



## Wolves' Tale Harris- Lake Park Community School

# Senior Spotlight

By Brianne Ihnen



Avery Claire Heikens, also known as Claire and Ave, is the daughter of Lance and Shelley Heikens. Avery was born on June 6, 2000, in Spirit Lake, Iowa. She has three sisters: Jordan (26), Bailey (21), and Mikaela (19). Avery has attended Harris-Lake Park since pre-school, and her classes this semester are anatomy, TA for sixth grade math with Mrs. Winters, choir, intro to computers, independent writing, and three online college classes.



Avery participates in cross country, basketball, and student council. Outside of school, Avery is

active in her church youth group. She has lettered in basketball and cross country her junior and senior year. Another one of her achievements is that she has always been on the "A" honor roll. During the summer you might have seen Avery working at the Lake Park pool or Oak-Tree-BBQ. Avery's best memory at Harris-Lake Park was cheering the boys on at state football her junior year.

Avery plans on attending Iowa Central Community College for the Radiologic Technology program. Her most awaited date is her first day of clinicals, and in ten years she sees herself working hard and owning her own puppy. If she could have one wish, it would be to travel the world.



Avery's favorites are the following: sport is cross country, her favorite restaurant is Crazy Bob's, and her favorite food is wings. Her favorite animal

is a mini goldendoodle, her favorite color is purple, her favorite teacher is Mrs. Winters, her favorite class is anatomy, and her favorite hobby is swimming. Avery's favorite quote is "Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try" by John F. Kennedy.

Avery's advice to underclassmen is to try new things and have fun with it.

Good luck to Avery as she opens a new chapter in her life!

## Robots: the good and the bad

By Zoe Melby

Robot comes from the Czech word "robota," which means forced work or labor. We use the term "robot" to mean any man-made machine that can perform tasks that humans do.

The reason that we use robots is because it is easier for them to perform certain tasks than it is for humans. They can also go places that are too dangerous for humans to go, such as volcanoes, Mars, gas tanks, etc. They can do the same thing over and over again without getting bored; however, humans get bored of the same thing very quickly. Sometimes, they are much more accurate than humans are which can cut back on production costs, mistakes, or hazards. They don't need sleep or food, and they never complain or get sick. "They make life easier," said Riley R.



## Boys' basketball wraps up

by Taylor Meyer

The boys' basketball season came to an end on February 20th. Before the season ended, the boys played in two postseason games. The first game was against HMS at Paullina on February 15th. The boys had a slow start, but then a hot second quarter going on a 12-2 run would lock up the 54-33 win for the Wolves. Bret Sohn finished with 23 points and shot 8 for 10 from the free throw line. Trevor Gunderson finished with 10 points and 2 assists, and Bryce Perkins had 10 rebounds.

The boys would travel again to Paullina on the 20th to take on South O'Brien. The Wolves hung close in the first quarter, but a 4-15 run by the Wolverines in the second quarter proved to be too much for the boys to handle. They ended the season with a 40-69 loss to South O'Brien. With this loss, the boys finished the season 11-12 and placed 7th in the War Eagle Conference.

This year the boys' basketball team had a huge roster. The freshmen were Brody Sohn, Brody Boles, Lucas Gunderson, Caleb Nicks, Dylan Meyer, Cole Ihnen, Jaxson Heikens, Alex Heikens, Mason Olson, Rylan Ehret, and Carson Hellinga. The sophomores on the team this year were Julian Burorf, Isaac Ihnen, Abdulla Elbuytari, Owen Sidles, and Adrian Martin. The lone junior was Jon Luinstra. This year's seniors were Bryce Perkins, Bret Sohn, Trevor Gunderson, Keegan Carpenter, and Zach Heikens.

The Wolves finished the season with different players leading in different statistic categories. Brody Sohn led the Wolves averaging 15 points per game and scored a total of 345 points. Bret Sohn averaged 13.3 points a game with a total 307 points all year. Bret would also lead in rebounds with 134 and Bryce Perkins would have 108 rebounds on the season. Brody Sohn led the Wolves with 52 steals on the season and Trevor Gunderson had a total of 29 steals.

The Wolves had two players make the War Eagle Conference all conference team. Both Bret and Brody Sohn made 2nd Team All Conference. This year's varsity letter winners were Brody Sohn, Lucas Gunderson, Dylan Meyer, Isaac Ihnen, Abdulla Elbuytari, Bryce Perkins, Bret Sohn, Trevor Gunderson, and Keegan Carpenter.

"I feel that we really improved on our defense throughout the season. It got better in every game that we played in," said Coach Sohn.

### Question of the Week

By Hannah Harmon

Winter is almost over and spring is right around the corner. The first full day of spring starts on March 21. Since spring is just around the corner, I asked the students at H-LP what they are looking forward to during that season.

1. Skylar S. - Getting to go swimming
2. Kaitlynd R. - "I'm going to enjoy getting up at 5:30 A.M. and riding my horse."
3. Jocelyn E. - The weather getting nicer and getting to hang out with her friends more
4. Felicity W. - Getting to wear warm weather clothing, hanging out with friends, and having fun
5. Kaylee M. - The sun coming out more often
6. Nicole M. - Getting to attend prom.
7. Jeffrey B. - Soccer
8. Kaia U. - Not being as cold
9. J S. - Soccer and Prom

I am looking forward to my 15th birthday and the weather getting hotter but not too hot.

Nanobots are scaled down robots that can fit into smaller spaces, but they are still in development. Once they are created, nanobots can be placed in the bloodstream to perform surgical procedures, or they could fight bacteria.

Although robots can help people with tasks, they could also cause people to lose their jobs in the future because they will be able to perform tasks better than we can.

I asked some students what their opinions were on robots. Jaslina S. and Kaia U. both said that they think robots are going to take over the world. Felicity W. thinks that they should get rid of all of them. I think that robots help humans with certain tasks, but I think that there is a possibility that they could take over the world in the future.

## Music is Filling the Air

By Avery Heikens

The choir and concert band have been busy preparing for the annual Swing Show performance. Swing Show was on Friday, February 23, at 7:00 PM.

This year for Swing Show there were 7 soloists and one duet. Jon Cozart performed "Do You Hear the People Sing," Marianna Nebelsick sang "Riptide Mashup" while playing her ukulele, Grace Iverson performed "Undone," and Jeffrey Bunkers sang "Waving through a Window." Lexi Stahly accompanied herself on the piano while singing, "To Make You Feel My Love," Kaia Urwin sang "Flashlight," Kaitlyn Vyskocil and Bryce Schott performed a duet singing "The Night We Met," and Taylor Meyer was the last soloist to perform singing "Human."



The choir spilt into a women's group and a men's group this year. The women's

group performed "Stand in the Light" arr. Emerson, and the men's group sang, "Lily's Eyes" Eklund. The Vocal Jazz performed four songs, "Kansas City" arr. Shaw, "What'll I Do" arr. Shaw, "Fever" arr. Sharon, and "Imagine" arr. Bram/Pentatonix.



The concert band started the evening out playing "Shenandoah" arr. Sheldon and "How to Train Your

Dragon" arr. O'Loughlin. The Jazz Band performed three songs: "All the Things You Are" arr. Sweeney, "Goodbye My Heart" arr. Arr. Smukal, and "Blue Skies" arr. Berlin. Director Bailey DeBolt commented, "I am very proud of how the students performed. They rose to the challenge of some very difficult music and were able to pull it off. It only makes me more excited to see what is in store for these musicians."

The Vocal Jazz and Jazz band have been busy performing in contests, too.

The Jazz Band attended the NWIBA contest where they placed seventh. The Jazz Band performed the same songs at this contest as they did for Swing Show. Director Bailey DeBolt said this performance was the best they had performed all year long. The Jazz Band's last performance will be Tuesday, March 13th, at USD in Vermillion, South Dakota.

The Vocal Jazz performed at the "Shake the Lakes" music competition. There they received first place in their class. Marianne Nebelsick received the best female vocalist of all classes at this competition. Choir Director Kathy Greve commented, "It is the first time Spirit Lake has held this competition, so it was new for us. Jeremy Fox was one of our clinicians and judges--he is well known and respected in vocal jazz circles, and the students really enjoyed getting to hear his comments and work with him a little. It was a good experience and nice to be able to compete in our own backyard for a change, instead of having to travel so far." The Vocal Jazz group will be joining the jazz band to compete at USD. The Vocal Jazz was also chosen to sing at the Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships. They will perform in Des Moines on March 27 and will be competing against seven other schools.