way to play music.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HHS STUDENTS

By Corbin VanCamp '21

There are many accomplishments of talented students in Hillsdale High School. From a variety of sports teams, to clubs and musical talents. Students are able to express themselves showing their passion. In addition, it shows their personalities and their differences.

One of the most recent accomplishments came from the cheerleading team. Then new school record for Hornet cheer is 622.8. Congratulations to Sierra Kelly-Scott for making the Honorable Mention All-League team. One thing this shows is anything is possible (without sounding corny). New records are reached all the time.

Another recent accomplishment comes from Kaelyn Bruecklander. She's a chorale member who earned a spot in the All State Honors Choir. She and 119 other top singers from around the state will sing at Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

Ryan Reiniche, Aidan Petersen, and Trent Wortham are all heading to the individual regional wrestling finals next weekend. And a new school record of 46 Hornets will be competing in the BPA state finals. These are the recent accomplishments from some Hillsdale students. Congratulations to them!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR?

By Kayden Vick '19

There are plenty of teachers at Hillsdale High School who deserve a Teacher of the Year award. Some of the teachers are favorites of most students. We have had some teacher of the year awards in the Hillsdale High School. Chip Patterson and Amy Goldsmith are all receivers of this award. Maybe one of these teachers will receive this award again with the sum of money that comes with it.

Sierra Kelly believes that Mindy Eggleston should receive Teacher of the Year again, "She does a lot for the school and she works really hard to get the seniors to college." A teacher who cares about the wellbeing of her students is clearly a good candidate for this award. Some believe that Mindy Eggleston is a really great teacher, including myself. Mindy is also involved in too many before/after school activities to count accurately.

Logan Riley thinks that Sarah Walworth should get the new Teacher of the Year. When asked why he replied with, "She is always super caring for her students and makes sure if anyone needs help she is always there and makes sure that the student understands how and/or what to do." Sarah Walworth in my opinion is a very good candidate for Teacher of the Year. She teaches all she can when it comes to art. There are so many sections in art that have to be in the class, yet somehow she finds a way to make sure everything runs smoothly.