



Wolves' Tale Harris- Lake Park Community School

Spotlight of a Senior

By Mady Brevik



Aaron Charles Erne, son of Elizabeth and Kyle Erne, was born on April 19, 2000. He was born in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Aaron has one sibling, and her name is Ashley.

Aaron's nickname throughout school has always been Ernie. He has been attending Harris-Lake Park since preschool. For his senior year, his classes include government, design and build, P.E., personal finance, intro to accounting, agri science tech, and construction.



Aaron is planning on graduating early; his last day is December 21. That is also his most awaited date.

This summer, Aaron raised a few calves as a part-time job.

Snow days were his best memory from H-LP, and he will miss shop class the most. His future plans consist of working and raising cattle.

In ten years, Aaron sees himself working. "Get required classes out of the way ASAP" is his advice to underclassmen.



Aaron's one wish would be to have unlimited wishes. His favorite sport is football, while his favorite team is the Vikings. He loves to eat at Ground Round and his favorite food is cheese cake. Red is Aaron's favorite color. Mr. Nicks is his favorite teacher and construction is his favorite class.

Aaron leaves us with his favorite quote: "If the women don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy." -Red Green

Our Apologies

Kindergarten was accidentally overlooked in last week's article about Grandparents' and Friends' Day. Mrs. Mentink had shared a lot of information: "The Kindergarten class had approximately 70 special visitors throughout the day. After the program, we performed the poem "The 5 Little Turkeys" and each student was able to be a turkey and recite a verse. They made turkey hats to wear for this. Mrs. Brons led them in a fun poem called "Mr. and Mrs. Turkey." At the end of this poem, the kiddos hid around the classroom until Mrs. Brons said the magic words- "Gobble, Gobble, Gobble!!" After enjoying a wonderful meal and having recess, we did centers. Our special friends enjoyed six different activities with us- Roll and Build A Turkey, Turkey Bump!!, Thanksgiving I Spy!!, Build a Turkey (with pattern blocks), Thanksgiving Count the Room, and a STEM activity called Boulder Bump!! We went to music at 1:00. It was an enjoyable day and fun was had by all."

Boys' Basketball Preview

By Taylor Meyer

This year the boys have a total of 23 people on the team. The freshman class includes Jayden Hodgell, Tate Gilmore, Gavin Elser, Braydan Perkins, Jordan Bennett, and Colton Voss. The sophomore class, the majority of the team, is composed of Brody Sohn, Lucas Gunderson, Dylan Meyer, Cole Ihnen, Rylan Ehret, Mason Olson, Alex Heikens, Jaxson Heikens, Brody Boles, Carson Hellinga, and Caleb Nicks. The five juniors on the team are Isaac Ihnen, Julian Burdorf, Adrian Martin, Jaden Rueter, and Abdulla Elbuytari. The lone senior on the team is Charlie Ingham.



The boys started practice on Monday, November 12th, and then they had their first game on Thursday, November 29th, against Okoboji at Okoboji. This year the major focus for the Wolves is rebounding, both on offense and on defense, running the floor, and getting stops on defense. Some of the tough opponents that the Wolves will face this year include West Sioux, Unity Christian, LeMars Gehlen Catholic, South O'Brien, and George Little Rock.

Head coach, Jeff Sohn, has set some goals for the boys to achieve this year. "I want them to be competitive night in and night out no matter if we are playing in a game or at practice. We need to be at our best at the end of the season when it all needs to come together and the games really matter."

Coach Sohn believes a major strength of this year's team is that they are quick, scrappy, and willing to sacrifice their bodies to go after loose balls. Make sure you make it out to watch and cheer on the boys this year as they look to make a big push and make it far into postseason.

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By Hannah Harmon

This year the Spirit-Lake Park wrestling team has five Harris-Lake Park students. They are Austin Gilmore, Tyler Jurva, Wyatt Lorch, Eric Tapia, and Edgar Tapia.

Tyler J. is in his freshman year at Harris-Lake Park. He is on the varsity and junior varsity teams and wrestles in the 170 or 180 division. "I really want to have more wins this year than losses," says Tyler when asked his goals for this year. He participates in this sport because he says that it is fun.

Wyatt L. is in his first year of wrestling and is a freshman. His weight division is 182 or 195 for both JV and varsity. One of his goals for this year is to win all JV matches at one meet. He claims the sport is challenging and a great way to make you stronger and faster.

Austin is the third freshman wrestler and wrestles both JV and varsity at 120. His goal is to win! He likes wrestling because it's fun.

Our sophomore this year is Eric T. He has been on the wrestling team for two years. This year he wrestles on the varsity team and is in the 113 weight division. This year Eric hopes to become a better wrestler than he was last year. He enjoys this sport because his team and coaches are always so supportive.

Junior Edgar Tapia has competed in high school wrestling for two years. He wrestles at 138 on varsity. His goal is to win more matches than he loses. Why does he enjoy wrestling? "It pushes you to your limits," he commented.

We have a pretty wide range of different wrestlers this year. If you want to see any of these boys in action, their next meet is December 7-8 at a tournament in Council Bluffs.



Music Update: Opus and Concerts

By Zoe Melby

Emma Niswander went to Ames for Opus Honor Choir in November. She got chosen because she recorded herself singing and sent it to the person who set up the honor choir. This was her audition. The judge of the recordings chose Emma as one of the participants for the choir.



When she got there, she stayed at a hotel. Afterwards, she went to the Iowa State University campus. In one of the buildings on campus, she stayed and sang all day with the other participants as one big choir. Then, they performed in front of a bunch of people.

Emma's favorite part of the trip was getting dressed in the dressing room. That's because it was like the stereotypical big dressing rooms with the big lights around all of the mirrors. It also had tall stools in front of every mirror. "My favorite part was getting to get dressed in the dressing rooms there because it has always been a dream of mine to be in one of those big, stereotypical dressing rooms," said Emma.

Her least favorite part was the moment when she walked into the building, and she just saw over a hundred other kids. She wasn't the last person to walk in, but she still felt a lot of anxiety because she gets nervous around people. Emma said that she wouldn't have been able to tell the difference if there would've been a thousand kids in the room instead of just a hundred.

Also, the middle school and high school winter concert was on November 28 and December 3. The vocal jazz decided to wear Christmas sweaters to the concert and that came as a surprise to some people because it is out of the ordinary.

Groups to perform in the concert were the middle school chorus, sixth grade band, seventh and eighth grade band, high school concert band, vocal jazz ensemble, and high school mixed chorus. Both the middle school and high school members had great performances!

Question of the Week

By Brianne Ihnen

What is your favorite part of winter? As winter and snow has just begun, here are some of the Harris-Lake Park students' favorite parts of it:

- Grace E.- Snow days
- Charlie I.- His birthday
- Mady B.- Snow
- Cole I.- Ice fishing
- Kenzie H.- Hot chocolate and blankets
- Adrian M.- Peppermint coffee creamer
- Katelyn L.- Christmas break
- Taylor M.- Getting to see family over Christmas break
- Miranda C.- Christmas
- Kelly L.- Snowmobiling
- Dylan M.- No school
- Taryn R.- Presents
- My favorite part of winter is celebrating the holidays with friends and family.