

KnightWriter

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A Homer Student Publication

Pelster 3rd Place at State Wrestling Tournament

Homer senior Austin Pelster earned third place at the Class D Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament in Omaha. The state tourney was held at the CHI Center in Omaha on 19-21 February.

On Thursday the 19th, Austin began his tournament with two wins. He defeated Zack Roach of Amherst 4-3 and Cazen Smith of Twin Loup 11-3, which earned him a place in Friday's semifinals. Austin lost a heartbreaker in the final 30 seconds of his semifinal match against Kolton Thoene of Burwell, losing 2-1. On Saturday, Austin finished with wins over Luke Harms of Weeping Water and Smith of Twin Loup to earn the third-place medal. Austin became the first Homer wrestler to medal in two state tournaments.



Boys' Wrestling by Madison Snow

Oakland-Craig

Aden Ahlman, (157), 0-2
Austin Pelster, (157), 2-1, 2nd place
Colten Victor, (285), 2-2

Plainview High School

Nelson Inos, (190), 0-2
Aden Ahlman, (157), 0-2
Austin Pelster, (157), 3-0 1st place
Colten Vistor, (285), 0-2

Dakota Valley/Ponca Triangular @ Homer

Nelson Inos, (190), 0-2
Aden Ahlman, (157), 1-1
Austin Pelster, (157), 2-0
Colten Victor, (285), 1-1

Districts

Nelson Inos, (190), 0-2
Aden Ahlman, (157), 0-2
Austin Pelster, (157), 4-0 1st place
Colten Victor, (285), 2-2

State Championships

Austin Pelster, (157) 3rd place

Kramper Sets School Records



Freshman wrestler Avery Kramper finished an impressive initial high school wrestling season with three school records. Avery's new records include takedowns in a season 31, fastest pin 14 seconds, and freshman wins 19.

Speech

by Caylee Dinsmore

Homer Knight Invite, Feb. 7, 2026

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



- Conner P.: 2nd in Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose (HP).

- Allie B.: 4th in Oral Interpretation of Poetry (POE).

- Rylee L.: 6th in Oral Interpretation of Poetry (POE).

Viking Sweetheart Meet (Wausa), Feb. 14, 2026

- Riley O.: 1st in Varsity Informative Speaking (INF).

- Bergan L.: 3rd in Varsity Persuasive Speaking (PER) & 5th in Varsity Entertainment

Speaking (ENT).

- Kylie K.: 3rd in JV Entertainment Speaking (ENT).

- Alejandra G.: 5th in JV Oral Interpretation of Poetry (POE).

Gator Gab-Fest (Wisner), Feb. 21, 2026

- Addie Z.: 2nd in Persuasive Speaking (PER) & 5th in Program Oral Interpretation (POI).

- Conner P.: 2nd in Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose (HP) & 6th in Oral Interpretation of Serious Prose (SP).

- Allie B.: 5th in Oral Interpretation of Poetry (POE) & Fin. in Oral Interpretation of Humorous Prose (HP)



March School Calendar

by Shyne Harden

Monday 2nd - 9:00am - 1:00pm Homer Community School Blood Drive | 7:00pm Concert @ main gym, Spring

7-12th Concert JH & HS Band

Tuesday 3rd - 6:30pm - 8:00pm JKBB @main gym

Thursday 5th - 6:30pm - 8:00pm JKBB @main gym

Saturday 7th - 8:00am SPEE: V @ Creighton Community High School JV & Varsity

Monday 9th 9:00am SPEE: V Lewis & Clark Conference Meet @ Emerson-Hubbard HS

Wednesday 11th - Band & Choir @ Wayne State MS Festival, Select 6th-8th Students

Friday 13th - No School

Monday 16th - No School

Tuesday 17th - No school - hosting District Speech meet @ 9:00am

Friday 20th - 12:30pm Track: V @Wayne State College

Tuesday 24th - jazz band @USD Jazz Band USD Jazz Festival

Friday 27th - State SPEE @ Horizon MS

Saturday 28th - Class C All-State Band @ Kearney



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Senior Spotlights

by Steve Harris

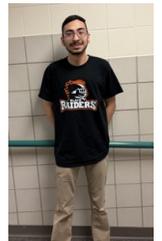
Jocelyn Parker is the daughter of Rhionnon Walker. She was born on July 13, 2008. Jocelyn says that she likes Homer because it is chill. Her favorite lunch is the chicken sandwich with smile fries. Jocelyn's favorite subject is art and favorite teacher is Mr. Launsby. She has participated in track and cross country. Jocelyn's most memorable moment in high school was starting her senior year of high school. She plans on going to UNL to study sociology.



Deegan Pishna is the son of Tonya Pishna and Donald Pishna. He was born on May 30, 2008. He likes Homer because it is a nice small town and has a lot of great people in it. Deegan's favorite lunch is chicken and rice. His favorite subject is the history of rock and roll, and his favorite teacher is Mr. Lambert. He has done one act for 5 years, football for 1 year, and golf for 3 years. Deegan's most memorable moment in high school is making all the memories with his buddies, which he will be able to take to college with him. After graduation he is going to Mitchell Tech to be a diesel mechanic.



Efren Padilla Marquez is the son of Maria Marquez and Ramon Padilla. He was born on June 3, 2007. He likes Homer because everyone is friendly. His favorite lunch is crispitos and smile fries. Efren's favorite teacher is Mr. Lambert and favorite subject is algebra. His most memorable moment is being in the weightroom getting big. Efren plans on getting a part time job for the national guard, then go to college and get a job in the trades.



Austin Pelster is the son of Heather and Curtis Pelster. He was born on March 26, 2026. Austin likes the small community. His favorite lunch is popcorn chicken. Austin's favorite subject is science and favorite teacher is Mr. Dziurawiec. He has done football, wrestling, and track. Austin's favorite memory is the wrestling state send off. He plans on going to Morningside to wrestle and get his business degree.



Janessa is the daughter of Lorrain and Eric Overgaard. She was born on January 22, 2008. Janessa likes Homer because the people are great. Her favorite subject is stats and favorite teacher is Mr. D. Janessa participated in volleyball, track, and basketball. Her favorite memory is shooting rockets in science class. Janessa plans on going to college to play volleyball and maybe go to the military.



Lady Knights Girls Basketball

by Drake Ickler

Homer 68-42 Winside

Lily Harris 28 points, Natali Loofe 7 assist, Jovee Valentin 14 points, Janessa Overgaard 15 rebounds, 3 blocks, Macy Vanschoiack 6 steals

Homer 51-39 Wynot

Lily Harris 6 rebounds, 18 points, Natali Loofe 7 assist, 8 steals, Janessa Overgaard 6 rebounds 5 blocks

Homer 42-62 Bloomfield

Lily Harris 10 points, 3 steals, Janessa Overgaard 12 rebounds, 3 blocks, Macy Vanschoilack 13 points

Homer 46-77 Bancroft

Lily Harris 12 points, Natali Loofe 4 steals, Janessa Overgaard 10 rebounds, 14 points

Homer 40-57 Bloomfield

Taiah Bird 13 points, Ainsley Spurrell 5 steals, Janessa Overgaard 12 rebounds, 2 blocks

Homer 31 pierce 45 Lily Harris 18 pts 3 steals, Macy Vanschoiack 3 steals

Homer 78-42 Wakefield

Lily Harris 22 pts, Jovee Valentin 6 ast, Janessa 13 rebounds, 15 points

Homer 31, Pierce 45

Lily Harris 18 pts/3 steals, Macy Vanschoiack 3 steals



March Birthdays

- 3/1 Lucas Harris, Tate Nelsen, Cambria Oligmueller
 3/4 Corbin Stewart
 3/7 Connor Schooley
 3/8 Owen Jankiewicz
 3/9 Luciana Mallory, Archer Caskey
 3/10 Carder Allyn
 3/11 Arya Chambers
 3/12 Sullivan Cain, Ryan Walker
 3/13 Aubrey Anderson
 3/14 Theodore Anderson
 3/15 Dawson Martin, Macy Vanschoiack
 3/16 Archer Kirkholm
 3/17 Sofia Harris, Kash Snyder
 3/18 Briggs Dickey, Jameson Bousquet, Nevaeh Cimino, Melody LaPointe
 3/19 Jace Bybee
 3/20 Noemi Parker, Tremayne Free, Conner Probst
 3/21 Klowi Kluver, Kinzy VanBuskirk
 3/22 Beau Anderson, Nelson Inos, Eleanor Wiggs
 3/23 Mckinsie Oldenburg
 3/25 Emma Gubbels, Jaxson Oban
 3/26 Austin Pelster, Caleb Primeaux
 3/27 Jemma Voss
 3/28 Brantley Verzani
 3/30 Indie Barclay, Hayzlee Kleider
 3/31 Luca Hunter



Boys' Basketball

by Zarrick BlackSpottedHorse

Homer vs West Point-Beemer / 33 - 58: Jessup Snowball 8 pts, Axton Caskey 6 reb and 2 stl, Reed Modlin 2 ast
 Homer vs Omaha Nation / 48 – 69: Gavin Albrecht 17 pts and 6 reb, Wesley Baker 6 reb, Axton Caskey 6 reb, Reed Modlin 5 ast, 3 stl and 1 block
 Homer vs Westwood / 40 – 62: Gavin Albrecht 15 points, Steve Harris 6 reb, 1 block and 4stl, Reed Modlin 2 ast
 Homer vs Bergan Catholic / 44 – 84: Axton Caskey 19 pts, Wesley Baker 5 reb, Gavin Albrecht 5 reb, Reed Modlin 4 ast, Jessup Snowball 4 ast and 2 stl, Steve Harris 2 stl
 Homer vs Pender / 37 – 62: Gavin Albrecht 11 pts, Axton Caskey 11 pts and 4 reb, Steve Harris 4 reb, Jett Fogarty 4 reb, Jessup Snowball 3 ast and stl, Reed Modlin 3 ast, Riddic Kearnes 2 stl
 Homer vs Randolph / 46 – 67: Jessup Snowball 18 pts, Reed Modlin 5 reb and 2stl, Steve Harris 5 ast and 1 blk
 Homer vs Tri-County Northeast / 63 – 53: Axton Caskey 28 pts and 4 stl, Gavin Albrecht 8 reb, Reed Modlin 4 ast
 Homer vs Walthill / 62 – 79: Axton Caskey 16pts and 8 reb, Jessup Snowball 3 ast, Reed Modlin 2 stl
 Homer vs Omaha Nation / 33 – 60: Jessup Snowball 9 pts, Gavin Albrecht 8 reb and 1 blk, Axton Caskey 3 ast and 2stl, Steve Harris 2 stl
 Homer vs Siouxland Christian / 30 – 54: Jessup Snowball 12 pts, Reed Modlin 4 reb and 4 ast, Wesley Baker 1 blk
 Bloomfield 45, Homer 43: Snowball 18 pts, Harris 11 pts, Albrecht 9 reb
 Creighton 51, Homer 36: Snowball & Harris 9 pts, Ax Caskey 8 reb
 Bancroft-Rosalie 95, Homer 46: Snowball 14 pts, Baker 10 reb
 Bloomfield 61, Homer 48: Modlin 11 pts & 5 ast, Albrecht 10 pts, Ax Caskey 9 reb
 Homer 63, Oakland-Craig 42: Albrecht 21 pts & 9 reb, Harris 11 pts, Snowball 10 pts & 5 stl
 Tri Co NE 64, Homer 44: Albrecht 12 pts & 7 reb, Harris 12 pts