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# Ready or Not, Here Comes Construction Season...and Harrisburg Days!

ADRIENNE MCKEOWN, PRESIDENT, HARRISBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



I'm sure you've heard the old saying that there are two seasons in South Dakota—winter and construction—and as I write this column, we are right at the junction of these two. However, as soon as the snow melts and the spring rains pause, it's going to be full-speed ahead on construction season in Harrisburg.

Many of you are aware of the improvements taking place along SD Highway 115/Minnesota Ave. While there will most certainly be pain caused by the necessary detours and traffic backlogs during the reconstruction, I encourage you to remember that, in the end, we will have a beautiful new road that is better equipped to handle the large volume of traffic that travels that path each day. It will also open up Harrisburg to further development. I remember learning a number of years ago that proper transportation routes are essential for economic development. If we don't have quality roadways for

our goods and people to move in and out from the community, we are stuck. For a growing community like ours, being stuck is not an option. So please pack your patience during the daily commute. Like many things in life, it's not going to be easy, but it will be worth it.

Speaking of growth in Harrisburg, I'm excited to share with you that our Chamber of Commerce continues to expand. We have nearly 120 members who believe in and have invested in our community, and together, they are working to bring goods and services to you and your families. Recently, the Chamber and its members sponsored the **Easter Eggstravaganza**. More than 425 children brought their grown-ups with them to enjoy a candy and prize scramble, inflatables, and meet the Easter Bunny. Thanks to our generous Chamber members, we were able to give away bikes, gift certificates, and more while providing a **FREE** event for the community. Please take a moment to thank your local Chamber businesses and organizations for their investment in activities such

as this.

You'll have an opportunity to meet several of our business owners and organizations face-to-face at the **Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Craft Fair** taking place during Harrisburg Days on the afternoon of Saturday, June 8. Watch for more details to come as we get closer, but if you're interested in joining the Chamber and/or having a booth at the Expo, please contact our membership coordinator, Kim Kennedy, at [harrisburgchamber@gmail.com](mailto:harrisburgchamber@gmail.com). She'll be happy to help you!

It's going to be a busy summer in Harrisburg as we watch houses and businesses take shape in new developments, navigate detours, and celebrate Harrisburg Days. We've got a lot going on here, and people from outside Harrisburg are taking notice. In a couple of weeks, I'll be leading home builders and developers on a bus tour through our community. I can't wait to tell them about the great things happening here and about the amazing people who make Harrisburg a great place to call home.



## Mac's Carnival & Attractions Pre-sale Coupons Now Available!

The Harrisburg Days carnival is fast approaching! Purchasing a coupon card for \$60.00 saves you \$20.00!

Each card has (4) four tear-off coupons

Each tear-off coupon is good for one wristband at the carnival.

A new wristband is required for each session.

Sessions are:

**Thursday, June 6**

6pm-10pm

**Friday, June 7**

5pm-10pm

**Saturday, June 8**

12pm-5:30pm

5:30pm-11pm

For example:

A family has 2 children and they purchase one card. Each child can go to 2 sessions (or)

1 child can go to 3 sessions and another child can go to 1 session (or)

1 child can go to all 4 sessions.

**Pre-sale advance coupon cards are available at Fareway, Ace Hardware and City Hall!**

Stop and get yours today to save \$20.00!

## Harrisburg School District Receives Half-Million Dollar Award to Construct Home Builders Academy



HARRISBURG, SD, April 22, 2019— The South Dakota Department of Education Division of Career & Technical Education has selected the Harrisburg School District as a recipient of a \$225,000 Workforce Education Grant. Combined with \$250,000 in matching funds from the Sioux Empire Homebuilders Care Foundation, the district plans to use this award to construct the Homebuilders Academy starting in May 2019. "It is exciting to be able to start such an incredible program in a brand-new facility without having to place a financial burden on the community," said

Superintendent Jim Holbeck.

Through a collaboration with the Homebuilders Association of the Sioux Empire, Southeast Technical Institute, and Affordable Housing Solutions, as well as support from other major industry and community partners, the Harrisburg School District will provide access to expert instruction, industry-grade building equipment and tools, and a multi-phase program that begins with the construction of homes within the new facility at Harrisburg High School and ends with both on- and off-site training



experiences in specialty trades, such as plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and drywall. Learners from Harrisburg and other neighboring school districts will be able to develop highly qualified skill-sets by working alongside industry experts, earn construction certification credentials through Southeast Technical Institute, and ultimately enter the workforce and post-secondary training programs tied to the building trades. They will also gain a sense of pride and community service as they construct affordable housing that will be relocated and finished within the community. Homebuilders Academy will bolster the number of skilled workers available to address a high need in the field while also supporting the academic, social, emotional, and economic success of the school district and community.



The Harrisburg School District has long been known for its "outside the box" approach to innovative and effective instruction. Through various initiatives, development opportunities, and dedication to excellence, HSD has made it a priority to find ways to meet every learner where they are at, regardless of ability, interest, background, future, or hurdles that might guide their goals and aspirations. We are proud to work with these community partners, the South Dakota Department of Education, and the State of South Dakota on this initiative.

## Annual Clean Up Day Coming Up!

For residents living within the city limits of Harrisburg only! Please bring any utility bill with your current address for city residency verification!

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019**  
Gates open 8am  
Close at 11:00 am

Dumpsters will be located at 801 S Prairie Street - Harrisburg City Maintenance Facility. Rubble will be accepted on May 4, 2019 with the following exceptions: No toxic waste containers or paint containers, no recyclables, no tires, no electronics (TV's, monitors, etc.), no hazardous materials.

Also, on April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> the gate will be open from 5:pm – 7:30 pm and dumpsters will be available to drop of rubble. The same requirements and exceptions apply.

# Upcoming Events

<b>WED MAY 1, 2019</b>
11:30am Senior Wednesday @ 518 Marketplace
<b>SAT MAY 4, 2019</b>
8am Harrisburg Annual Citywide Clean Up Day, 801 S Prairie St.
<b>SUN MAY 5, 2019</b>
Cinco de Mayo
<b>MON MAY 6, 2019</b>
6pm City Council Meeting, Liberty Community Room 6:30pm School Board Meeting, Liberty Elementary, Board Room
<b>WED MAY 8, 2019</b>
11:30am Senior Wednesday @ 518 Marketplace 5pm Special City Council Meeting, Liberty Elementary 6pm Park Board Meeting, Harrisburg City Hall
<b>SUN MAY 12, 2019</b>
Mother's Day
<b>TUE MAY 14, 2019</b>
6pm Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, Harrisburg City Hall
<b>WED MAY 15, 2019</b>
11:30am Senior Wednesday @ 518 Marketplace
<b>SUN, MAY 19, 2019</b>
1pm GRADUATION, Sioux Falls Arena
<b>MON MAY 20, 2019</b>
6pm City Council Meeting, Liberty Community Room 6:30pm School Board Meeting, Liberty Elementary, Board Room
<b>WED MAY 22, 2019</b>
11:30am Senior Wednesday @ 518 Marketplace
<b>THU MAY 23, 2019</b>
Early Release/Last Day* (subject to change)
<b>FRI MAY 24, 2019</b>
Teacher Work Day* (subject to change)
<b>MON MAY 27, 2019</b>
Memorial Day Memorial Day Observed - All City Offices Closed
<b>WED MAY 29, 2019</b>
11:30am Senior Wednesday @ 518 Marketplace

## City Contact Information

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**605-767-5007**

**Council Meetings:**

City Council meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Liberty School Board Room unless announced otherwise. If a meeting falls on a City holiday, typically the meeting will be rescheduled for another date.

**City Website:** harrisburgsd.gov  
@HarrisburgSoDak



**City/Finance Office:**

301 E Willow Street  
605-743-5872  
Monday – Thursday – 7am – 5pm  
Fridays – 8am – 12pm

**City Maintenance:**

801 S Prairie Street  
Monday – Friday – 8am – 5pm

**Police - Lincoln County Sheriff**  
Dispatch (Non Emergency): 764-2664

**Code Enforcement:**

Geoff Fillingsness  
605-360-4727  
gfillingsness@hotmail.com  
Emergency – 911  
HELP!Line – 211  
SD One Call – 811  
Post Office: 43-2791

**Community Library:** 767-7910

# Public Safety

The City of Harrisburg contracts with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. In case of an emergency, dial 911. For non-emergency calls, dial 605-764-2664 for dispatch.

Keep your garage doors closed at night and when not at home. If you keep your vehicle outside, keep it locked.

Speed limits in residential areas are 20 mph, please remember to SLOW DOWN.

Reminder: Any chance of two inches of snow or blowing snow may trigger a snow alert, all vehicles should be removed from city streets to avoid ticketing and towing!!

HELP!Line Center is available 24 hrs. a day/7 days a week for any personal or family crisis. Dial 211



CodeRED is a FREE emergency notification service provided to all residents within City of Harrisburg that will notify you of emergency information through phone calls, text messages, emails, social media and the CodeRED Mobile Alert app. The system will be used to keep you informed of local events that may immediately impact your safety. As a local resident, the City of Harrisburg encourages you to take action and register your cell phone for this service and verify your home location during the enrollment process so we may target notifications that directly impact your home or business.

- Snow Alerts
- Water Main Breaks
- Emergency Evacuation Notices
- Non - Emergency Notices
- Water Restrictions
- Extreme Weather Announcements
- Law Enforcement Announcements

Enroll Today! Visit harrisburgsd.gov and click the CodeRED icon on the front page of the city's website.

## Chamber Members Mark Your Calendar

Please join us at the next Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on May 7, 2019!

**Here are the details:**

**Where:** Harrisburg Event Center

**When:** May 7, 11:45 a.m.

**What:** Join us for a delicious lunch catered by 518 Marketplace.

**Speaker:** Jaime Wood, District Director of the SD Small Business Administration

**Sponsor:** Harrisburg Optimist Club

To register, go to our website at harrisburgsdchamber.com.



## The Harrisburg Times

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**Deadline: 3rd Wednesday of Month\*  
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# Church Directory

 <p>3803 S Western Ave. Sioux Falls</p> <p>Sundays, 10AM</p>	 <p>6101 S Charger Circle Sioux Falls</p> <p>Sunday Services: 8:30AM, 10:00AM and 11:30AM.</p>	 <p>204 Grand Avenue Harrisburg</p> <p>Sundays: 9AM Traditional, 10:20AM Contemporary</p>
 <p><b>Sunday Mass</b> 9:30 AM @ Harrisburg High School 1300 W Willow St.</p> <p><b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 4:30 PM @ Shalom Lutheran Church 1000 E Maple St.</p> <p><b>Daily Mass</b> Tues &amp; Wed @ 5:30 PM Thursday @ 7:15 AM Friday @ 8:30 AM Parish Chapel &amp; Office 220 S Cliff Ave. #126 Harrisburg</p>	 <p>Visit our website for times and location: <a href="http://www.thetableofgrace.org">www.thetableofgrace.org</a></p>	 <p>1000 E Maple Street Harrisburg</p> <p>Sunday 9AM Sunday School 10:10AM</p>

## Harrisburg Food Pantry

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

203 Prairie St in Harrisburg

Hours of operation:  
Tuesday from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
1st and 3rd Thursday from 10:00 AM – noon

Contact: Lanette Schmidt (605) 929-0599  
[harrisburgareafoodpantry@yahoo.com](mailto:harrisburgareafoodpantry@yahoo.com)

The Harrisburg Area Food Pantry serves a wide spectrum of people in our community. We help infants and children by providing daily nutritional needs for physical and mental development. The elderly who are on a fixed income facing health issues and medical costs receive our services. The Harrisburg Area Food Pantry reaches out to individuals and families who need temporary help due to loss of employment, illness, car repairs and other unexpected life events.

The Pantry can help an average household with approximately 50 pounds of food. \$75 to \$1000 of food helps recipients meet those unexpected bills. \$75 can feed a family of four for a week.

With your help, we can make a difference. Our immediate needs are: Juices boxes/pouches, coffee, tomato products, soft tortillas, cake mixes, paper products, cookie mixes, and Hamburger Helper.

A gift of your time is always welcome! Food donations can be dropped at the pantry during normal hours of operation, left in the donation box in front of the building or dropped at Meraki Salon on Willow Street in Harrisburg.

Monetary donations are a wonderful resource for the Pantry. It enables us to stock items that are in short supply. Donations can be mailed to the Harrisburg Area Food Pantry, PO Box 456, Harrisburg, SD

Special arrangements can be made by calling (605) 929-0599.

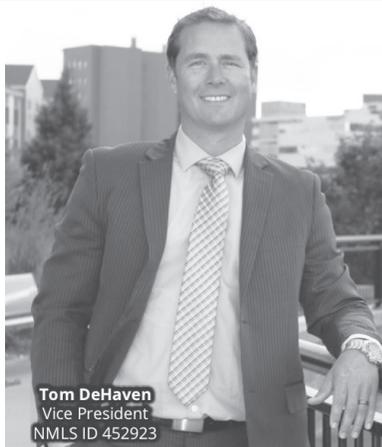


1000 E Maple St  
Harrisburg, SD 57032  
(605) 767-5382  
[www.shalomlc.com](http://www.shalomlc.com)

### REGISTRATION OPEN

FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We are a Christian Preschool located within Shalom Lutheran Church. Programs offered for children ages 3 through Pre-K. Transportation is available. For more details and to download a registration form please visit our website.



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## SHOP Local

Harrisburg, SD



June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Check our website for the event schedule, food, music, maps and all the information you want to know about this year's Harrisburg Days. Sign up for Little Miss Harrisburg, Car Show, Business Expo/Craft Fair, and we even have a sign up for volunteer opportunities! [www.harrisburgdays.com](http://www.harrisburgdays.com)

## Did you know?!

Numbers & Such has a Facebook page!

You can like and follow us to stay up to date on our accounting practice, tax and accounting tips, giveaways, and endless amounts of giggles.




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(605) 595-5315




### Little Miss Harrisburg

PAGEANT

Little Miss Harrisburg Days Pageant is a fun event for kids ages 4-9. Registration is FREE for a limited time for contestants that live or go to school in the Harrisburg School District.

The event will be held Friday evening, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7:15-8:30 pm. An optional talent competition will be held prior at 6:00 pm.

Every child will leave with a crown, t-shirt and feel like a complete princess!

You can register for free until May 9<sup>th</sup> at [HarrisburgDays.com](http://HarrisburgDays.com)

# Harrisburg Days



HHS is honoring our alumni who have gone onto serve our country in the military.

Alumni, please be sure to register yourself at [AlwaysATiger.com](http://AlwaysATiger.com) and fill in your military service.

We are currently accepting donations to fund the project. Please contact JoAnne VerMulm at 743-2567 x6143 or email at [JoAnne.VerMulm@12.sd.us](mailto:JoAnne.VerMulm@12.sd.us) to donate.

Thank you to the Harrisburg Legion for their donation of all of the military emblems for the display.

## Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Craft Fair

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host a Business Expo & Craft Fair during Harrisburg Days. The Business Expo & Craft Fair is open to all businesses. You do not have to be a Chamber of Commerce member to participate.



**Here are the details:**

**Where:** Event Tent

**When:** June 8, 12 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. (set up at 11 a.m.)

**What:** Display your wares for sale or display to the Harrisburg community and Harrisburg Days attendees.

To register, go to our website at [harrisburgsdchamber.com](http://harrisburgsdchamber.com). Click on the Harrisburg Days tab to find the online registration.



Come on out to the Harrisburg Days Car Show! Admission for viewing is free! To register your vehicle for the event, visit [HarrisburgDays.com](http://HarrisburgDays.com) Registration is FREE until May 9th with 12 different classes, People's Choice, Sponsor's Choice and BEST IN SHOW!



**Mark your calendars!**

Thursday, June 6th, 2019 – Sunday, June 9th, 2019

We are gearing up for Harrisburg Days 2019 and have several great events planned. Make plans to join in the fun!

**Thursday, June 6**

6:00pm – 10:00pm ..... Carnival Preview Night

**Friday, June 7**

- 5:00pm – 10:00pm ..... Carnival
- 5:00pm – 11:30pm ..... Food Vendors Open
- 5:00pm – 11:30pm ..... Beer Garden Open
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm ..... Little Miss Harrisburg Days Talent Show (Optional)
- 7:15pm – 8:30pm ..... Little Miss Harrisburg Days Pageant
- 8:30pm – 11:30pm ..... FREE Concert – Undercover Band (Sponsored by Showplace)

**Saturday, June 8**

- 7:00am – 10:30am ..... Walk Run Race for Their Lives! South Middle School
- 11:00am – 12:00 noon ..... Community Parade
- 12:00pm – 3:45pm ..... Craft Show/Vendor Fair
- 11:00am – 11:30pm ..... Food Vendors Open
- 12:00pm – 11:30pm ..... Beer Garden Open
- 12:00 noon – 3:30pm ..... Car Show
- 12:00 noon – 5:30pm Session ..... Carnival
- 5:30pm – 11:00pm Session ..... Carnival
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm ..... Legion BINGO (Food & Drink 11am-3pm)
- 1:30pm – 4:00pm ..... Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
- 4:00pm Days ..... All School Reunion Harrisburg Event Grounds Tent
- 8:30pm – 11:30pm Band ..... FREE Concert – The Johnny Holm Band

**Sunday, June 10**

- 10:00am – 1:00pm ..... Community Pancake Feed  
Chris's Cakes – fun & great food!  
Liberty Elementary, \$5.00/per person  
Profits benefiting the local Lions Club
- 1:30pm – 3:00pm ..... Kids Fishing Derby  
Lake Alvin Recreation Area

Visit [harrisburgdays.com](http://harrisburgdays.com) or @harrisburgdays on Facebook for all event information!



## Annual City-Wide Rummage Sales

The annual Harrisburg Rummage Sales will be held May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. To register your rummage or to view and search all rummage sale listings, visit [www.harrisburgdays.com](http://www.harrisburgdays.com)

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[www.pulsedanceteams.com](http://www.pulsedanceteams.com)  
 108 W. Willow Suite C  
 Harrisburg, SD 57032

# JOIN US

for a **CAR HOP**

**MAY 5, 2019**  
**5:00-7:00pm**

BURGERS | HOT DOGS  
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**Harrisburg United Methodist Church**  
 204 Grand Ave | Harrisburg  
 Cost: Free Will Donation

**Hosted by: Harrisburg United Methodist Youth Groups**



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**605-310-7548 | [angel@hegg.com](mailto:angel@hegg.com)**





## Spring Code Enforcement Season Has Arrived!

MICHAEL MCMAHON | PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Spring has finally arrived and it is time for everyone to clean up their property from the ravages of a long, snowy winter. As part of our patrol activity this spring, we will be enforcing the provisions of our nuisance regulations. We will be issuing violation notices for such things as:

- inoperable or unlicensed vehicles,
- vehicle parts (including tires),
- building materials,
- garbage,
- discarded appliances or furniture,
- parking on lawns in front of or beside homes,
- campers, boats, or trailers parked on City streets for more than 48 hours,
- campers and other vehicles obstructing sidewalks,
- unfenced swimming pools, and
- property maintenance violations such as peeling paint and damaged trim or siding.

This is all done to keep people safe and keep our City looking good!

Also as a reminder, our neighborhood parks are open from dawn until dusk and no alcoholic beverages are allowed. Enjoy your spring and summer and stay safe!!

## Harrisburg Park Board Improving Community

With the spring season upon us, two things are commonly heard – the sounds of birds singing and children playing. With the change of season, the Harrisburg Park Board continues its work to improve the quality of life of community residents and visitors by expanding the amenities offered by the City’s park system.

One of the Park Board’s critical functions is to recommend to the City Council which park improvement projects should be funded. The Park Board has been working for several years to add American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant swings and other accessible equipment to the playgrounds in all of our parks. The Park Board has made it a priority to remove barriers to accessibility for park users.

The Park Board is currently working on a project to add a sensory wall to Lion’s Park this year. Sensory activities facilitate exploration and naturally encourage children to use scientific processes while they play, create, investigate and explore. The Park Board is also soliciting quotes to build the long-awaited picnic shelter in Lion’s Park as soon as possible this summer.

The Park Board’s efforts to expand and improve the City’s trail system will make great strides this year. The South Dakota Department of Transportation has awarded bids on the South Dakota Highway 115 project, which includes a paved ten-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian trail on the east side of the new highway from the Willow Street corner north three miles to Sioux Falls, where it will connect to our neighboring City’s trail system. The Park Board led efforts to obtain a grant from SDDOT to pay for the majority of the costs for this new trail. Also, bids will let shortly by SDDOT to build a paved ten-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian trail on the north side of Willow Street from Liberty Elementary School to the High School entrance. The Park Board was also successful in obtaining a grant from SDDOT to pay a significant portion of the costs of this trail. Both of these new trails will provide a safe, fully accessible space for trail users that is separated from traffic on the adjacent street.

The Park Board welcomes suggestions for new park projects and for improvements to current park amenities. The Park Board can be contacted by e-mail at [parcs@harrisburgsd.gov](mailto:parcs@harrisburgsd.gov), by mail at PO Box 26 Harrisburg, SD 57032, or by phone at (605) 767-5011. Also please visit the Parks and Rec Department page of the City’s web site. If you would like to get involved in the efforts of the Park Board, please submit a letter of interest to become a Board member! This is a great way to become more involved in improving our City and there is a vacancy on the Board that needs to be filled.

Visit a City Park or take a walk on a trail today!

## Peddlers & Solicitors

It’s that time of year... To see a list of peddlers with an active peddlers license and the relevant ordinances, go to the City website at [www.harrisburgsd.gov](http://www.harrisburgsd.gov). You do have the right to request to see someone’s peddler’s license! No peddler shall peddle door to door between the hours of 8:00 pm and 9:00 am the following morning, except by specific appointment with or invitation from the prospective customer.



The Easter Eggstravaganza held in the Harrisburg High School Gymnasium was a hopping good time for all involved!

## Chamber of Commerce Easter Eggstravaganza: a Huge Success!

Wow! The Easter Eggstravaganza was the place to be last Saturday! The non-scientific pencil head count had participation at 428 kids—that's more than a 10% increase over last year's attendance.

Everyone enjoyed the DJ, the bouncy house inflatables, pictures with the Easter Bunny and, of course, the candy and prize hunt! You've never seen kids move so quickly to pick stuff up.

During the event, the Chamber gave away two of the following in each of five age groups.

Bikes, donated by All Season's Property Maintenance

HarrisBucks, donated by Hy-Vee (57<sup>th</sup> & Cliff location)

Air Madness certificates, donated by Air Madness

Subway free sub certificates, donated by Subway

Thank you to all of our members who donated services, candy, trinkets, food certificates and other goodies for the kids:

Lynn Marie Photography

The Rose Meadow

Neighborhood Dental

Wermerson Orthodontics

Dakota Entertainment

Monsanto

Jim Dunham & Associates

J Wahl Home Inspection

Security National Bank of SD

Harrisburg United Methodist Church

All Season's Property Maintenance

Ace Hardware

Fareway

Harrisburg High School

City of Harrisburg

St. John Paul II Catholic Church

Big J's Roadhouse

Janus Home Solutions

Thank you to the Harrisburg community for supporting Chamber events and for your support of our members!

### TRACK & FIELD HARRISBURG YOUTH K-5 Track & Field FUN NIGHTS

Three nights of FUN introducing elementary kids to the sport of Track and Field

**DATES:** April 25th, May 2nd, May 9th

**COST:** \$15 for all three nights

(Price includes a Harrisburg Track T-Shirt)

(Attend 1 or all 3 nights)

Harrisburg High School Athletes and Coaches will run the events.

**LOCATION:** HHS High School Stadium

(Moved into the HS GYM in case of Rain)

**SignUp:** 5:30 to 6:00 the day of the event.

Email Coach Kroger with any questions: Kevin.kroger@k12.sd.us

**SCHEDULE**

6:00 to 6:15: Warm up with High School Track Athletes

6:15 to 6:30: K-1: 50m 2-3: Softball Throw 4-5: Running Long Jump

6:30 to 6:45: K-1: Softball Throw 2-3: Standing Long Jump 4-5: 100m

6:45 to 7:00: K-1: Standing Long Jump. 2-3: 50m 4-5: Softball Throw



Is there a blue corduroy jacket hanging in a closet at your house collecting dust? Donate it to your local FFA chapter for current members to use. Other items of officials dress can also be donated; black pants, black knee length skirts, black shoes, and white button up shirts. Items can be dropped off in the High School Office or you can contact Todd Marks (todd.marks@k12.sd.us) or Tara Fastert (tara.fastert@k12.sd.us).

### This rapidly growing school district is getting a significant upgrade

Stanley High School in Stanley, ND is improving their security, creating more classrooms, updating their locker rooms, and adding new offices and multi-purpose physical education rooms.



"You hear all the time about schools that have great facilities. To be getting one, designed in a way that's best for our kids, you don't get that opportunity every day." —Bob Bartz, Physical Education Teacher

Would you like to volunteer at Old MacDonald's Farm during the Sioux Empire Fair, August 2-10, 2019? Old MacDonald's Farm is run by the Harrisburg FFA. If you would like more information please contact Tara Fastert at tara.fastert@k12sd.us.



www.eapc.net | 605.444.1600 | Sioux Falls

2019 Harrisburg Athletic Summer Camps							
Sport	Level	Date	Time	Cost	Location	Payment Info	Reg. Due
1. Click on link <a href="https://forms.gle/zv1uSFUUbviQ5Ng8">https://forms.gle/zv1uSFUUbviQ5Ng8</a> 2. Fill out the entire Google Form							
3. You need to fill out the form separately for each kid. 4. All payments are due at the first day of each camp							
5. All forms must be submitted by the due date to receive camp apparel.							
MS Champions Program	NMS	June 3rd - July 25th		\$125	NMS	Harrisburg Champions Program	May 17
	SMS	June 3rd - July 25th		\$125	HS	Harrisburg Champions Program	
	High School Champions Program						
	See Attached Flyer.						
	Middle School Champions Program						
strength/conditioning program designed to teach the fundamentals of lifting, proper running mechanics, and build the base to become an explosive athlete							no workouts
July 1st - 4th							
NMS Pre-Test June 3rd Post Test July 24th M & W 3 time slots 7:30-9:00am 8:30 - 10:00am or 9:30 - 11:00am							
SMS @ HS Pre-Test June 4th Post Test July 25th T & Th 2 Time Slots 7:30-9:00am 8:30 - 10:00am							
Boys Basketball	HS	Month of June/July	Check Notes		HS/SMS	Information will be handed out by Langerock	TBD
	MS 3/3 League, 7th/8th	June 12-13-19-20-26-27	11:00-12:30	\$50	High School	1st day of league.	Date of camp
	3rd-4th	October: ToBeDetermined	Evenings/after school	\$40	High School	Info shared in the fall, 2 day camps at the High School	Date of camp
	5th-6th	October: ToBeDetermined	Evenings/after school	\$40	High School	Info shared in the fall, 2 day camps at the High School	Date of camp
	K-2 camp	October: ToBeDetermined	After school	\$20	Site Elementary	Info shared in the fall, 1 day camps at each building	Day of camp
Email Scott.Langerock@k12.sd.us with any questions							
Boys Soccer	HS & MS (3v3)	July 10-12	11am-1pm	\$35	High School	Checks to: Harrisburg Boys Soccer	May 17
	K-6th	July 10-12	9am-11am	\$40	High School	Checks to: Harrisburg Boys Soccer	
	Email amberbriden@gmail.com with any questions						
Cheer/Dance	Youth: K-5th	September 14	9am-10:30am	\$35	HHS	checks to: Tiger Nation	September 6
	HS: Stunt Camp	June 4-7	11am-1pm	\$20	Dakota Spirit	checks to: HHS Cheer	NA
	HS: Choreography	July 9-11	9am-noon	-	Dakota Spirit	-	-
	K-2 Dance Camp	June 13th	9:00am - 12:00pm	\$30	NMS	Checks to: Harrisburg Dance	May 17
	3-5 Dance Cm	June 13th	1:00pm - 4:00pm	\$30	NMS	Checks to: Harrisburg Dance	May 17
Cheer email Eve.Langerock@k12.sd.us with any questions Dance email Melissa.Fikse@k12.sd.us with any questions							
Football	All HS	Tuesdays and Thursdays June 4th thru July 30th	5:30pm - 7:30pm	\$60	HS	Checks to Harrisburg Football	May 17
	MS	July 29th-30th	10:30am - 12:00pm	\$50	HS turf		
	Elem	September 13th	Evening before Tiger bowl		HS Turf	Tiger Nation	Fall
Please bring football cleats and wear athletic appropriate clothing. Questions Email Brandon.White@k12.sd.us							
Girl's Basketball	MS 3 on 3 league	July 8,9,15,16,22,23,29,30	1-3pm	\$25	Liberty	Checks can be turned in first day of league	May 17
	3rd-4th	May 30, 31	8-10	\$40	SMS	Checks payable to Harrisburg Girls Basketball	
	5th-6th	May 30, 31	10-12	\$40	SMS	Checks payable to Harrisburg Girls Basketball	
	7th-8th	May 30, 31	12-2	\$40	SMS	Checks payable to Harrisburg Girls Basketball	
	K-2nd	offered in fall					
Email Nick.Mayer@k12.sd.us with any questions							
Girls Soccer	HS	July 22nd-25th	6:30-9:00am	\$80	HHS Stadium(Turf)	Checks to Harrisburg Girls Soccer	May 17
	MS	July 22nd-25th	9:30-11:30am	\$80	HHS Stadium(Turf)	Checks to Harrisburg Girls Soccer	
	K-5	July 22nd & 23rd	12:30-2:00	\$30	HHS Stadium(Turf)	Checks to Harrisburg Girls Soccer	
	K-5-Player of Game Camp (Adaptive Soccer)	July 27th	10:00-11:30am	\$20	Horizon Gym	Checks to Harrisburg Girls Soccer	
	6-12-Player of Game Camp (Adaptive Soccer)	July 27th	12:00-1:30pm	\$20	Horizon Gym	Checks to Harrisburg Girls Soccer	
Please bring soccer cleats, shin guards, water bottle and athletic appropriate clothing. Questions Email: Desiree.Parmenter@k12.sd.us							
Gymnastics	HS	June 3-7	8:00-4:00	\$200	WINGS	Make Checks to HHS Gymnastics	May 17
	Level 6-10	June 3-7	8:00-4:00	\$200	WINGS	Make Checks to HHS Gymnastics	May 17
email Coach Hovda with any questions stephanie.hovda@k12.sd.us							
Tennis	HS	June 13-14	1:30-3:30	\$40	HHS	Make Check to HHS Tennis	May 17
	MS	June 13-14	11:30-1:00	\$40	HHS	Make Check to HHS Tennis	
	5th-6th	June 13-14	10:00-11:15	\$40	HHS	Make Check to HHS Tennis	
	2nd-4th	June 13-14	9:00-10:00	\$40	HHS	Make Check to HHS Tennis	
Email Matthew.Termansen@k12.sd.us with any questions							
Volleyball	HS	HS June 3-5 and 2nd-8th grade June 10-12	8:00am - 6:00 pm	\$225	HHS	Check to HHS VB by May 1st	May 17
	8th		10:00-12:00	\$75	SMS	Checks to Harrisburg Volleyball	
	7th		10:00-12:00	\$75	LIBERTY	Checks to Harrisburg Volleyball	
	6th		10:00-12:00	\$75	FREEDOM	Checks to Harrisburg Volleyball	
	5th		8:00-10:00	\$75	SMS	Checks to Harrisburg Volleyball	
	4th		8:00-10:00	\$75	LIBERTY	Checks to Harrisburg Volleyball	
	2nd-3rd		8:00-10:00	\$75	FREEDOM	Checks to Harrisburg Volleyball	
Knee pads are recommended but not mandatory. T-shirt and shorts along with tennis shoes. Email Ronette.Constain@k12.sd.us with any questions							
Wrestling	6th-8th graders	June 17-19	12:30-2:30	\$25	HHS Wrestling Room	Checks to Harrisburg Wrestling	May 17
	3rd-5th graders		3:00-4:30	\$20	HHS Wrestling Room	Checks to Harrisburg Wrestling	May 17
	K-2nd graders		5:00-6:00	\$15	HHS Wrestling Room	Checks to Harrisburg Wrestling	May 17
	Varsity/JV Helpers		Schedule with Coach Andre	\$0	HHS Wrestling Room	No Payment	May 17
Contact Chris.Andre@k12.sd.us with any questions							

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## Children, Connection, & Creative Writing

AVA SERFLING BENNETT



In a touching lesson on learning, Harrisburg High School Creative Writing students have paired up with local elementary students to connect over pen pal letters. The project aimed at "making learning real" was spearheaded by high school English teacher, Kaye DesLauriers, and her sister, Ellen Weber, first grade teacher at Journey Elementary. Students exchanged letters on a regular basis between the two classes. Lauren Williams is a member of the Creative Writing class and describes the contents of the fun letters, saying, "We typically write about our favorite things (foods, colors, animals, and ice-cream). We also talk about our lives, like our siblings, friends, and pets." After multiple communications back and forth on favorites and daily routines, both groups were ready to interact and meet their

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## Birdies on the Course

AVERY DAMRON



With the girls' golf season just beginning, many must wonder how it will play out. The head coach, Kali Gottsleben, who is also a teacher at Freedom Elementary, expanded on the hardest tasks and major responsibilities that she experiences as a leader of her team: "As a coach, one of the biggest struggles is watching your girls not shoot as low as they'd like at a tournament when they've put so much work towards their golf game at practice and on their own. While this teaches the girls humility, it can be difficult to watch, but that's why we show up the next day at practice ready to work hard and fix our mistakes from the day before!" The main goals of the season include the following: have fun, work hard,

and reach the state championship. There are ten girls that participate on this year's team; last year just six competed. One of them, Reese Jansa, a freshman varsity player for the sports team, explained her biggest inspiration for the sport. She stated, "My biggest inspiration for the sport is either my mom or dad because they show me how to be a great player towards others, while also learning the importance of the game and

still having fun." The girls' first tournament took place at Spring Creek Golf Course in Harrisburg on Thursday, April 18th; the State AA Golf Tournament will take place at Cattail Crossing Golf Course in Watertown, June 3rd-4th. With willpower, a big swing, and a boost of confidence, this season is sure to be one worth remembering.

Above: Nori Batoon and Journey learners Jonah and Haley meeting each other in person during a recent Creative Writing Pen Pal field trip.

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MEGAN KLUDT AND ALINA KRONE-HEDMAN

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Our goal is to collect 10,000 pairs of shoes to help create jobs in developing nations. If we reach our goal, Soles4Souls will work with a local non-profit agency to provide new shoes to people in need in South Dakota. Shoes will be collected until August 1, 2019.

Statistics show that on average people in the United States throw away 70 lbs. of textiles per year. Only 15% is said to be donated or recycled. It's also estimated that 1.5 billion shoes lay idle in American closets. Put your new or gently used shoes of any kind to good use and help create real economic change in developing nations.

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Sanford Canton-Inwood Clinic (sponsored by Beaver Creek Livestock 4-H Club)

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corresponding pal; therefore, a field trip was planned for the high schoolers to visit Journey Elementary as an opportunity to make the connection on words become real.

On the field trip itself, the high school students spent their block period with the first grade class at Journey finally meeting their pen pals after weeks of anticipation. Since writing letters is a very limited glimpse into the personality of a young mind, interactive activities expanded the connection that students developed with their pen pals. Lauren detailed the day by reflecting on the activities the pairs did during their time together in the classroom "First, we answered some icebreaker questions about ourselves and our favorite activities. Then, we made acrostic poems with our names. My pen pal Sydney and I struggled to find words that she felt were fitting for both of her 'y's. After we read a few books, we returned to the high school." No age is exempt from some whole-hearted fun, and every student involved enjoyed the unique unit and its exciting finale with a powerful message behind simple letters. The first grade class grew in their writing skills and communication abilities while the high schoolers were pushed to become role models for young students and find creative ways to create dynamic conversation. Mrs. DesLauriers summarized the endearing experiment in education by emphasizing, "There is incredible value in making learning real in our classrooms."

## See Something, Say Something

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## HHS Senior Takes Gold at National Competition

Harrisburg High School student taking Welding at CTE Student, Senior Makenzie Voss took Gold on Monday, April 15, 2019, at South Dakota SkillsUSA. She beat out 23 of the best welders in the state. She will be representing South Dakota at the National SkillsUSA Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Makenzie has continued her training at CTE Academy in Sioux Falls. In two semesters accomplished her goal of learning to become a welder. Her prizes included are several hundred dollars of safety gear from Lincoln Electric and Miller. She also was awarded a Full Ride Build Dakota Scholarship to the South Dakota School of her choice for Welding. She plans to use that scholarship at Lake Area Tech in Watertown, SD.




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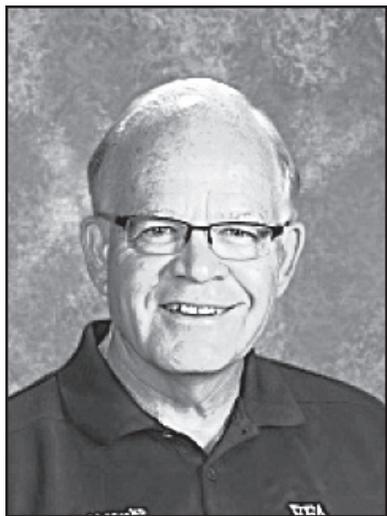
# Harrisburg High Says Goodbye

## Longtime HHS Teachers to Retire

MADELINE GRABOW



Harrisburg High School will experience two notable retirements at the end of this school year. These two teachers, Mr. Todd Marks and Mrs. Elizabeth Gould, are known for their feats in FFA and choir, respectively. Throughout their time at HHS, both individuals have created lasting impacts on their students and the legacy of their teaching will endure long after their retirements. While Mr. Marks has spent 37 years in the Harrisburg School District, Mrs. Gould has been here for 17 years. Throughout their time here, the two have seen many changes go on throughout the district. They could both agree on one change as



the most prominent: the growth. Mr. Marks detailed, "Increase in enrollment allows me to work with a greater number of students and to meet more families. The main drawback is just the



opposite, though, as I don't get the opportunity to meet most of the students that pass through the halls."

Mr. Marks reflected on his favorite moments from his career as a high

school teacher. He shared two favorite memories: coaching two FFA Parliamentary Procedure teams who placed in the top 10 nationally and assuming the role of assistant coach on all four of the state football championship teams. Helping students step out of their comfort zone to try something new and then witnessing as they develop a passion for it became his favorite part of teaching. After retirement, Mr. Marks will continue as an active member in the community by participating in the Harrisburg Community Fire Department; he also wishes to expand his model train hobby and spend time with his father and brothers in North Carolina and Tennessee.

The most impactful moments for Mrs. Gould involved the three

times her students qualified for Carnegie Hall and performing there twice; she has always loved witnessing her students make steady progress and have "aha" moments after hours of hard work. Mrs. Gould detailed a list for her plans after retirement, which includes, but is not limited to, the following: spending time with her family, traveling, downsizing, and learning new skills. Additionally, she emphasized that she was definitely looking forward to mowing her lawn, her favorite pastime.

The students and staff of Harrisburg High School will deeply miss Mr. Marks and Mrs. Gould and remember their lasting impacts they made on FFA and choir, respectively.



**Congratulations Betsy Atwood, SMS Counselor**  
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## HHS Teacher Receives Daktronics Outstanding Mathematics Teacher Award



"It's my favorite aspect of teaching," Keppen said. "Getting to work with the kids and figure out how they best learn and what lights a fire in their brain. We figure out together what makes them want to learn and discover new things."

"We set high expectations for the students," Keppen explained. "As teachers, we always look for new and better ways to do things. You spend a lot of hours, early mornings and late afternoons, to be as involved as you can. I keep learning and growing myself, so I can model that ideal."

Every year, Daktronics recognizes an educator who is excelling in the field of mathematics. This year's recipient of the Daktronics Outstanding Mathematics Teacher Award is Mrs. Katie Keppen of the Harrisburg (South Dakota) School District.

Keppen has been a math teacher for 15 years and is a leader in implementing customized learning into her classroom. This allows her students to have an individualized learning experience throughout their mathematics education. Keppen meets with each student to set goals that work with their distinct needs and allow them to master the class content.

Keppen finds inspiration from her students' success. Feedback from parents and students makes an impact on her and pushes her to always strive for excellence.

Zach Schulte, a former student of Keppen's, discussed his experience in her classroom.

"Her teaching style helped prepare me for the class structure and content of college mathematics courses," Schulte explained. "Mrs. Keppen held students accountable for work and gave them all the necessary tools to succeed, regardless of their career choice. She is an adaptive, knowledgeable, and compassionate teacher who seeks nothing more than to see her students succeed."



## HHS Science Teacher Selected by NASA

The NASA South Dakota Space Grant Consortium has selected Mr. Benjamin DeNeui, physics teacher at Harrisburg High School, to participate in its 2019 RET Fellowship Program. Mr. DeNeui will spend eight weeks working under the mentorship of Dr. Drew Alton, Associate Professor of Physics at Augustana University, researching high energy particle physics and dark matter detection. Only two high school teachers were selected to participate in this program during the summer of 2019, with the focus being application of the research experience back into the high school classroom. Congratulations, Mr. DeNeui – we are #TigerProud!

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**Tiger Team of the Month**

ISABELLA MUTSCHELKNAUS



The Teacher of The Year and the Classified Staff Member of The Year Awards are tremendous honors to the staff of the Harrisburg District; these awards are given to decidedly respected staff members that provide high standards for their students and don't let them give up even when they are overcoming challenges. The recipients include staff members with distinguished amounts of integrity, who share real-life skills with the students with whom they surround themselves. This year, the two staff members that won these awards include Heather Link, a secretary at the North Middle School, and Amanda Harris, a fourth-grade teacher at Endeavor Elementary School.

**Mrs. Heather Link** has been working in the Harrisburg School District for seven

years, specifically the North Middle School for six years as the secretary. She is a fun, carefree, and overall caring staff member, making sure to help any student, colleague, or parent that comes through the office saying, "My favorite part of my day is when students pop in to chat. Mostly because they say the most random things!" She appreciates the small gestures from everyone throughout the day. Some of her favorite memories of working in the Harrisburg District include the following: "When members of the Tiger Family come in and share their lives and experiences with me as well as providing me with sweet treats that never allow me to go on diets." Mrs. Link consistently puts an abundance of energy into her job, and for that, the Harrisburg School District has awarded her for all the hard work and dedication that she continues to put into her position.

**Mrs. Amanda Harris** has been working

as a fourth-grade teacher for the Harrisburg School District for six years now. Amanda is involved in more than just teaching, making sure that she can help out in her building as much as she can. She has a true passion for assisting all of her students, while also making goals for herself. "I will continue to push my comfort zone and make sure that each one of my students will leave my classroom feeling heard, cared for, and more successful than when they entered." Supporting each and every one of her students as well as helping them to better their education are only two of the many reasons that Amanda Harris was awarded with this prestigious honor.

Both of these staff members have helped and encouraged learning for the young minds of the district's Tiger Family, and we thank them for everything that they have done for this district.

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Field Trip #1 **Art, Science, History, and Space**

Spend the day in downtown Sioux Falls exploring the Washington Pavilion and Old Courthouse Museum. Learners will also experience the StarLab and a scavenger hunt!

Field Trip #2 **Agricultural Awareness**

Tour Stensland Farm, a local dairy operation, to see how they make their milk, cheese, and ice cream! Learners will then head to the Landscape Garden Center to see their greenhouse in action.

**Important Notes**

Bring sack lunch, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, our maroon Freedom t-shirt, and money for souvenirs (optional)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

**Freedom Choice-Based Field Trips**

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Field Trip #3 **History Comes Alive**

Hop on a bus to Mitchell to experience the Pre-Historic Indian Village to learn more about our Native Americans and the Dakota Discovery Museum to experience life on the prairie.



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# Harrisburg FFA Rocks 2019 State Convention!

TODD MARKS, FFA ADVISOR

April 7-9 found many members of the Harrisburg FFA Chapter on the campus of SDSU for the 2019 State FFA Convention. Students attended leadership workshops, worked on community service projects, listened to motivational speakers, and participated in the State CDE's and other award programs. The rest of the state knew Harrisburg was there as we had one of the most successful state conventions in program history! On Sunday evening, six Harrisburg members were recognized for their hard work outside of school by receiving state Proficiency awards. Three of these members placed first in the state and their applications will advance for national consideration. Those members are Kacey Lias in Small Animal Production and Care, Avery Alverado in Specialty Animal Production, and MaKenzie Voss in Agricultural Sales. Placing second in the state were Ben Olson in Nursery Operations and Kayla Smeenk in Equine Science Entrepreneurship. Mitchell Healy received third place honors in Agricultural Sales. On Monday, nine Harrisburg members were honored with the State FFA Degree, the highest level of membership a member can receive from their state association. Avery Alverado, Mitchell Healy, Jackson Klemme, Grant Koerner, Kacey Lias, Mikayla Oleson, Parker Poppe, Kayla Smeenk, and Kaiah Willard. Two of these members

received additional honors as they competed in the State Star Award Program. State FFA Stars are selected from the members receiving their State FFA Degree and top four Stars are selected in each of four different categories. Harrisburg was honored to have two State Star Finalists this year. Kayla Smeenk was a Star Finalist in Agribusiness and Mitchell Healy was a Star Finalist in Agricultural Placement. The four Stars are interviewed on Sunday of the convention and the overall winner in each category is announced on Monday evening. The finalists receive a plaque and \$75 from the State FFA Association and the State Star winner receives another plaque and \$300 in prize money. Kayla was recognized as a finalists and Mitchell Healy was named the 2019 State Star in Ag. Placement! Having two Star finalists from the same chapter in one year is a huge accomplishment and we are incredibly proud of both of you! Kayla Smeenk was also awarded two FFA scholarships at the convention. Kayla is the recipient of the Mary Hanson Scholarship and the FFA Blue and Gold Scholarship. Each scholarship is \$750 each and will be available to her for her second semester at SDSU. Tuesday morning brought the results ceremony for the state CDE's which took place on Sunday and Monday. Harrisburg had nine teams entered this year and we had outstanding results! Two of our CDE teams were

named State Champions and will represent South Dakota at the National FFA Convention in October. The Milk Quality team won first place and all four members of the team placed in the top 10 individuals! Tiegen Niemeyer placed 2nd, Dylan Klenk 5th, Daniel Willems 6th, and Luke Hohweiler 9th. Our Nursery/Landscape team also placed first with Graham Schaeffer being the top individual in the state! Stihl Corporation is a national sponsor of this event and presented Graham with a chainsaw as the prize for the number one individual. Madison Stucky placed 5th, Tucker Seamer 8th and Mikayla Kolbeck finished 17th. The Meats Evaluation CDE team placed 2nd in the state earning runner-up honors. Mitchell Healy placed 4th, Ben Loos 10th, Kyler Slama 11th and Braxton Boer 14th. The Harrisburg Veterinary Science team also finished very well placing 4th in the state competition. Individuals in Vet Science receiving individual honors were Avery Alvarado placing 4th, Kayla Smeenk 11th, and Isabel Roth 27th. Congrats and thanks to all the Harrisburg FFA members attending the convention. You worked hard, acted professionally and represent HHS well. Thanks also to all of the parents who attended the convention and all FFA parents should be very proud of their sons and daughters.



**Mitchell Healy Star in Agricultural Placement: (L to R) Mitchell's parents, Larry and Kristi Healy, Mitchell Healy, Award Sponsors, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Streff**



**Kayla Smeenk, Star in Agribusiness (L to R) Ryon Smeenk, Kayla Smeenk, Sharon Smeenk)**



**Nursery/Landscape CDE team: (L to R) Advisor; Mr. Todd Marks, Graham Schaeffer, Madison Stucky, Mikayla Kolbeck, Tucker Seamer, CDE Sponsor, Stihl Corporation**



**Milk Quality CDE Team: (L to R) Milk Quality CDE Chair; Howard Bonneman, SDSU. Tiegen Niemeyer, Luke Hohweiler, Dylan Klenk, Daniel Willems.**

## FFA: Need to Grow? Need to Go!

STORM KING



Many students at Harrisburg High have pondered the question of whether or not to involve themselves in FFA. To find the answer, it is best to find someone involved. The natural person to ask is Harrisburg High School's Mr. Todd Marks, a notable leader of the group for 39 years. One notable question he gets asked year after year: What is FFA?

To explain, Mr. Marks first clarifies the name. While often called Future Farmers of America, the group was renamed as "The National FFA Organization" in 1988. Mr. Marks described the organization as "the Leadership Association of Agricultural Students." In his own words, this group "promotes careers in agriculture, leadership development, and community service through a wide range of opportunities, conferences and conventions, competitive events, and service projects."

These activities take different forms; they are either Career Development Events (CDE's) or Leadership Development Events (LDE's). CDE's include landscaping, agricultural mechanics, and a bevy of animal

related ventures. LDE's take a different stance, focusing on public speaking, parliamentary procedure, and agricultural communications. Described by Mr. Marks as competitive activities to enhance leadership skills and other abilities, these events also give hands-on experience of different career opportunities related to agriculture.

This collection of activities may appear overwhelming to the curious student; in turn, a good source of information comes from newly-elected FFA president, junior Tucker Seamer. Tucker has participated in FFA since 7th grade and has spent time in multiple CDE's and LDE's. The junior has been on several state teams, including activities from land judging to both junior and senior parliamentary procedures. With his time there, Tucker feels that he has learned about himself and developed skills he would have never been exposed to if he left the group untouched. Not only will members gain valuable physical, teamwork, and leadership experience, but they also will find new opportunities and pathways, as well. After all, FFA's motto is "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve."

## Marching to Make Improvements

MORGAN DEBULTEN



As the next season comes along in marching band, auditions have made students anxious for what is to come. Due to time constraints, auditions have never crossed Mr. Groom's thoughts in the past. Auditions allow the band instructors to see everyone's talent, but unfortunately, spots are limited. There are more parts than just playing an instrument, however; color guard plays another factor as students spin vibrant flags. With new kids every year, everyone has their own strengths and weaknesses, which explains why there are no ideal images of the "perfect marching band team." Strategies such as a balanced instrumentation or positive attitudes help get fine-tune routines and improve performances.

For those involved, marching band provides a variety of meaningful encounters. A passionate junior saxophone, Kiana Sauer, explains this as she shares her favorite experience: "Last year, my favorite part of

the season was the Minneapolis trip. It was truly an incredible experience to march on the Vikings' US Bank Stadium." Mr. Groom, the HHS band director, adds to this by saying, "I am always impressed by the work ethic of marching band members." Though marching band generates positive learning experiences, those do not come without challenges. Mr. Groom explains, "We have another strong group of seniors graduating this

year, so as a staff, we need to make sure we are also preparing younger students to fill those leadership roles in the future." With a new theme and more people, Mr. Groom and the marching band students look forward to the next season.

# The HHS Spring Play: A "Sher"-fire Hit

TRINITY PETERSEN



The HHS 2019 spring production, Sherlock Holmes: Baker Street Irregulars, was a huge hit for performers and viewers, alike. Mr. Michael Smith, the HHS drama teacher, directed this play and has been directing for the previous eleven years; throughout his time in this position, he has surely seen some aspect of every genre. This year, the play's genre involved a mystery about one a beloved sleuth. Smith stated, "I think the audience will be on the edge

of their seats seeing the action unfold."

Some of the cast also offered views about the production. As a senior with eight years of theater under her belt, Maddie McElroy decided that as well as acting, she would also costume, which she says has "been a really fun area to learn more about." Both Maddie and Evelyn Ducheneaux, a sophomore actress, agreed that one aspect of rehearsal was challenging: attempting a British accent. Maddie also said, "Some people's accents went Southern suddenly, or Irish, or

Australian..." Getting an accent correct is crucial to embodying a character in any capacity; however, for the talented students at HHS, their dedication and drive paid off to create an excellent performance.

Auditions were held in February, and rehearsals started immediately after casting; the play occurred on April 12th and 13th in the HHS Performing Arts Center. Both comedy and amusement that the audience found in the performance paid off for thirty-one days of the time and effort put into the production.

# The Harrisburg Trap Team Off to a Flying Start

JONAH DANCSISIN



With spring approaching, the Harrisburg Trap Shooting team kicked off the beginning of their third season. The trap team has 70 participants this year ranging from 6th grade through 12th grade. Due to tremendous growing interest, head coach Jordan Hefner says, "The biggest challenge while preparing for every season is budgeting. With our sport growing from 13 participants year 1 to 50 participants year 2 and now to 70 participants in year 3, we have growing expenses every year. Not knowing how many athletes we will have until two weeks before

practices start makes it even a little more difficult." Besides the challenges of planning for each season, Hefner also shares his goals: "My main goal for the is that everyone is safe and learns something. Whether an athlete comes to us with no experience or if they were a top shooter on our team last year, we would like to know that each week they are learning to make adjustments or that they are working to better their game." Hefner explained that he enjoys seeing the students make their own personal progress from year to year: "We have some athletes that are in their third year, and we have seen some of those kids going from shooting 6-8 targets out of 25 to shooting

in the mid 20's and some even achieving a perfect game (25 of 25 targets broken)."

The Harrisburg Trap Shooting team is run through the South Dakota State High School Clay Target League; the season spans 9 weeks from April 1st to the beginning of June, with the State tournament on June 8th and 9th in Aberdeen, SD. Last year, the Harrisburg Trap Shooting team received 3rd place in the novice division with 21 students competing at state. Even if students are on the fence about joining the team, they should just "give it a shot."

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# Project Based Learning @ Freedom

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Cohort B learners have been working on creating individualized projects. Learners get to choose a topic to research and then choose a way to present

a their understanding of that topic.

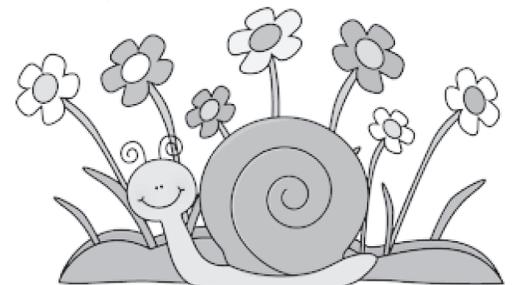
Mrs. Vyhlidal's social studies studio learned about what it means to be a producer, consumer, and entrepreneur of goods and services. Each learner had a task to create a good or service that would be sold in a vendor fair held here at Freedom. They had to create advertisements, organize a business space, and sell their good or service. It was a great turnout with 61 learners and a few facilitators attending the fair. Each entrepreneur made from \$17-\$90.

Mrs. Goedtke and Mr. Franken's reading studios took part in a Wax Museum. For the last couple of months the learners all worked hard on researching, creating a trifold display, writing

a research paper, and speech on a nonfiction topic of their choice. Many of them were in costumes, portraying well-known historical figures. Parents at Freedom were invited to attend the museum. In order for the wax figure to come to life, a coin had to be dropped in the learner's cup to activate the wax figure. Once activated, the wax figure would tell important information about themselves. It was a very fun and engaging project!

Mrs. Ramstad's social studies studio learned about immigration and diversity in the world. In collaboration with the tech integrationist Mr. Knips they used Google Maps to drop in on any place to look at the world around them.

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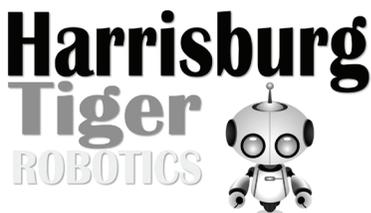
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## 7 Years of Robotics Excellence!



Harrisburg Hosted the 7th annual State VEX Robotics Tournament at Harrisburg High School February 23 2019, and Tiger Robotics seniors wrap up their final season with their best record to date. As one season ends its time to start gearing up for next season.

Another year of VEX robotics in South Dakota wrapped up on February 23 2019 during the State VEX Robotics Tournament hosted in Harrisburg South Dakota. The tournament was the culmination of an intense year of competitions across the state. 50 teams gathered for the state tournament and special guests the 501st Storm trooper Legion and their robot capped off a near perfect day, and another great season.

Your home town Tiger Robotics teams had an amazing season

with all of the 14 different Tiger Robotics teams making into the state tournament in their respective divisions. The Tigers also brought home two invitations to the World Robotics Tournament. There they will have the chance to represent SD and the United States against the best robots from around the world.

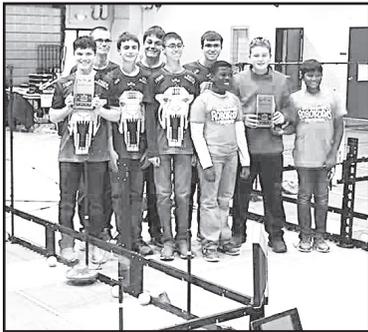
Now that the 2018-2019 season has come to a close it is time to thank those who make this possible and start planning ahead to next season.

Recruiting has already started for summer camps and for the 2019-2020 season. If you have a future 4th -7th grader looking to join robotics find fliers in your local Tiger Tuesday fliers area.

If you want more information about our program, membership, camps or sponsorships contact Tiger Robotics Director Chris Stewart - Christopher.stewart@k12.sd.us

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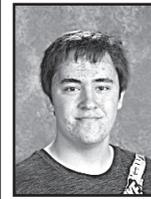


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# Graduation Inches Closer

## Change in Ceremony Venue a First for HHS

JACK DAVIS



Graduation for the 2018-2019 school year is right around the corner; this year, graduation has been moved to the Sioux Falls Arena. The ceremony, taking place on Sunday, May 19, at 1:00PM, will stay relatively similar to years past. High school principal, Mr. Rollinger explained, "The major change is going to be the venue. We have approximately 260 students participating in the ceremony this year, and we estimate that the crowd numbers will be more than our gym can legally hold. With the move to the Sioux Falls Arena, we will have plenty of space. The setup of the Arena is a bit different, but overall the ceremony will be very similar." Consequently, the total number of people anticipated to

attend is around 3,000, which is just over thirty-five percent of the available seating in the Arena, whereas that number far surpasses the available seating in the HHS Gymnasium. For future graduates of Harrisburg, the ceremony will continue in the SF Arena as long as there is a single high school. After this year, there will be other options for graduation as well, for example live streaming the event itself.

With the conclusion to the seniors' high school careers so close, many reflect on not just the knowledge they've learned here at HHS, but also the real-world skills they have gained to prepare for the world beyond the high school walls: self-motivation, time management, and collaboration, to name a few. Everyone at Harrisburg High school wishes all of the seniors the best of luck in their various future aspirations!

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# Training New Tigers at HHS

HANNAH ECKERT



With the end of the school year quickly approaching, staff at Harrisburg High School prepare to wrap up the current year and welcome next year's incoming freshmen. Incoming students face many challenges while transitioning into high school. Kelly Andrews, high school freshmen counselor, states, "I think one of the challenges incoming freshmen face as they transition to the high school is how they handle the freedom they are given." Teachers work on helping incoming students feel as comfortable as possible during their switch from middle school to high school. Staff at Harrisburg High have many strategies they utilize to help the incoming students make a comfortable switch; however, the students themselves play a big part in this process. Teachers encourage students to get involved with activities such as clubs, extra-curriculars, and

other organizations. Andrews explains, "We utilize our TAP program, mentor teachers, tutors, and classroom teachers to make connections with students in order to help them feel comfortable here at Harrisburg High School." She also notes the major difference between middle school and high school: maturity and creativity. With our district's two different pathways, traditional learning and customized learning, often times students struggle with choosing what one is best for their learning. Andrews says, "We also try our hardest to educate parents and learners on the learning pathways via large group meetings, videos, handouts, and individual meetings." Teachers always encourage students to do what is best for their learning; therefore, students are welcome to talk to teachers, counselors, and parents to find the most fitting option. Both Andrews and the high school staff enjoy preparing students succeed at Harrisburg High School.

# Explorer Learners Name Their Top Reads

This year, during their Library lessons, Explorer students read several books on the State children's book award nominee list. Voting was held during library classes at the end of March and the tally sent into the State Library. Winners were announced during national Library Week in April, they are:

Prairie Bud (K-1st) Madeline Finn and the library Dog by Lisa Papp

Runner up: Quit Calling Me A Monster by Jory John

Prairie Bloom (2nd-3rd): Best Prints In The Whole Universe by Antoinette Portis

Runner up: Great Pet Escape by Victoria Jamieson

Prairie Pasque (4th-5th): Step Right Up: How Doc And Jim Key Taught The World About Kindness by Donna Janell Bowman

Runner up : Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey Of A Mouse To The Moon. By Torben Kuhlmann

After reading one of the book award nominees, Nanobots by Chris Gall, kindergartners experimented with controlling a robot. Students used the Dot and Dash robots in the library to explore the features of the robots and some also used them with their classroom Reading Buddies.

So far this year Explorer students have checked out books over 16,000 times to read at home and in their classrooms from the Library!

# Liberty Students Learn About the "Magic of Recycling"

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On April 3, the students of Liberty Elementary participated in a presentation sponsored by the

City of Sioux Falls Waste Management. Students enjoyed a magic show in which they learned how to reduce, recycle, and reuse. Students enjoyed participating in several magic tricks to "make garbage disappear" and a skit about recycling. Liberty enjoyed this memorable experience and we look forward to sharing the knowledge gained with our families and friends.



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## HHS Debaters Prep for Nationals!

The Harrisburg HS debate team is busy prepping for nationals after a great season. Six members qualified including the public forum team of Kendall Larson and Carter Lucas, the World Schools debate team of Grace Anderson, Ryan Corcoran, and Braden Culp, and Tuba Ali in original oratory. The team will travel to Dallas, TX in June to compete against debaters from around the US.

Additionally, four HHS debaters placed at the South Dakota High School Activities Association state tournament. The team of Grace Anderson and Victoria O'Connor were semifinalists and Kendall Larson and Braden Culp were quarterfinalists.

The team had a strong season with a number of tournament champions. The team of Larson and Lucas placed first in the varsity public forum division at the Fargo Shanley tournament, with Anderson and O'Connor placing first in varsity public forum at the Sioux Falls Lincoln Silver Bowl. Anderson and O'Connor also finished as runners-up at the Yankton Lewis & Clark

Invitational. The novice public forum debate team of Madison Dick and Eli Schipper finished their season with a run of three first places at tournaments in Yankton, Huron, and Harrisburg. Also at the Huron tournament, Kaytlyn Hilligas and Braden Culp went 1-2 in student congress, and Ali placed first in varsity original oratory.

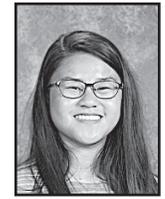
The debaters also earned additional accolades, with Carter Lucas receiving a Donus D Roberts senior award as one of the four public forum competitors recognized by their peers as a top debater in the state. The graduating seniors Lucas, Larson, and Culp were also awarded Academic All-American status by the National Speech and Debate Association. To receive the honor, students needed to have earned at least 750 competition merit points, completed at least 5 semesters of high school, demonstrated outstanding character and leadership, and earned a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.



HHS Debaters, including Tiger Alum!

## A Healthy Dose of Future Health Professionals

NORIANNE BATOON



During March 28th and 29th, the HOSA South Dakota State Leadership Conference took place at the Sanford

Pentagon, reserving two days for members to learn new skills through breakout sessions and tours, connect with health professionals in the area, and compete in the competitive events that they've been preparing for all year. This year, eighty-five HOSA members from Harrisburg High School attended the conference.

HOSA, previously known as Health Occupations Students of America, is an international student organization that aims to advance career opportunities in the ever-growing health care industry along with delivering quality care to everyone. The organization provides many leadership and volunteering opportunities for its members, allowing them to gain experience both in the workplace and in their communities.

At the HOSA State Conference, members competed in various events, ranging anywhere from forensic medicine to health education; not only can they compete in these events, but they can also participate in breakout sessions such as how to give injections, how to respond to mass casualties, or how to suture an injury. On the first night of the conference, students also attended a banquet where they listened to a guest speaker, while on the second night, they attended an awards ceremony where they presented the top three place winners for each competitive event. After placing in their respective events, members had the chance to attend the international leadership conference, which takes place this year in Orlando, Florida, to compete against students from all over the world.

Mackenzie Peterson, a senior and current president of Harrisburg HOSA, enjoys competing at the state conference. "It is always fun and rewarding to see your hard work pay off," she says. "Sometimes you would work on an event all year long until the state conference, and to see your project place high is exciting and fulfilling." Because she joined HOSA, Mackenzie received many opportunities to develop her leadership skills and shadow various professionals in the medical field.

Congratulations to Harrisburg HOSA for their hard work at the HOSA South Dakota State Leadership Conference!

## Educating Future Educators

BROOKLYN MULDER



Educators Rising is a newly found group at Harrisburg High School, aimed to involve students who aspire to pursue a degree in the education field. The group's mission is to "cultivate highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession." Mrs. Kern, a FACS teacher at Harrisburg High School, shares, "With the help from Dr. Amolins and Mr. Lape, we started Educators Rising this past fall; we have approximately eleven schools signed up for our first-ever Educators Rising State Meeting." As part of the Educators Rising network, students have the opportunity to learn about their future career, demonstrate their knowledge about the career, and compete in state and national competitions. Currently, HHS has twenty-seven members in the club but hopes that more students will join as the years progress. The program was only started this past fall, and as a result, South Dakota's newly affiliated schools opted not to partake in any competitions this year, but they do hope to host competitions next year at their

state meeting.

Through the years, over 2,400 schools have joined the Educators Rising network. This includes the 43,000 students that are signed up as future educators in the twenty-seven states that are affiliated with the program. Everyone affiliated with Educators Rising is a member of the National Coordinating Council of Career and Technical Student Organizations (NCC-CTSO). The Educators Rising Standards Committee created seven standards that "form the backbone for secondary-based 'grow your own' efforts across the country." In detail, the standards provide future educators with "hands-on-teaching experience to sustain their interest in the profession and help them cultivate the skills they need to be successful educators." Along with the seven standards, in January of 2017, Educators Rising released five micro-credentials, the micro-credentials are performance-based assessments where students demonstrate the development of skills, knowledge, and dispositions they learned while taking part of Educators Rising national program. The newfound group at Harrisburg High is eager to involve students who aspire to pursue a future career in education.

## Harrisburg FCCLA Wins Gold!

SD FCCLA/MRS. TRACY KERN, HARRISBURG FCCLA CHAPTER ADVISOR

Twenty-one members from the Harrisburg Family, Career, and Community Leadership of America (FCCLA) Chapter gathered with fellow members from across South Dakota. Over 1,400 members, advisers, and guests attended the FCCLA Leadership Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota held on March 31st – April 2nd. The theme was "Believe in Yourself," and the conference was a huge success. FCCLA members participated in workshops, competed in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events, ran for leadership positions, and met with other youth leaders at the Denny Sanford Convention Center/Sheraton Hotel. Members were also inspired by keynote speaker Ryan Moran, author, business owner, and entrepreneur, during the State Leadership Conference.

During the meeting, awards were distributed to members. Chapters also received recognition for their community service efforts and their advancements as leaders. Harrisburg High FCCLA was recognized for the following awards: Merit Chapter Award and National Outreach Team State Excellence Award. Kiana Sauer was selected to serve on the SD FCCLA Current Trends

Leadership Team as well as she was given a \$250 grant for her work on promoting nutrition and wellness to elementary children. In addition, Macie Coleman received first place during the talent show competition.

On the last day of the conference, STAR Event results were announced. Those individuals who received gold status on their events included Grace Star (Illustrated Talk), Izzy Roth and Jaime Hall (Chapter Service Project Portfolio), Allyson McMillian and Hannah Schroeder (Illustrated Talk), and Kiana Sauer (Focus on Children Display). The following students received silver status on their events: Alexis Burley (Illustrated Talk), Victoria Booth (Life Event Planning), Jaylie Van'tHul and Ainsely Plack (Illustrated Talk), and Ella Bergsmith (Illustrated Talk). Macie Coleman and Brooklyn Mulder received a bronze rating on their National Programs in Action event. Grace Star and Izzy Roth/Jaime Hall received the highest score in their event category and now will advance to Anaheim, California for the National FCCLA Leadership Conference from June 30 – July 4th.