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Senior Spotlights

by Moises DelAngel

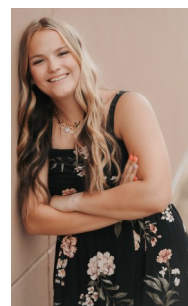
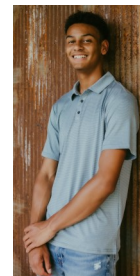
Aayden Harris was born on May 9, 2008. His parents are Hollie and Chris Pirozek. Aayden loves many things about Homer School, but one thing that stands out to him is the fact that the school is a very small social environment. He loves how small the school is and how easy it is to get to know everyone. Aayden's favorite school lunch is pizza, and his favorite period of the day is history. His favorite teacher is Mr. Ferris. Aayden has participated in multiple activities such as cross country, track, and basketball. He plans on going to college to get a degree in IT, or something like that. He also wants to be a network administrator or engineer.

Hannah Criss is the daughter of Beth and Michael Criss. She was born on May 13, 2006. Hannah likes Homer because she likes the environment and enjoys her friends here at Homer. Her favorite lunch is stuffed crust pizza. Hannah's favorite subject in Homer is English, and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Delperdang. She plans to attend WITCC in the fall and plans to be a surgical technician after college.

Annah Harris is the daughter of Teri and Ricky Harris. She was born on December 21, 2007. Annah enjoys being at Homer because of the people she gets to spend her day with. Her favorite lunch is stuffed crust pizza. Annah's favorite subject in Homer is math, and her favorite teacher is Mr. Ferris. Throughout her time at Homer, she has participated in volleyball, basketball, track, one act, speech, art, National Honor Society, and student council. Her most memorable moment at Homer was making it to a district final in volleyball. She plans to go to college for business management after graduation and intends to get her realtor's license.

Lilyanna Dziurawiec is the daughter of Stephanie and David Dziurawiec. She was born on December 6, 2007. Lilyanna enjoys being at Homer because she knows most of the people who attend and appreciates the aspect of community there. Her favorite lunch is mac and cheese. Lilyanna's favorite subject in Homer is math, and her favorite teachers are Mr. Hightree and her dad. Throughout her time at Homer, she has participated in a wide array of activities including cross country, wrestling, track, NHS, student council, class officer, one act, band, jazz band, speech, quiz bowl, and SkillsUSA. Her most memorable moment at Homer was during freshman year P.E. when Bodie ran into the bleachers. After graduation, Lilyanna is still undecided about her specific plans, but she intends to go to a four-year college.

Jaedyn Bousquet is the daughter of Kayla and Tyler Bousquet. She was born on August 6th, 2007. Jaedyn enjoys being at Homer because she appreciates the sense of community there. Her favorite lunch is a cheeseburger. Jaedyn's favorite subject in Homer is English, and her favorite teacher is Mr. Launsby. Throughout her time at Homer, she has participated in cross country, track, and basketball. Her most memorable moments at Homer are when she made it to state in both cross country and track. After graduation, Jaedyn plans to go to college to become a dental hygienist.



Homer Lady Knights' Wrestling Preview

by Madison Snow

The girls' head coach is Alyssa Petersen. This year she has one returning senior - Lilyanna Dziurawiec. Freshman Avery Kramper is also on the team. The district wrestling meet is an intense tournament to see who goes to state. Coach Petersen is mostly excited for districts and is hoping to send someone to state this year.

Boys' Wrestling Season Preview

by Shyne Harden

Head Coach Jakob Jerabek is very enthusiastic about the upcoming season, stating, "We have 10 individuals signed up for this season, which is an amazing start for this young program!" It looks like Bode Nelsen, Austin Pelster, and Colton Victor will be the seniors this year. Brode Claassen is the only other wrestler with varsity experience, meaning they have a lot of room for improvement.

This will be Coach Jerabek's first season as Homer's Head Boys' Wrestling Coach, and he is excited about it. He said, "I am looking forward to this opportunity." He competed at the NAIA level at Morningside University and qualified for the national tournament three times. Coach Jerabek's assistant coach, Dustin Barclay, has been around the team for some time now and is very knowledgeable.

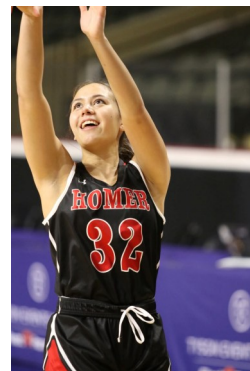
Coach Jerabek is excited for practice to begin, saying "I am excited to start practices and see how everyone wrestles and see them improve this season." Austin is a returning state tournament medalist, and he has a great chance at making a lot of noise again at the state tournament. The boys' first tournament is on December 6.



Homer Girls' Basketball Preview

by Drake Ickler

Coach Merlyn Tremayne is looking forward to having a good season this year. Something he would like to work on the most is focusing on returning the ball with new girls on the team. Coach hopes the team will stay away from injuries, and the team will move on with a mix of upperclassmen and young athletes. Coach Tremayne thinks it should be an interesting season, depending on how districts go. This season the team is playing some different opponents, but it should be a good season just to have a lot of positivity. The team's goal of the year is to get as many wins as possible, and the goal is going to the state tournament.



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Play Production Preview by Caylee Dinsmore

The name of the play that Homer's Play Production is performing is *Circus of Damned Ambition*, and it is about a group of circus performers and their need to be in the limelight. The coach of play production is Ashley Ziska, and her assistant coaches are Alisha McPartland and Trenna Launsby, with Kristy Tremayne in charge of costumes. Around 35 students are participating this year. This is the last year of play production for six seniors: Ainsley Spurrell, Colton Victor, Conner Probst, Leiton Heinemann, and Justice Barclay as actors and Deegan Pishna in the moving crew. The main characters are Lobster boy (Conner Probst), Washington the ringleader (Colton Victor), Strongman (Betty Barclay), Bearded lady (Riley Oligmueller), the Schyler sisters (Addie Ziska & Bergan Lefdal), and Bird girl (Rylee Luesebrink).

Mrs. Ziska is looking forward to seeing the growth of the underclassmen and to give the seniors all the team can. Homer High School is hosting district play production this year, and Mrs. Ziska believes that the team has a great opportunity to become district champions for the first time in 15 years. She loves the amount of talent the team has on the stage. If the cast and crew need to continue their hard work and dedication, the team will have a great opportunity to get to Norfolk for state.



Boys' Basketball Preview by Steve Harris



Coach Bret Hightree states that he is very excited to be back in the chair of being the head basketball coach. He is excited to start seeing the players develop over the years. Coach says that he never knew how much he would miss coaching basketball when he stepped away, but he is back better than ever and ready to compete. He claims he has two games circled, which are Oakland-Craig and Lyons-Decatur. He is betting on his experience to make a big difference in games. Coach's staff has Coach Vanschoiack, Coach Kluver and Coach Spurrell.





December Birthdays by CayeLynn Jones

12/1- Mackenzie Oban, Kaleb Uhl
 12/2- Layla Carling
 12/4- Brooks Estochen, Hollis Snowball
 12/5- Johnathin Smith, Nathen Holzman
 12/6- Lilyanna Dziurawiec
 12/7- Aria Prater, Jonathan Kurtz
 12/8- Jett Fogarty
 12/9- Natalie Parker, Riddic Kearnes
 12/10- Emmie Oothoudt, Jaxon Doenhoefier
 12/11- Rylee Luesebrink, Tate Fuchser
 12/12- Thomas Reed
 12/13- Kole Harris, August Bass
 12/14- Davina Cale, Issac Schincke, Colten Victor
 12/16- Amara Lieb, Ainslee Bennier
 12/18- Kaylie Ingram, Kaitlyn Thomas, Steve Harris
 12/21- Reed Schotman, Annah Harris
 12/22- Elijah Griffen, Olivia Stork, Cameron Scott
 12/26- Celissa Rushing
 12/29- Isabelle Pieper
 12/30- Harlo Carmen
 12/31- Leighla Peevy, Noah Bradbury



December 2025 Homer School Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 •JHGBB 3:00 @ Emerson •G/BVBB 5:30 @SSC	2	3 •No School •Dist 6:30 @ Multiple Location •Play: V 8:30 @ Homer	4 •G/BVBB 6:00 @ Winnebago •GWR 6:00 @ T-H	5 •Noon Dismissal •BWR 2:00 @ Homer	6 • BWR 9:30 @ H-D • G/BVBB 1:00 @ Homer • G/BVBB 2:30 @ Homer
8 •BRW 4:15 @ Ponca •PK-5 Concert 6:30 @ Main Gym	9 • G/BJVBB 4:30 @Laurel • GVBB 6:00 @ Laurel • GWR 6:00 @ Homer	10	11 •Play: V@ Norfolk •GJHBB 4:00 @ SLC •G/BJVBB 4:00@WS •GBVBB6:00 @WS	12	13 •BWR 10:30 @ Osceola
15 •6-12 Concert 7:00 @ Main Gym	16 •G/BJVBB 4:30 @Homer •G/BVBB 6:00 @ Homer	17	18 •GJHBB 4:00 @ Bancroft •G/BJV/VBB 4:30 @ Homer •G/BVBB 6:00 @ Homer	19 •GWR 3:00 @ Pope John •Speech: V 4:00 @ Lincoln	20 •GJHBB 8:30 @ Ponca •BWR 10:00 @ Wisner •GVBB 2:30 @ Lutheran
22	23 •No School	24 •No School	25 •No School 	26 •No School	27
29 •No School	30 •No School •BJVBB 5:00 @ Cedar Bluffs •BVBB 6:30 @ Cedar Bluffs	31 •No School			

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