

# *KnightsWriter*

## Track Outlook 2026

by Drake Ickler

Homer Head Track & Field Coach Mrs. Tiece Krause is looking forward to a great start of this track season. Track assistant coaches are Mr. Shawn Spurrell, Mr. Aaron Sasges, and Mr. Jakob Jerabek. Last year the girls were L & C Conference Champions for girls, and the boys were runners-up. Last year at the state track meet Lily Harris finished 7th in the 3200, and Janessa Overgaard finished 4th in high jump. Last season the school set a record for girls 4x400, and the runners were Lilly Harris, Janessa Overgaard, Jovee Valentin, Tori Walker.



This year's team lost several strong boys to graduation, but Jessup Snowball and Axton Caskey return in the 800 and 400 respectively. Aayden Harris returns in hurdles and sprints, and Caden Barclay in distance events. Collin McGlohon and Austin Pelster return in the discus, and William Rohde in sprints. Coach Krause also said to watch Jett Fogarty and Tristan Owens in distance events.



The girls lost Tori Walker, but return Lilly Harris, Jaedyn Bousquet, and Tawny Bolles in distance, Jovee Valentin in horizontal jumps and 400, Janessa Overgaard in high jump and sprints, and Annah Harris, Lyndsee Waldee, and Justice Barclay in throwing. Coach Krause also noted Natali Loofe, Brooklyn Hightree and Hadley Heikes in distance events, Aurora Collins in hurdles, and Taiah Bird and Takira Ickler in high jump.

Coach Krause expects the girls to do well this season. The boys have some strong competitors that can lead the team. Both teams are very big this season, so Coach Krause is looking to the new faces to step up and add to the returners and make it to state.

## Homer Golf Preview

by Zarrick BlackSpottedHorse

The golf team is looking to capitalize from a good year in 2025. The team finished third place in the conference tournament, with two players finishing inside the top 10 individually. The team will be led by senior Gavin Albrecht. Gavin finished 5th in the conference tournament. Seniors Bodie Nelsen and Deegan Pishna will play big roles on the varsity team again this year. Junior Brody Barto will also look to continue his improvement that was drastic from his freshman to sophomore year. Other members of the team are Cora Rushing (Junior), Bergan Lefdahl (Sophomore) and Elliot Medina (Freshman). The season kicks off at the Crofton Invite on April 13th. The team is already hard at work in the simulators, getting prepared for the upcoming season.



## April Calendar

by Cayelynn Jones

April 1-x  
 April 2-TRJV 4:00 @ Tekamah  
 April 3-No school  
 April 4-x  
 April 5-x  
 April 6-No school  
 April 7-TRV 3:30 @ Elk-Point  
 April 8-x  
 April 9-Concert @ main gym  
 April 10-Noon dismissal, TRV 1:00 @ Home  
 April 11-TRV 8:00 @ Olsen stadium  
 April 12-x  
 April 13-GLBV 10:00 @Crofton LV Golf Course  
 April 14-x  
 April 15- TRJH 12:00 @ Ponca  
 April 16- No school, GLBV 9:00 @ Cedarview Country Club, TRV 12:00 @ Homer  
 April 17-x  
 April 18- Prom & After prom @ main gym  
 April 19-x  
 April 20-x  
 April 21-TRV 1:00 @ Wakefield  
 April 22-x  
 April 23-TRJH 11:00 @ Lyons  
 April 24- Senior trip  
 April 25- Senior trip, TRJH 10:30 @ Randolph  
 April 26- Senior trip  
 April 27-Senior trip  
 April 28- GBV 3:30 @ SSC  
 April 29-x  
 April 30-GBV 1:00 @ Pender

## Secondary Principal Mr. Brand

by Steve Harris

As Mr. Brand has worked through this first year, he has greatly enjoyed getting to know and building relationships with staff, students, board members, and community stakeholders. He feels incredibly lucky to be the secondary principal where he got the chance to grow up. He believes we have a great team here at HCS. Mr. Brand states that he is “proud of the work that we are doing here at Homer!”



What he looks forward to the most is seeing growth in all forms as students continue to learn and teachers continue to teach. Seeing students improve and grow is the most rewarding part of the job. He is also looking forward to putting his mark on Homer Community Schools.

Mr. Brand is looking forward to all the events that springtime brings. Track and golf meets, prom, ACT day, and graduation are all events that he is excited for and looks forward to. He is also looking forward to continuing to build positive relationships with staff, students, board members, and community stakeholders.

## Speech

by Caylee Dinsmore

Speech of Cake Meet (Hooper), Mar. 7, 2026, there were 9 people who placed.

- Duet Acting (DA): Bergan L. & Triston O in 1st.
- Entertainment Speaking (ENT): Bergan L. in 1st & Kylie K. in 5th.
- Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose (HP): Conner P. in 2nd & Alli B. in 6th.
- Informative Speaking (INF): Riley O. in 2nd & Triston O. in 6th.
- Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID): Addie Z., Alejandra G., Conner P., Riley O. & Triston O. in 3rd.
- Persuasive Speaking (PER): Bergan L. in 1st & Addie Z. in 6th.
- Oral Interpretation of Poetry (POE): Alli B. in 3rd & Kylee L. in 4th.
- Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose (SP): Riley O. in 2nd & Conner P. in 5th.

Lewis and Clark Conference (Emerson), Mar. 9, 2026, there were 7 people who placed.

- Duet Acting (DA): Bergan L. & Triston O. in 4th.
- Entertainment Speaking (ENT): Bergan L. in 5th.
- Informative Speaking (INF): Riley O. in 3rd & Triston O. in 4th.
- Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID): Addie Z., Alejandra G., Conner P., Riley O. & Triston O. in 3rd.
- Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose (HP): Conner P. in 2nd.
- Oral Interpretation of Poetry (POE): Alli B. in 6th.
- Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose (SP): Riley O. in 1st & Conner P. in 2nd.
- Persuasive Speaking (PER): Bergan L. in 2nd & Addie Z. in 5th.
- Program Oral Interpretation (POI): Addie Z. in 3rd.

NSAA District C1-3 (Homer), Mar. 17, 2026, there were 8 people who placed and are going to State Speech.

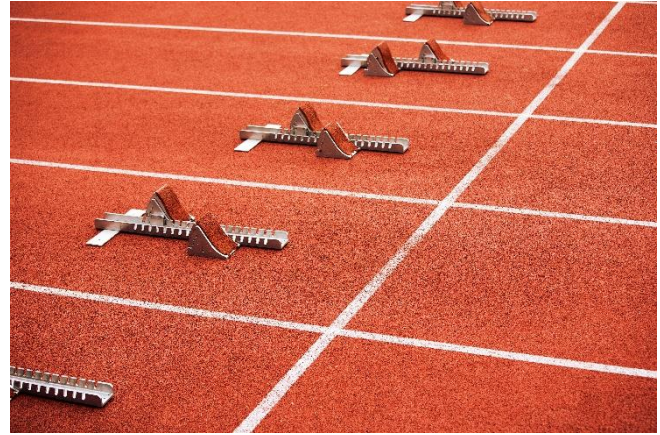
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- Entertainment Speaking (ENT): Bergan L. in 2nd & Kylie K. in 6th.
- Informative Speaking (INF): Triston O. in 4th & Riley O. in 5th.
- Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID): Addie Z., Alejandra G., Conner P., Riley O. & Triston O. in 2nd.
- Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose (HP): Conner P. in 2nd.
- Oral Interpretation of Poetry (POE): Alli B. in 3rd.
- Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose (SP): Conner P. in 4th & Riley O. in 6th.
- Persuasive Speaking (PER): Addie Z. in 3rd.
- Program Oral Interpretation (POI): Addie Z. in 5th.



## Wayne State Indoor Track Meet Results

### by Drake Ickler

1st place Lily Harris 3200 meter run 12:47.80  
 2nd place Jessup Snowball 800 meter run 2:08.16  
 2nd place Caden Barclay 1600 meter run 5:04.45  
 3rd place Lily Harris 1600 meter run 5:49.23  
 3rd place Janessa Overgaard High Jump 4-10  
 3rd place Aayden Harris 400 meter dash 53.92  
 3rd place Aayden Harris 60 meter hurdles 8.76  
 4th place Jett Fogarty 1600 meter run 5:08.60  
 5th place Caden Barclay 3200 meter run 11.26.09  
 6th place Aayden Harris 200 meter dash 24.41  
 7th place Jovee Valentin triple jump 32-01ft  
 9th place Jovee Valentin long jump 14-10ft  
 9th place Jaedyn Bousquet 3200 meter run 13:44.32  
 10th place Tawny Bolles 1600 meter run 6:21.42  
 10th place William Rohde 200 meter dash 24.96  
 10th place Logan Albrecht 3200 meter run 12:03.15  
 10th place William Rohde 400 meter dash 57.93



## April Birthdays

### by Shyne Harden

04/01 Oliver Harris  
 04/05 Caroline Noreen  
 04/06 Peyton Dorcey  
 04/08 Kinley Murphy  
 04/09 Jase Warren  
 04/10 Maximus Wiggs  
 04/11 Katelynn Syhavong  
 04/13 Jasper Barclay, Sierrah Bowen  
 04/14 Hazen Hermelbracht  
 04/16 Brody Lovejoy  
 04/18 Caylix Huffman  
 04/19 Brynn Bybee, Colby Rohde  
 04/20 Savannah Frost, Elliott Medina  
 04/22 Acesyn Pirozek, Chayce Abts, Axel Kramper  
 04/23 Kinley Barto, Gracelyn Parks, Ethan Torticill  
 04/24 Hayden Kluver, Brode Claassen  
 04/25 Khloe Bisson  
 04/27 Aurora Collins  
 04/28 Edie Loggins  
 04/29 Kenneth Tucker, Jackson Rohde




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