

## Veterans' Day at Homer School



# VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM



## **December Birthdays by Rocco Kearnes**

Kaleb Uhl 12/1  
Mackenzie Oban 12/1  
Lyla Carlin 12/2  
Hollis Snowball 12/4  
Aliyah Spurrell 12/5  
Johnathin Smith 12/5  
Lilyanna Dziurawiec 12/6  
Jett Fogarty 12/8  
Jacey Peters 12/9  
Riddic Kearnes 12/9  
Jeremy Inos 12/9  
Graileigh Little Walker  
12/9  
Natalie Parker 12/9  
Jaxon Doenhoefer 12/10  
Tate Fuchser 12/11  
Rylee Luesebrink 12/11  
Natalee Overfelt 12/12



Thomas Reed 12/12  
August Bass 12/13  
Kole Harris 12/13  
Colton Victor 12/14  
Davina Cale 12/14  
Lenna Lamb 12/15  
Sirvell Rave 12/17  
Steve Harris 12/18  
Kaitlyn Thomas 12/18  
Aryanna Chamberlain 12/19  
Tyley Jump 12/19  
William Rohde 12/19  
Ashlee Waldee 12/20  
Reed Schlotman 12/21  
Annah Harris 12/21  
Olivia Geisler 12/21  
Cameron Scott 12/22  
Celissa Rushing 12/26  
Isabelle Pieper 12/29  
Harlo Carmen 12/30

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## Senior Spotlights by Chance Holverson

Troy Jessen is the son of Aaron and Stephene Jessen. Troy's birthday is March 27th of 2006. He has had pleasant experiences with Homer's supportive staff. The spicy chicken sandwich is his favorite school lunch. Science is his favorite subject in high school, but Troy's favorite teacher is Alisha McPartland. Troy has been involved in basketball 7th grade to 11th grade, football 9th grade and 11th grade, one act 11th grade, and golf 11th grade and 12th grade. His most memorable moments at Homer were in junior year of high school when he got into a vehicle accident, and the next day when he went back to school, when everyone among the staff and the students were so supportive and helpful. After graduating, Troy wants to help people, maybe as a firefighter.



Chance Holverson is the son of Margo and Travis Holverson. His birthday is April 21st, 2006. Chance says the teachers at Homer are enjoyable with how personable and fun they can be. His favorite meal from school is well-heated pasta. His favorite subject is STS (Skilled and Technical Sciences). His favorite teacher is Bret Hightree because of his engaging history classes. Chance will be involved in golf for four years and speech for two years. Chance's most memorable moments are elementary pe/recess. After graduating, Chance will go straight to the welding field and work on the road.

Rocco Kearns is the son of Deliah and Rocky. Rocco's date of birth is September 22nd of 2005. Rocco remembers how he used to enjoy PE so much. Rocco does love some good chicken nuggets from the lunch ladies. Rocco enjoys his history classes with Mr. Hightree over all other classes. Rocco played football in 7th and 8th grade. Rocco's favorite memory is seeing Mauric run after a Chick-fil-A truck.



Tru King is the son of Stephanie and Koley King. His birthday is June 7th of 2005. Tru likes having small classes in Homer, making it easier to engage with the teacher. Tru loves a good hamburger mac and cheese pasta for a school lunch. Tru's favorite teacher is Mr. Dziurawiec, and his favorite classes have been with Mr. D. Tru has participated in football for 4 years, basketball for 3 years, wrestling for 1 year, track & field for 4 years, and one act for 1 year. Tru's most memorable moment at Homer was a tornado at district track his sophomore year. His plans after graduation consist of going to an engineering school.



## Homer Boys' Basketball by Cole Kirby



New boys' basketball head coach Aaron Sasges is prepared for the 2023-2024 season. He has set the main goals and the mentality for the start of the season with a young team. The head coach's main goal going into the season is to "work hard and improve as a team and work together to provide the best chance of winning." Coach Sasges says that "No game is going to be easy, all of them will be hard and a great opportunity for this team to improve and get where they want to be."



## Girls' Basketball by Liam Varva

Long-time Homer coach Merlyn Tremayne expects 18 girls out for this year's Lady Knights' Basketball squad. Nine of the girls expected out are returning letterwinners. The team will have to replace 1000-point career scorer Bradie Johnson, but the team is very experienced, and they should have a



very successful year. The coaches are hoping to build the confidence of the girls. Coach Tremayne says the girls are very coachable and easy to get along with.

## Homer's Elementary Principal by Jacey Peters

Homer elementary principal Mrs. Uhl believes the school year is off to a fantastic start! While the outstanding staff have been working diligently to ensure an effective, positive learning environment for all learners. Uhl loves teaching and working directly with students. Although as principal, she can continuously work towards our school's mission/vision, support staff, and assist with creating a welcoming, collaborative environment for all. There are multiple factors that interest her in the principal position.



Mrs. Uhl is continuously working hard on improving things from the principal spot. When working to change anything, you must start with a very reflective and transparent review. Uhl says "handling a situation calmly, is essential." When she must handle a situation, she makes sure everyone gets to share their side of the story so that no one becomes offended. If there are consequences, they will be figured between the people who had the actions. While this year is going extremely fast, Mrs. Uhl is excited to see all the opportunities and experiences there is this year.

## **Wrestling Preview** **by Donovan Fogarty**

Homer High School's boys' wrestling team returns a lot of experience from last year and adds some new faces. The boys return letter winners Josue Munoz, Issac Barclay and Trent Dunn. Jay Collins will also be returning this season. New faces include Austin Pelster, Tru King, Colton Victor, Bodie Nelsen and Axton Caskey. Coach Watchorn is very excited to continue to build on the success that these wrestlers had last season, and there are high expectations for this group with the experience and the new bodies coming in. Coach Watchorn things this is going to be a great group to work with moving forward. The Homer girls' team returning state qualifier Tyley Jump, and letter winners Makenna Owens and Faith Slavin. There are going to be some new young faces joining the girls this year and some girls that wrestled last year in junior high. Coach Watchorn is excited for this group, because they started to find their success as they gained experience last year, and the coaches expect them to find a lot more success this season. Coach Watchorn expects this to be a fun group to coach, and he looks for them to make a lot of noise this season on the mat.




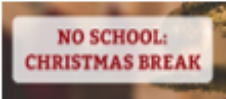
## **High School Principal** **by Caedan Nelsen**

Mr. Coviello grew up in a small town in western Nebraska called Dalton. After HS he attended Kearney State College in Kearney, NE. He taught and coached in Nebraska for five years before moving to Denver, CO. He was then an athletic director, assistant principal and principal for the next six years before he moved back to Nebraska. He has kids ages 29, 24 and 22. He absolutely loves it here in Homer and plans to finish his career here. This school year is going great for him and everyone has been very welcoming. The year is really going fast, and he is excited for the winter sports and activities to get started. He can't think of anything that he would like to change right now, but he hasn't been here that long yet. Students are always welcome to send him ideas they have to make this a better place.



# December School Calendar

by Peyton Brewer

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G/B WR varsity tourney @ 9:30am @ Creighton</li> <li>G/B varsity BB at 2:15/4:00 @ Homer</li> </ul>
4 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book fair</li> <li>Christmas concert for elementary in the main gym at 6:30</li> </ul>	5 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book fair</li> <li>JH BB game vs. Pender @ 3 pm @ Homer</li> <li>G/B BB game at 6 pm @ LCC</li> <li>G/B varsity WR @ 6:00 @ Homer</li> </ul>	6 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book fair</li> <li>2:00 dismissal</li> </ul>	7 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book fair</li> <li>JH G/B BB @ Siouxland Christian @ 4:00</li> </ul>	8 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book fair</li> </ul>	9 <sup>th</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup> Christmas concert 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> in main gym @ 7:00	12 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JH BBB at Wisner at 4:30 pm</li> <li>G/B varsity BB vs. Wynot @ 6pm @ Homer</li> </ul>	13 <sup>th</sup> 2:00 dismissal	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G/B varsity BB vs. Lawton @ Tyson Events Center @ 11:30</li> <li>Winter activity picture day main gym @ 1:00</li> <li>G varsity WR tourney @ Elgin Pope John</li> </ul>	16 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JH BBB tourney at Ponca at 8:30 am</li> <li>Boys' varsity WR tourney @ Wisner @ 9:00 am</li> <li>G/B varsity BB at Lutheran High NE at 2:30 pm</li> </ul>
18 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G varsity WR @ Summerland @ 1pm</li> <li>JH BBB vs. Winnebago @ 3pm @ Homer</li> </ul>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> 2:00 dismissal	21 <sup>st</sup> G/B varsity BB @ Bancroft @ 6:00	22 <sup>nd</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 dismissal</li> <li>G WR @ Wisner @ 3:00</li> </ul>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day No School 	26 <sup>th</sup> No School 	27 <sup>th</sup> No School	28 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No School</li> <li>G/B varsity BB tourney @ Bancroft</li> <li>G WR @ Winnebago tourney @ 9 am</li> </ul>	29 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No School</li> <li>G/B varsity BB tourney @ Bancroft</li> </ul>	30 <sup>th</sup>