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Newsletter

## Harris-Lake Park Community Schools

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# "THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE TO LEARN" Superintendent's Desk 



The end of the first semester is rapidly approaching as we enter the holiday season. The first semester has gone by quickly as students have been busy with classes, sports, music events and the fall play. The end of the semester also brings semester tests for high school students on December $18^{\text {th }}$ and $19^{\text {th }}$.

One of the ways we can show our appreciation for all of the support our communities give us is through "Project 60". "Project 60" gives us a chance to provide a meal and entertainment for our district patrons age 60+ who may no longer have children in the school system but still support the school in many ways. This support is greatly appreciated and needed for us to be a successful school district. Project 60 will take place on December $11^{\text {th }}$ at 12:30 PM at the MS/HS building followed by a winter concert at 1:30 in the auditorium.

Along with the holiday season comes the winter weather season. I want to remind everyone to tune to KUOO/KUQQ, KICD AM/FM, KILR radio stations, KSFY, KTIV and KELOLAND TV stations or our web site for school late start and/or cancellation. We will make every attempt to let the public know by 6:30 AM so that parents can make arrangements for their children. When school is cancelled for the day, all practices, rehearsals, and lessons will also be cancelled. Any exception to this rule will be with administrative approval only.


The last thing I have is to remind everyone that we dismiss early on December 20th for the Christmas break. The MS/HS will dismiss at 12:50 and the elementary will dismiss at 1:00. School resumes for students on January 2nd. Happy Holidays to all and enjoy your time with family and friends.

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## 2019-2020 HARRIS-LAKE PARK STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

On Monday, December 9 there will be a 2 Hour Late Start due to Teacher Professional Development. Buses and classes will run on the regular 2 hour late start schedule.
There will be no school on the following days due to teacher professional development:

Monday, January 20<br>Monday, February 17

## Welcome!

The main exterior building doors of the elementary and MS/HS are controlled access doors. To enter the school buildings you will need to be let in by the office. To enter the school during those times you should follow these steps: 1. Press the call button on the Aiphone (located on the brick wall near the doors). Personnel in the office will look at the live video feed while you tell your name.
2. The doors will be manually unlocked for you and you may proceed to the office to sign in.
3. All visitors must sign in and wear a badge! ALL parents, visitors and vendors to the Harris-Lake Park Schools are required to sign in at the building office and wear a badge indicating they are a visitor in the building.

The school has established this added security measure to ensure the safety of our students.




Emma Niswander has been selected as the Citizenship \& Leadership Student. She is a sophomore this year and the daughter of Lisa \& Matt Carstensen and Neil Niswander. Her classes are band, English, geometry, vocal, world history, biology, and communications. Her favorite class is band. Emma participates in cheer, dance team, and vocal jazz. She attends several different dance classes and works at the Lake Park Care Center. She enjoys composing music, painting and writing.

kayaking, and playing with her dog.

## November Elementary Good Citizens

Each month a student is selected to receive a good citizen award for each class. To be selected as a H-LP good citizen, the student shall exhibit the following characteristics:

Show respect for other students
Show respect for authority Show respect for others property

Show concern for others
 Care for school building \& materials Be prompt
Be kind to others Be thoughtful
Provide service to the school Exhibit good behavior

## November Good Citizens

Elementary Christmas Parties on Friday, December 20
The elementary students will have their Christmas parties and gift exchange on Friday, December 20.

Elementary dismissal will be at 1:00 PM on this day. Classes will resume for students on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

First Grade
Second Grade

## Third Grade Fourth Grade Fifth Grade

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Kimberly Luinstra
Brooklyn Hiveley
Zoe Hamann
Isabel Irwin
Brian Moose
Gracie Gunderson

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Children's Bazaar - December 7th HO! HO! HO! 'tis the season to be shopping! The Lake Park Garden Club will once again be holding its annual Christmas Children's Bazaar on Saturday, December $7^{\text {th }}$ from 9:00-11:00 AM in the H-LP Elementary Library. Parents are invited to bring their children to Christmas shop. Items range from $50 \$$ to $\$ 5.00$. Children should bring a list of the people they need to shop for. Club members will help children in the selection of their gifts and will wrap their presents for them when they are finished shopping. Santa will also be on hand for pictures, treats, and extra holiday cheer!

December, 2019 Menus


The Harris-Lake Park School District is continuously taking precautions to prevent illness
and is stressing the importance of healthy practices during the influenza season.
We encourage you to put these simple prevention steps into practice in your home as well.

- Cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and throw the tissue in the trash after use. Coughing in your sleeve is an alternative if a tissue is not available.
- Wash hands often with soap and water after coughing or sneezing and use alcohol-based hand cleaners or moist hand wipes if unable to wash.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth to prevent the spread of germs.
- Stay home from work or school if sick and limit contact with others to keep from infecting others. If anyone has a fever greater or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit, the individual is to remain home until the fever has resolved without taking fever reducing medications for 24 hours.
- If you suspect flu-like symptoms and have a fever, call your Doctor or Practitioner.
- Eat nutritional meals, exercise, and get appropriate sleep.
- Find healthy ways to deal with stress and anxiety.

If you have any questions you may contact your health care provider or the school nurse.

## Cold versus Influenza - How to Tell the Difference

Colds and influenza are both respiratory illnesses caused by different viruses. These two illnesses have similar symptoms, but there are important differences.
? Influenza has an abrupt, significant onset. Colds may come on slowly, with mild symptoms.
? Influenza infections involve a fever of 100 F or greater AND cough AND/OR sore throat. Colds may result in a low-grade fever.
? In addition to respiratory symptoms, persons with influenza often have body aches, chills, and extreme malaise. Influenza duration in adults is a few days to two weeks. Colds often linger longer than influenza, but symptoms overall are more mild.
? Influenza may result in serious complications like pneumonia, which lead to hospitalization. Colds generally do not.

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## Wolves Tale

New Faces
By Savanna Wuebker
Lisa Lode is the new district teacher-librarian at H-LP. She works at both the high school/middle school as well as elementary. At the elementary, she also teaches the library information literacy skills to K-5.


Mrs. Lode lives in Sanborn with her husband, Lee Lode, who is the O'Brien county mechanic. She has two sons, DJ and Dalton. She enjoys watching movies, going to sporting events, and especially Minnesota Vikings games.

She has a bachelor's degree with a double major in early childhood and elementary education from UNI, a Masters in Elementary Counseling from Wayne State University, a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa, and a reading endorsement from Northwestern College.
Her background in education includes quite a bit of teaching. She taught at HMS for 27 years before coming to H-LP. She taught Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 4th grade, TK, Title 1 and library.

I asked her what her goals for the year were and she had this to say. She wants to update the elementary library collection and make it more userfriendly. She also wants to reorganize the space to make a larger classroom space as well as a separate reading space. Overall she wants both libraries to be more student and teacher-friendly.

She can be found at H-LP on Thursdays and Fridays, as well as SibleyOcheyedan on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Besides teaching classes, she is responsible for maintaining the library collection, ordering new books and supplies, submitting state reports, updating curriculum, and overseeing the library program plan for the district. She will also research topics for teachers if they ask or find resources for them if needed.

Overall she hopes to help both students and teachers. She ended the interview with the quote, "If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book." - J.K. Rowling


## Senior Spotlight: Haley Norton

 By Kilyn ForbesHaley Sky Norton was born on April 14th, 2002, in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Her parents are Mark and Leah Norton. She has four siblings: Brenna Rowley, Cody Norton, Cole Norton, and Riley Norton. Her nicknames are Hales, Hay Bales, Ladybug, and Bean.

Haley has attended Harris-Lake Park since April of her freshman year. Her classes this semester are chemistry, P.E., personal finance, government, choir, novels, principles of technology, and sociology. She is involved in dance team, basketball cheer, and choir. She also has received student of the month this semester.

Haley has had a part-time job as a lifeguard from April to July. Her most embarrassing moment was that she thought you could jump off the North Pole. In ten years she sees herself with a good family, a good job, and lots of dogs.

If she had one wish, it would be to have more wishes. When asked what her favorite sport is, Haley said football. Her favorite restaurant is Olive Garden. Her favorite teams are the Denver Broncos and Iowa State. Her favorite food is french fries, and her favorite drink is coffee. Her favorite car is a yellow Lamborghini. Her favorite movies are The Dirt and Mean Girls. Her favorite animal is a polar bear. Her favorite color is yellow, and her favorite
 hobby is hanging out with her friends. Mr. Sohn is her favorite teacher, and study hall is her favorite class.

Haley's best memory at Harris-Lake Park was her junior prom or going to all of the football games. She will miss all of the friends she has at Harris-Lake Park. Her advice to underclassmen is to always be yourself and to live it up, and always respect the upperclassmen. Her future plans are to attend the University of Northern Iowa and major in public health.

Haley's most awaited date is graduation. Her favorite quote is, "When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine" by unknown.


Senior Spotlight: Jackson Baumgarn
By Leila Muftah
Jackson Allen Baumgarn is the eldest son of Jason and Julie Baumgarn and was born on January 24, 2002. He has two younger brothers named Javen and Jausten. He has been attending Harris- Lake Park for nine years, and during those years, he has gained the nicknames of "Baumy" and "Cauliflower."

Jackson's classes this semester include P.E, three study halls, personal finance, government, English 4, and P.O.T. His out of school activity is trap, and he has gained letters while doing both trap and track. Also outside of school, Jackson has a job at Parks Marina and has been working there since the second of July of this year.

Some of Jackson's favorite things include dogs, the restaurant Pizza Ranch, the Vikings and Hawkeyes, the movie "Napoleon Dynamite," and the colors, red and black. He also enjoys the band "Twenty One Pilots" and the song "Voodoo" by Godsmack. His favorite class is P.O.T taught by his favorite teacher, Mr. Sohn. Some of his hobbies include boating, snowmobiling, and wrecking vehicles. His favorite vehicle is his 1999 Chevy Tahoe with a six inch lift on 35 inch tires. A goal he has is to make his Tahoe reliable
 and obnoxious.

Within the next ten years, Jackson sees himself working, and his plans for the immediate future are to work and pass his classes so that he can graduate at semester. Now, with the past, Jackson wishes that he could go back in time and fix his grades and put in some effort in his previous classes. Jackson gives this advice to younger kids, which is "Don't fail; it sucks."

The thing he will miss most about H-LP will be the friends he has made over the years, but as with almost all the other seniors, he is mostly looking forward to graduation. His favorite quote is "I had an extremely busy day converting oxygen into carbon dioxide." - Anonymous


Senior Spotlight: Kaitlyn Vyskocil
By McKenzie Heikens By McKenzie Heikens
Kaitlyn Rose Vyskocil was born on September 13, 2001, in Brookings, South Dakota. Her mother is Sharon Murphy. Kaitlyn, also known as Sketch, has been attending Harris- Lake Park since kindergarten. Her classes this semester include individual technique vocal, business management, personal finance, government, choir, anatomy, and she also is a teacher assistant for Mrs. Roberts. She has earned an A or B Honor Roll each year.
Kaitlyn is involved in various activities. She is a dedicated singer in vocal jazz, earning herself an Outstanding Soloist Award at state vocal jazz last year. She also participates in basketball and dance team throughout the school year, but she also enjoys playing in a summer volleyball league in Okoboji during summer break.

Next year, Kaitlyn will be attending the University of Northern Iowa to major in biology for the beginning of her educational path to become a chiropractor. In the future, she sees herself having her own practice and travelling as much as possible in her free time.

The Addams Family musical that took place last year left a lasting impression on Kaitlyn, as it is her favorite memory here at H-LP.

Kaitlyn's favorite restaurant is Kramarczuk Sausage Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
 "Everyone needs to try it," she said. She also loves pasta and the color black. Her dog, Jack, is her favorite animal. In her free time, she enjoys painting, sleeping, and watching her favorite show, "The Office". Books by Stephen King also catch her eye, and she enjoys reading them. Her favorite musician is Billie Eilish, but her favorite song is "Landslide" by the Dixie Chicks.

Kaitlyn's senior quote is by Eleanor Roosevelt. "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Overall, she is awaiting the day of graduation but, "I will miss all of my buddies," she says. To the friends and other underclassmen she is leaving behind, she suggests to slow down and enjoy being young. We wish you the best of luck, Kaitlyn!


## Senior Spotlight: Abdulla Elbuytari By Zoe Melby

Abdulla Mohamed Elbuytari was born in Spirit Lake, Iowa, on February 28, 2002. His mother is Carrie Elbuytari, and he has an older sister named Zayda, who is 21 .

Abdulla has been attending H-LP since preschool, and he has gained the nickname Dubs. His classes this semester include advanced musicianship, chemistry, physics, government, choir, calculus, and PE. His favorite class is physics, and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Greve. This year, he got a lead in the play. He is also participating in football and basketball.

Some awards that Abdulla has achieved are the A honor roll, all district football team, academic all-district team, and National Honor Society. He has also had a part time job as a sandwich artist at Subway for a year.
Abdulla has many favorites, which include blobfish, football, the football team Cincinnati Bengals, the color green, the restaurant Denny's, and pudding. His favorite car is the Chevy Camaro Z28. He also enjoys the song "Rocky Road to Dublin" and the movie Blazing Saddles. His favorite singer is Charlie Puth, and his favorite author is Rick Riordan. In his free time, Abdulla's favorite thing to do is play video games.

Abudulla's best memory at H-LP was going to state football his freshman year. However, his most embarrassing moment was getting depantsed during a football game and mooning the crowd. He will miss everything about H-LP. His advice to underclassmen is "don't be dumb."


Abdulla plans on attending the University of Iowa next fall, and in ten years, he wants to live in Australia. February 28th, 2032, is his most awaited date. If he had one wish, it would be to be insanely rich.
"There's good, there's bad, turns out I'm the ugly," by anonymous, is Abdulla's senior quote.

## Making Progress with SAT <br> By Amani Abadie

Recently Harris-Lake Park started its SAT program. Once a week on Wednesdays, classes release early at $2: 20$. Middle school students with acceptable grades go to enrichment activities while high school either gets help
 from teachers in failing classes or are free to go.

Despite some people not liking the program, it has really helped our school's overall grades. No middle school students had an F by the end of the first quarter. Mr. Hiemstra went into records as far back as 2011, and that had never happened before! In high school, we only had 23 students on the $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{F}$ list by the end of the first quarter. That is
the lowest total in the last five years.
Three teachers are scheduled each week to come up with enrichment ideas for the middle school. Here are the most recent enrichments:
Mrs. DeBolt-service project to help maintain the city park
Mrs. Delaney--obstacle course at city park
Mr. Jacobsma-nature walk to make outdoor discoveries
Mr. Nicks-GPS activities
Mr. Gunderson-frisbee golf, gym games
Mr. Sohn-build tinfoil boats to test with Skittles
Mrs. Jacobsma-yoga
Mrs. deVries-spikeball
Mrs. Greve-UNO tournament, scavenger hunt using cell phones
Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Delaney-escape room
Mrs. Prevot-painting in the city park
Mrs. Christensen-board games
Mrs. Gochnauer-spelling kickball
Mr. Meyer--exploring probability in Black Jack
Ms. McElroy-basketball at city park
Mrs. Winters-Halloween cookie decorating


The middle school has had positive reactions to its enrichment activities. Some of their favorite activities were scavenger hunts, skittle boats, painting a merry go round, and board games.

Many teachers also appreciate SAT. Mrs. deVries believes it has greatly improved our scores.

SAT is something new to our school, but it's already caused drastic changes. Hopefully, by the end of the year, even fewer kids will have low grades.


Serving in a New Way
By McKenzie Heikens
Jim Kessler, a former fulltime bus driver for Harris-Lake Park, now has the honor of having this title: Department of Iowa American Legion Commander, James B. Kessler. He is the one hundred and fourth Department of Iowa Commander.

Why did Jim decide to run for this position? He commented, "My decision to run for this position came about with a lot of thinking about all my previous experiences and involvement I have had in my 51 years as an American Legion member of Post \#371, in the county, district, and department levels. I have a deep passion for the American Legion and the commitment this organization has and commits to the veterans who have and are serving in our country's Armed Forces in all branches of service. The American Legion is committed to making sure the needs of our future veterans of today, tomorrow, and years to come will be there for them."

His term is for one year, starting July 21, 2019, and going through July 12, 2020. Being Department of Iowa Commander, it is his responsibility to facilitate various meetings of the Department of Iowa American Legion. He also has to speak to various civic groups to inform them and the public about the American Legion programs for our youth. The program gives supporting scholarships to show their commitment to the veterans and their families, as well to our communities.
"Some of my goals for my term, which I am working towards, are these: seeing and ensuring that benefits for veterans, their spouses, and dependents are being maintained, and educating the public about the American Legion and its purpose," said Jim.

After being elected American Legion Commander, he has been on the road attending meetings. He went twice to the National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, and he also has attended meetings at the American Legion Headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa. He also speaks at various American Legion Posts throughout the state of Iowa. Jim states, "Committee meeting requires a certain amount of the Commanders' time."

Mr. Kessler likes many things about his position. "First, I enjoyed leading the American Legion Department of Iowa into a Second Century of Service to the Four Pillars of the American Legion," said Jim. These Four Pillars are veterans' affairs and rehabilitation, a strong national defense, Americanism, and children and youth. His second favorite would be meeting the Legionnaires of this great organization. "Their warm hospitality towards me is outstanding throughout my time there." His last would be reading and seeing the history the posts were named for. "Many are named after veterans who gave it their all serving in uniform for their nation's flag in WWI and WWII," he adds.

One of the challenges a Commander faces is making the choice of where to go. "When you receive three invitations for the same date at different times, but they are in different parts of the state, it's hard to decide which to attend," said Jim. He trends to attend somewhere he hasn't been. Other challenges he faces are disputes between two people who don't like how something is being done. "Each person wants to settle the matter in their favor, but how does this situation get resolved in a peaceful way?" asks Jim.

This Veterans Day he will be at the Altoona Racetrack and Casino for a KIOA Vets of Valor Radiothon. He will be manning a phone line from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. The money raised will benefit veterans in need, primarily those with children. Then he will be going to Gladbrook, Iowa, to be at their American Legion Post home. There he will help honor the veterans in their post and community. "I was asked to be the speaker for the evening program, an honor I am looking forward to," he said.

This year the Lake Park American Legion Post \#371 will be having a Veterans Day Program at the MS/HS starting at 1 P.M. The general public is encouraged to attend. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Naweji will be the featured speaker. Post \#371 American Legion Commander, Chris Mulder, is working with Mrs.

Anderson to organize this year's Veterans' Day Program. Jim has missed the Lake Park program only two or three times in the past twenty plus years. "I will miss being a part of the program," says Jim. Commanders' goal of Veterans' Day programs is for people to learn, understand, and appreciate the veterans for serving under the greatest flag in the world.

Jim still drives bus part time for H-LP activities when possible. Presently, he is working with Miss McElroy for student participation in The American Legion Oratorical speaking program about the Constitution and certain amendments. There are also American Legion scholarships available. The ultimate goal is to make it to the national contest in Indianapolis. If you take first place, you bring home a scholarship worth approximately $\$ 25,000$ to be used at a college of your choice.

Jim would like to end with saying, "The American Legion Office provides free representation to veterans for claims for compensation with service-connected disabilities with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. There is this and much more for as little as .109 cents a day for American Legion members to receive this service."


School Board Changes
At the November 20 school board meeting, Mr. Irwin presented Evan Bensley with a plaque in appreciation for his service on the school board. He filled the seat vacated by Shelley Heikens. Lisa Carstensen will be the new school board member.

During Mr. Bensley's time on the Board, the introduction and implementation of the chrome books took place. He also saw new lesson plans and supplemental teaching techniques being introduced into the classrooms.

Director Bensley was asked what he enjoyed most about serving. He commented, "The item I enjoyed best on our monthly agenda was the individual presentations by the staff and faculty in regard to new changes and fun projects that are occurring in their classrooms. I have three boys in the H LP school myself, and it was exciting to see what was being implemented that would impact them during their education."

Being on the school board is a learning experience. He learned "the day-to-day activities required to run a school and the continuous battle to increase enrollments, improve test scores, and deliver the highest quality education to the students in our rural school."

He also developed a clearer understanding of the financial costs when contending with older buildings: roof, boilers, hvac systems, sidewalks, and general safety concerns. "These are the items that the general public and the students themselves don't have to think about in their daily activities," he said.

Mr. Bensley closed by saying, "The members of the School Board have become close friends over the year that I served. They are a wonderful group of people to work with which made the meetings more enjoyable. I wish them all the best in the future and appreciate their efforts to keep the Harris-Lake Park School strong and prepared for the future."

Thank you for your service!

## Band Keeps Busy <br> By Zoe Melby

Throughout the month of October, many events happened in band. On October 15, the band had their first fall band concert. Mrs. DeBolt decided to have a fall concert for the first time because she wanted the band students to be able to play more literature. For the concert, the sixth graders played "Symphony Number Nine" and "Ode to Joy." The seventh and eighth graders played "Cole's Song" and "Mystic Legacy." The high schoolers played "Canticum" and "St Petersburg March."

On Saturday, November 9, Kaidance Pahl, a
 seventh grader, attended NWIBA honor band in Storm Lake. Auditions were on October 19. Out of the 400 students that auditioned, about 160 were selected. The audition included multiple memorized scales and two short songs. At the event, there were two bands - the red band and the blue band. Kaidance was in the blue band. She rehearsed all day and had a concert in the evening.

The Jazz Festival was on October 31. There was a mini concert with a jazz combo. Afterwards, they split off into sections to work on jazz improv or different styles of jazz. They worked with the jazz combo players to get a brief showing of jazz music. "The middle schoolers also attended the Jazz Festival because I would like to start a middle school jazz band at H-LP," said Mrs. DeBolt.

There are also some events coming up for the middle school and high school band students. Project 60 will be held on December 11, and the winter concert will be on December 16. The high schoolers will do Christmas carols
during finals week at area businesses. The band students will also be having a hot chocolate fundraiser during finals week.

## Music Happenings

By Savanna Wuebker
The music department has been quite busy these last few weeks along with the upcoming weeks. They have focused on everything from honor choir to a play. In this article, however, I will only be talking about the choirs and the play will be covered next week.


Iowa Opus Honor Choir is a group of four choirs: 5th-6th grade, a 7th/8th bass clef choir, a 7th/8th treble clef choir, and a 9th grade mixed honor choir. Over 2600 students tried out and about 700 people got in overall.

Landon Greve was the only student to get in from H-LP this year. The process to get in was sing scales along with two acapella songs. The recording was then sent in, and judges would then pick from the auditions. The judges had no idea who the students were or what school they came from.

The choir will take place in Ames, Iowa, in Stephens Auditorium on November 21st. HLP wishes Landon good luck!

The NWICDA 7-8 Honor Choir has also happened recently. The event took place on November 5th in Storm Lake. Eight H-LP 8th graders got into the choirs this year. The members are locally selected and the numbers vary from year to year. The girls participated in a treble clef choir, and the boys participated in a bass clef choir. Both choirs came together for one combined song at the end of the concert.

The students that attended this year were Devin U, Devin M, Landon G, Travis L, Jaedyn D-O, Cadence S, Hana M, and Akasha H. Mrs. Greve stated that all of the students did a
 great job and the day was a fun experience.

Mrs. Greve commented, "The directors were great and both the treble clef and bass clef choirs sounded really good."

She looks forward to doing the same next year with the next group of 8th graders.


Clue is a Success By Leilah Muftah With the fall season nearing its end, HarrisLake Park also concludes its play Clue, which was held in the middle/high school auditorium on November 15th and 16th. The play was based off of the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn and the additional material by Hunter Foster, Eric Price, and Sandy Rustin. It is also based on the Paramount Pictures Motion Picture and based on the Hasbro Board Game "Clue".

The play contained the acting talents of Abdulla Elbuytari as Wadsworth, Lucas Gunderson as Colonel Mustard, McKenzie Heikens as Mrs. White, Emma Niswander as Mrs. Peacock, Jerry Dyhrkopp as Mr. Green, Grace Iverson as Miss Scarlet, Edgar Tapia as Professor Plum and Easton Brevik as Mr. Boddy. The supporting characters included Natasha Bremer as Yvette. Marianne Nebelsick as the cook, Kaitlyn Vyskocil as the motorist, Julian Burdorf as the cop, Zella Ingham as a singing telegram girl, Kaia Urwin as the reporter, and Amani Abadie, Kelly Luitjens, Haley Norton, Taryn Ruge, and Nahlia Urwin as the FBI agents. Carter Hibma was also the dark figure/ cat handler.

There were many people that helped make this play possible: Kathy Greve and Kim Ingwersen, the directors; Tracy Anderson, the collaborative pianist; Jeremy Harms, Cole Ihnen, and Dylan Meyer with the sound/light design; Julie Baumgarn with the hair/makeup; and Mel Zevenbergen, Jeremy Harms, Curt Harms, and Charlie Ingham with set/prop construction.

Appreciation also goes out to the H-LP custodial staff, the H-LP Music Parents, Judy Taber, Sheriff Greg Baloun, Bret Greve, and Curt Ingwersen.

The play had a lot of interesting and funny parts. What were the favorite parts of some of those involved in the play and others who watched it?

Mrs. Greve said, "Watching it all come together in the end and I think that
 the kids did a very nice job."
"My favorites were the death of Wadsworth and the rewind sequence," said Mrs. DeBolt

Middle school students Javen and Carter both agreed
that "When Jerry pulled out his gun and shot the cat" was their favorite part.
Congratulations to everyone involved on another great success!

## New Members of NHS Inducted By McKenzie Heikens

On November 11th, the National Honor Society welcomed six new members with a ceremony. The new inductees of 2019 are Isaac Ihnen, Lucas Gunderson, Dylan Meyer, Caleb Nicks, Kelly Luitjens, and Ava Rasche. They will be joining the five returning members: Abdulla Elbuytari, McKenzie Heikens, Marianne Nebelsick, Alexis Stahly, and Logan Van Ede.


Tracy Anderson started by playing the piano before the ceremony. Since this took place on Veteran's Day, it was only fitting that we began the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Mrs. Jacobsma gave a quick greeting to the audience before Marianne read about the history of NHS. Next, Lexi read the emblem, and Logan read what the colors and motto are for this group. Then I read about the four pillars of the National Honor Society while others lit a candle for each pillar. The four pillars are character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Then the returning members presented the new members with their pins, certificates, membership cards, pennants, and flowers.

New members are selected through a tough process. They first must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher. Then all the students who have met this requirement receive a letter, where they are given the option to fill out an application. In this application, the person must list their leadership roles, positions and awards, offices held and length of time, volunteer services, extra-curricular activities, and community activities.
"Then reviewers fill out an evaluation form which includes things such as classroom leadership, attitude towards school, responsibility, honesty, concern for others, positive outlook, and willingness to help out both in and outside the classroom," states the leader of the NHS at H-LP, Mrs. Jacobsma.

After the ceremony, the students took pictures with the cake made by Kim's Cakes. Then the students, family members, and staff enjoyed the cake and punch.

The new and returning members have some projects they will be working on this year. First, they will be doing the heart healthy program that they also did last year. They will be preparing a red out night for heart awareness as well. "Each student must also do an individual service project sometime throughout the year," said Mrs. Jacobsma. The NHS has much to look forward to this year!


Cross Country Update By McKenzie Heikens

The boys' cross country team has completed their 2019 season. Their coach, Mr. Irwin, has been impressed with the team's improvement over the last five meets. There are lots of different factors that go into seeing improvement. "It all depends on the course and the competition," said Coach Irwin. For the most part, he looks for the boys to improve consistently in their placing.

On September 24th, the boys travelled to Hartley. Jaden finished 22nd with a time of exactly nineteen minutes. Cole was right behind him, finishing 27th with a 19:26. August ran JV that night and placed 13th.

The next week, the team travelled to Alta. There Jaden was our top finisher with a time of 20:28. He placed 21st. Matthew had a time of 21:13, and Cole ran a 21:43. August ran a 26:58 in JV.

The team started off the month of October at Kingsley on the eighth. Jaden placed 16th with a 19:27. Matthew ran a $20: 55$, placing him in 37th place. Cole ran a $21: 11$.

The team had their War Eagle conference meet on October 14th. This is when all of our conference teams were there competing. Jaden placed 24th with a time of $18: 53$. Matthew placed 34th with a time of $19: 47$, and Cole placed 35th only ten seconds behind Matthew. August ran JV that night and placed 15th with a time of 22:21.

On October 18th, the boys went to Unity to run a difficult race. Jaden ran a 19:20, and Cole ran a 20:14. Matthew was right behind with a time of 20:35. August ran a 23:08 in JV.

Jaden Rueter, a senior, says that his favorite meet so far was the West Lyon meet. It was his favorite because he placed in the top 10.

The boys competed in the state qualifying meet on October 24th. Although nobody achieved state, the boys gave it a good run!


Volleyball Wrap-Up
By Kilyn Forbes
This year's Lady Wolves' volleyball team was made up of twelve girls. There were two seniors, McKenzie Heikens and Kilyn Forbes; four juniors, Kaylee Mulder, Grace Iverson, Emma Sidles, and Jocelyn Ehret; five sophomores, Tessa Gunderson, Miranda Christenson, Zella Ingham, Ava Rasche, and Natasha Bremer; and one freshman, Callee Sohn. The varsity letter winners include Grace Iverson, Kaylee Mulder, Ava Rasche, Natasha Bremer, McKenzie Heikens, Tessa Gunderson, Jocelyn Ehret, Zella Inghan, and Kilyn Forbes.

The C-squad finished with a record of 0-8-4 (win-lose-tie), while the JV finished with a record of 1-9-3 (win-lose-tie) on the season. The varsity team finished with a record of 6-23.

Tessa Gunderson is tied for highest number of digs in a match (36) against G-LR, and she is now leading digs per set at 4.70 and is also 2 nd for digs in a season at 371. McKenzie Heikens earned 2nd team all-conference and Tessa Gunderson earned honorable mention.

Head coach Sarah deVries said that her favorite part of the season was getting to know all the girls that were out for volleyball and watching them grow in their abilities. For next year, Coach deVries is excited to have more experience as a head coach and make changes from this year that will benefit our team. Coach deVries said, "Playing G-LR for our last game was the best I've seen our varsity play yet. The girls definitely gave $100 \%$ and left it all on the court, which is all any coach could ask for."

The team will be graduating McKenzie Heikens and Kilyn Forbes. The returning players are excited for the next season to come around!

## Football Team Ends Successful Season <br> By Kilyn Forbes

The varsity Wolves' team ended their awesome season with a record of 82. They also made it to the playoffs for the first time since 2016. The junior varsity team also had a great season with a record of 4-0.

Some of the statistic leaders for the Wolves this year are Brody Sohn, who had a $64.8 \%$ pass completion on the season. Lucas Gunderson had 644 rushing yards for the season. Isaac Ihnen had 965 receiving yards. Edgar Tapia had 28 total tackles on the season. Abdulla Elbuytari had 24 solo tackles for loss on the season.

The varsity letter winners were the following: Julian Burdorf, Abdulla Elbuytari, Edgar Tapia, Peyton Christenson, Isaac Ihnen, Brody Sohn, Jaxson Heikens, Lucas Gunderson, Dylan Meyer, Tyler Jurva, Austin Gilmore, Gavin

Elser, Braydan Perkins, Tate Gilmore, and Tyce Gunderson. The 1st team alldistrict winners were Abdulla Elbuytari, Isaac Ihnen, Brody Sohn, and Lucas Gunderson. Edgar Tapia was named 2nd team all-district. Dylan Meyer and Julian Burdorf were named honorable mention. Gavin Elser was named alldistrict kicker. The academic all-district selections were the following: Abdulla Elbuytari, Isaac Ihnen, Lucas Gunderson, Dylan Meyer, Brody Sohn, Tyler Jurva, and Gavin Elser.

Head Coach Lane Gunderson said, "We played a great game against Kingsley Pierson; our offense, defense, and special teams all played well! The playoff game was a tough night for us. We gave a great effort but didn't execute as well as we had been the rest of the season. Our guys played really hard, but Audubon deserved to win that night. The season overall was great! The guys were hardworking, listened well, and were a great group to coach and be around. I appreciate their hard work and dedication!'


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Honoring Seniors in Fall Sports
By Savanna Wuebker
This year there are a total of twelve seniors that were out for football, volleyball, dance, cross county, and cheer. This year's seniors in football were Julian, Edgar, Peyton, Isaac, and Abdulla. In volleyball, we have Kilyn and McKenzie while in dance we had Kaitlyn, Lexi, and Haley. Finally, in cross county was Jaden and in cheer we have Brooke.

All of the football players have been in the sport all four years of high school. Julian's favorite memory of this year is winning against Newell Fonda, but his favorite memory of all four years is Bubba Sohn losing his tooth and then finding it again after three plays. Abdulla's favorite memory of the year is beating Northwood Kensett. However, his all-time favorite is going to state. Peyton's favorite of the year was the playoffs and playing Audubon, and his favorite of all time was going to state. All agreed that they would miss most the brotherhood that came with working as a team. Julian does not plan to keep playing the sport; however, Peyton and Abdulla do in college.

Here are some words of advice for the underclassmen: Julian said, "Don't take high school for granted, time flies and make every workout/lifting." "Don't take anything for granted- work hard and get ready for your chance," said Abdulla. Peyton added, "Go to lifting every day and watch for improvement." Edgar and Isaac were not available for comment.

Next up is volleyball. Both Kilyn and McKenzie have been in the sport for four years. Kilyn's favorite thing this year was the bus rides with the team while her favorite memory of all four seasons was beating Central Lyon at their home tournament. McKenzie's favorite thing of the year was forming new friendships. However, her favorite thing overall is everything she took away from the sport, along with the friendships and times shared on and off the court. Neither plans to play volleyball in college. Kilyn's advice to underclassmen is to "try and do your best always and enjoy it while you can." McKenize said, "Play every game as if it's your last."

For cross-country the only senior out this year was Jaden, who has been out for four years. His favorite memory of this year was placing and getting top 10 in a varsity meet. His favorite memory of the whole sport is the War Eagle conference meet. He plans to continue cross country and track in college. His advice is "It's a lot of miles and hard work but mentally you need to know how to keep pushing yourself."

Cheer also has one senior in it this year being Brooke. She has been in the sport for three years now. Her favorite memory this year was practicing because the team always had a lot of fun. Her favorite memory from all three years is going to the dome as a freshman. What she will miss the most is getting the crowd pumped. She would like to keep cheering after high school but is not yet sure. Her advice is to "have fun, be positive, and be nice to others."

Lastly, we have dance, with three senior dancers, Kaitlyn, Lexi, and Haley. Kaitlyn was not available for comment. Lexi and Haley have both been in fall dance for three years. Lexi's favorite thing of the 2019 year was spending time with friends and her favorite memory of all the years was dancing with her dad. Haley's favorite memory was getting to cheer the teams on with her friends. Her favorite memory of all time was when they did a good basket toss. The thing they will miss the most is the same, their friends. Neither plans to do dance after high school.. Lexi's advice is "Put time and effort in; it will be worth it." Haley's is "Work hard."

Congratulations to all the seniors in fall sports.


## Too sick for school?

Nearly all children get sick from time to time. Sending a sick child to school may make the child more miserable and spread a contagious illness to classmates. The following guidelines will help parents decide whether their child is too sick for school.

Fever is an important symptom, especially if it occurs along with a sore throat, nausea or a rash. Fevers are ok because the higher body temperature is a result of the immune system working so the body can heal. Children with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher should stay home. Your child should be fever-free 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school. Remember to follow the directions for your thermometer. There is more information on my website about fevers!
Diarrhea and vomiting make children very uncomfortable. A single episode of either may not be a reason to miss school, providing the child feels well and does not have a fever over 100.4 degrees. Keep your child home until the illness is over, and for 24 hours after the last episode (without medicine).
Strep throat is highly contagious and the child may complain of a sudden sore throat and fever and often stomachache and headache. The child may return to school 24 hours after the antibiotic treatment begins and if no fever.
Pinkeye or conjunctivitis is highly contagious and uncomfortable. Symptoms include eyes burning, itching and a cloudy or yellow discharge from the eye. Child should stay home until doctor recommends your child return to school. Medication may be prescribed.
Flu/Influenza symptoms include body aches, high fever, chills, congestion, sore throat and in some children vomiting. These symptoms usually come on very quickly! Rest and sometimes medication is prescribed.

Frequent hand washing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of infection. Please encourage frequent hand washing at home and at school.
If your child needs to stay home due to illness or other reasons, please call the school. For safety, we need to know why your child is not at school. Remember to always make sure that the school knows how to reach you during the day and that there is a back-up plan and phone number if we cannot reach you. Please feel free to contact the school nurse if you have any questions regarding health issues. bethk@hlpcsd.org



It's that time of year! HLP Jr Class After Prom is selling Godfather Pizzas. Sales will begin November $18^{\text {th }}$ and go through January $6{ }^{\text {th }}$. The pizzas will be made on February 29th. If a junior has not contacted you, please feel free to order pizzas by calling Jody Hintze at 507-841-2766.

## Harris-Lake Park

## Weather Related Announcements

School related weather announcements will be made on KUOO/KUQQ, KICD AM/FM, KILR radio stations and KTIV and KELO TV stations for school late starts and/or cancellations. We will make every attempt to let the public know by 6:30 AM so that parents can make arrangements for their children. When school is cancelled for the day, all practices, rehearsals and lessons will also be cancelled. Any exception to this rule will be with administrative approval only.

District Patrons will also be able to receive updates for weather-related school announcements on the school website. The website will be updated regarding late starts and athletic schedule changes.



All Harris-Lake Park MS/HS and Elementary School activities are updated on the War Eagle Conference website- www.wareagleconference.org

You may access the complete calendar on the conference website. You may also access the calendar on the school website: www.harrislp.k12.ia.us -> go to the activities tab and then click on the activity calendar. You will be taken directly to the conference website where you can see all activities in a weekly or monthly view (view options are located on the upper right side.)

All Spirit Lake Park Wrestling, SLP Girls Track and the SLPO Boys \& Girls Soccer schedules are available on the Lakes Conference website: www.lakesconference.org Scheduling for these shared sports is done through the Spirit Lake schools.

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## Project 60

The Student Council of Harris-Lake Park High School would like to invite all Harris-Lake Park school district senior citizens ages 60 and older to the annual Project 60 dinner and program at the high school commons on Wednesday, December 11 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ at 12:30 PM.

$\star$Senior citizens or any other patron of the community may use the MS/HS gymnasium for walking. The MS/HS gym is available for walking Monday-Friday between 7:30-8:15 AM. Please check in at the school office when arriving at the school. Guests are invited to stay and attend the afternoon performance of the MS/HS Winter Concert which will begin at 1:30 in the auditorium.

In addition, Lake Park senior citizens who are unable to attend, but would like to have a free meal delivered that day may leave your name and address at the school. You may expect your meal between 12:30-1:00.

We hope to see you there!!

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Parents may access their student's grades and lunch account balances online and may receive email notices for their child's lunch account alerting them that the child's lunch balance is low. Lunch payments can be made online through the PaySchool system.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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Newsletters are available on-line at the Harris-Lake Park district website: www.harris-lp.k12.ia.us Newsletters are located under District Information in the menu > newsletters > $19 / 20>$ select the newsletter you wish to view.

Printed newsletters will be available at the elementary and MS/HS school offices. Newsletters may also be picked up at United Community Bank, Savings Bank, Lake Park Foods, Niemeier Spine \& Sports Chiropractic, Lake Park Public Library, Lake Park Dinner Date, Concordia and Trinity Lutheran Churches, Harris \& Lake Park Methodist Churches, Lake Park Presbyterian Church, and Forbes Meat \& Processing in Harris.

## FOR FUTURE PLANNING...

A reminder to parents that the $1^{\text {st }}$ semester ends on December 20, 2019. High School Semester tests are scheduled for December $18^{\text {th }} \& 19^{\text {th }}$ (make-up date is Dec. 20 if needed due to weather.) Please plan your holiday travel plans accordingly. Classes will resume for students on Thursday, January 2, 2020.



FFA Fruit \& Cheese Delivery
FFA Fruit will be in the week of December $2^{\text {nd }}$. The chapter should have it by Tuesday. As it is a very busy week for the students, please give them through the weekend to deliver the fruit you ordered. Thank you for your support. H-LP FFA

## LOOKING FOR RECORDERS!

The elementary music department is looking for any recorders that might be sitting in your homes gathering dust! If you have a recorder that you would like to donate to the music program for other students to use, please bring it to either the Elementary Office or the MSHS Office anytime between now and Christmas Break. Thank you so much! Mrs. Anderson


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