



New Homer Staff Bios

by Shyne Harden & Caelynn Jones

Joy Gonzalez came to Homer because she wanted a change and missed working in a smaller town. She likes the “small town feel” and how friendly everyone is. She worked in South Sioux City as a teacher for 16 years and spent 2 years teaching in a small town in South Central Nebraska named Superior. Before she became a teacher, she studied anthropology (study of human culture) and Egyptology (study of Ancient Egypt). She likes to run ½ marathons for fun.

Mindi Jump came to Homer because her family graduated from Homer (her husband and two kids) and she saw an opportunity to make a change for Homer Community School. She likes the community because it has been her home for 30 years. She spent the last 11 years working for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska as a Compliance Officer for Human Services and working at Homer as a night janitor for the past 3 years. When she was born (December 25th), she was taken home in a Christmas stocking.

Becky Lefdal came to Homer because she saw how much her husband and her daughter loved it here and wanted to join in, so when she saw the opportunity to be a library assistant in Homer, she was so happy to be a Homer Knight and took it. Her career experiences include working in post-secondary administrative services at ITT Technical Institute in Omaha. She had the opportunity to work in the Career Services Department, Registrar's Office, Admissions Office as well as overseeing the bookstore. For the past 18 years she had worked for Heartland Psychological Services in Yankton, SD doing bookwork. While she lived in Yankton, she also worked on-site and then stayed with the agency, working remotely for the past 10 years. During a few of the years in between the bookstore at ITT Tech and the library in Schuyler, she would dress up every month as the Book Fairy for the PTO organization at Chase County Schools and deliver birthday books to the elementary students. “I had huge wings and shoes made of book pages” said Mrs. Lefdal.

Jake Brand is Homer’s new secondary principal. He graduated from Homer before going to teach at Columbus Lakeview High School for six years. He coached high school volleyball, junior high and high school basketball, junior high track, and high school boys' soccer. He wants to offer the current students of Homer the same positive environment when he was a student here at Homer. Two fun facts about him are he likes to collect vinyl records, and he used to play men’s volleyball at Morningside University.

Rose Brewer is the new middle school resource teacher. She taught at Homer for twenty-seven years before going to co-teach at South Sioux City High School for seven years, then she moved to Sioux City North High School for a year. She currently has five of her grandkids attending Homer, which was another reason she applied to be a teacher at Homer.

Bronwyn Eastlick started subbing here at Homer three years ago but started being a full-time sub this year. Her mother also works here and is the one who convinced her to start subbing here. She has subbed in the Sioux City District. A fun fact about her is that any pasta dish is her favorite food.

Cross Country Results

by Madison Snow

Hartington-Newcastle meet

Girls 1st, 30 pts

Lilly Harris 21:23.02
Jaedyn Bousquet 22:55.37
Tawny Bolles 23:04.09
Okie Bolles 23:06.87
Brooklyn Hightree 23:46.06
Isabelle Pieper 24:31.20
Natali Loofe 24:32.78
Hadley Heikies 25:38.81
Lilyanna Dziurawiec 25:52.89
Alejandra Garcia 26:24.66
Jocelyn Parker 27:27.04
Avery Kramper 27:41.84
Sydney Newlon 28:00.50
Aurora Collins 28:23.56
Kylie McKibben 33:34.41

Boys 1st, 50 pts

Aayden Harris 18:50.48
Caden Barclay 19:00.57
Caylix Huffman 20:35.06
Logan Albrecht 21:51.90
William Rohde 22:14.47
Gage Otterpohl 22:32.09
Tate Nelsen 26:16.00
Brennan Eriksen 27:01.87

Wisner-Pilger XC Invitational

Girls 1st, 62 pts

Lilly Harris 21:50.00
Jaedyn Bousquet 24:04.90
Tawny Bolles 24:14.40
Okie Bolles 24:34.06
Brooklyn Hightree 25:46.90
Isabelle Pieper 27:05.10

Boys 1st, 61 pts

Aayden Harris 19:56.50
Caden Barclay 20:03.80
Jett Fogarty 20:40.10
Caylix Huffman 21:21.00
Logan Albrecht 21:29.80
William Rohde 23:07.40

LCC XC Invite

Girls 3rd, 43 pts

Lilly Harris 21:26.60
Tawny Bolles 24:09.80
Hadley Heikes 24:10.90
Okie Bolles 24:23.60
Natali Loofe 24:25.50
Brooklyn Hightree 24:35.90
Isabelle Pieper 25:01.07
Alejandra Garcia 26:29.20
Avery Kramper 27:03.60
Sydney Newlon 27:03.60

Jocelyn Parker 29:45.00
Kylie McKibben 32:33.60
Boys 1st, 22 pts

Boys 1st, 22pts

Aayden 18:29.60
Caden Barclay 18:43.90
Jett Fogarty 19:43.70
Caylix Huffman 20:33.30
William Rohde 21:30.60
Gage Otterpohl 22:18.50
Zarick Black Spotted
Horse 24:00.80
Charles Bolles 24:04.00
Brennan Eriksen 24:47.80
Tate Nelsen 26:46.80

Pender Invite

Girls 3rd, 47 pts

Okie Bolles 22:40.91
Tawny Bolles 22:55.60
Hadley Heikes 23:25.46
Brooklyn Hightree
24:02.47
Natali Loofe 24:49.79
Isabelle Pieper 24:47.6
Alejandra Garcia 24:51.05
Lilyanna Dziurawiec
25:17.85

Avery Kramper 26:27.38
Sydney Newlon 26:56.02
Jocelyn Parker 27:31.14
Kylie McKibben 32:10.39

Boys 1st, 23 pts

Caden Barclay 18:08.18
Aayden Harris 18:13.88
Jett Fogarty 18:42.40
Caylix Huffman 20:01.29
Logan Albrecht 20:05.13
William Rohde 20:47.67
Gage Otterpohl 21:28.90
Charles Bolles 23:00.25
Brennan Eriksen 23:27.42
Tate Nelsen 23:53.80
Jaxon Brewer 24:31.01



Football Update

by Zarrick Black Spotted Horse

Homer 40-42 LDNE

Rushing – Axton Caskey 108 yds

Passing – Axton Caskey 108 yds

Tackles – Austin Pelster 15

Homer 30-50 BR

Rushing – Austin Pelster 78 yds

Passing – Axton Caskey 216 yds

Tackles – Reed Modlin 16

Homer 14-54 Wausa/Osmond

Rushing – Axton Caskey 45 yds

Passing – Axton Caskey 83 yds

Tackles – Ausin Pelster 15

Homer 14-20 GACC

Rushing – Axton Caskey 64 yds

Passing – Axton Caskey 89 yds



Senior Spotlights

by Steve Harris

Caden Barclay

Caden Barclay is the son of Duane Barclay and Ashley Rohde. He was born on February 21, 2008. He loves Homer because it is a small town and everyone is supportive of the sports. His favorite lunch is chicken alfredo. Caden says that Ms. Huisenga is his favorite teacher. Caden has been in cross country for 5 years, basketball for 3 years, track for 4 years. Caden's most memorable moment during high school was being cross country champions and qualifying for state track. When Caden graduates he has plans on getting his CDL and trucking.



Rilee Barclay

Rilee Barclay is the daughter of Dustin and Andrea Barclay. She was born May 19th, 2008. Rilee loves Homer because it is a small town. English is her favorite subject, and Mr. Dziurawiec is her favorite teacher. Rilee has participated in volleyball and cheer. Her favorite memory is when Bodie slammed his head into the bleachers while playing a game. After Rilee graduates, she plans on going to college and being a dental assistant.



Gavin Albrecht

Gavin Albrecht is the son of Evan Albrecht and Jerri Emerson. Gavin was born on July 2nd, 2008. He says his favorite thing about Homer is playing the sports it offers. Gavin's favorite school lunch is chicken alfredo. His favorite subject is business, and his favorite teacher is Mr. Hightree. Gavin has participated in basketball and golf. His favorite memories are the homecoming bonfires. Gavins plan after high school is to major in business and get a job in sales.



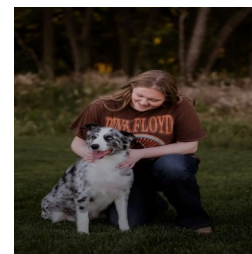
Jenna Allyn

Jenna Allyn is the daughter of Sara Smith and Joe Allyn. She was born on July 31st, 2008. Jenna says that she likes Homer School because it is small and way better than being homeschooled. Her favorite subject is anatomy, and her favorite teacher is Mr. Launsby. Jenna has participated in choir for three years. Her most memorable moment is getting to watch Jasmine and Amanda walk together during the pre-k and senior graduation walk. Jenna plans on going to college to become an elementary teacher.



Justice Barclay

Justice Barclay is the daughter of Angela Guy and Jarod Barclay. She was born on January 24, 2008. She likes Homer for the small-town vibe it gives. Justice's favorite school lunch is pizza. She loves history class, and her favorite teacher is Mr. Dziurawiec. Justice participated in volleyball for 2 years, basketball for 1 year, softball for 1 year, track for 4 years, and one act for 4 years. Her favorite memory from Homer High is when Conner went feral on Ashley. Justice plans to either go to Wayne State or the Air Guard after she graduates.



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Volleyball

by Caylee Dinsmore

HHS @ Randolph

Aces: Taiah Bird-3. Kills: Taiah Bird-5. Assist: Madi Roeber- 14. Digs: Madi Roeber- 7.

HHS @ Cedar Catholic

Aces: Takira Ickler & Taiah Bird- 1. Kills: Takira Ickler- 8. Blocks: Janessa Overgaard & Taiah Bird- 2. Assist: Madi Roeber- 15. Digs: Takira Ickler- 9.

HHS vs HNS

Aces: Chayce Abts- 4. Kills: Chayce Abts- 14. Assist: Madi Roeber- 31. Digs: Chayce Abts, Taiah Bird & Rilee Barclay: 7.

HHS @ HLA

Aces: Kinley Murphy- 2. Kills: Taiah Bird & Chayce Abts- 13. Blocks: Annah Harris- 3. Assist: Madi Roeber- 37. Digs: Chayce Abts: 27.

HHS @ Emerson-Hubbard

Aces: Taiah Bird & Kacie Harris- 2. Kills: Taiah Bird- 8. Blocks: Madi Roeber, Taiah Bird, Kinley Murphy & Annah Harris- 1. Assist: Madi Roeber- 12. Digs: Madi Roeber- 7.

HHS vs Walthill

Aces: Chayce Abts- 6. Kills: Taiah Bird & Chayce Abts- 13. Assist: Madi Roeber- 33. Digs: Taiah Bird- 12.

HHS @ Bergan

Aces: Taiah Bird- 2. Kills: Chayce Abts- 10. Blocks: Taiah Bird & Kinley Murphy- 1. Assist: Madi Roeber- 17. Digs: Chayce Abts- 12.

HSS @ Osmond

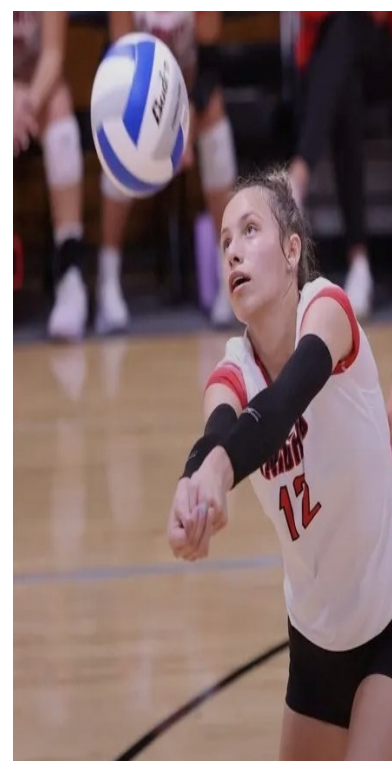
Aces: Kacie Harris- 3. Kills: Taiah Bird- 18. Blocks: Janessa Overgaard- 3. Assist: Madi Roeber- 34. Digs: Taiah Bird- 12.

HSS @ Winside

Aces: Chayce Abts & Rilee Barclay- 2. Kills: Taiah Bird- 12. Blocks: Janessa Overgaard- 3. Assist: Madi Roeber- 30. Digs: Chayce Abts- 10.

HSS @ Ponca

Aces: Rilee Barclay- 3. Kills: Chayce Abts- 17. Blocks: Janessa Overgaard & Annah Harris- 2. Assist: Madi Roeber- 38. Digs: Chayce Abts- 19.





October 2025 Homer School Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •4:00 JV/V SB @ Boone Central •5:30 JV/V VB @ Wynot 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •11:00am JH/JV/V XC @ Evergreen Hill GC •2:00 Early Dismissal •7:00 V FB vs. Wisner-Pilger; Pep Band 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9:00am JH VB tourney vs. LDNE, O-C, Winside
6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •4:00 JH FB @ Pender •SB Districts TBD 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •4:00 JV VB @ Winnebago •7:00 V VB @ Winnebago (approx.) 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1:00 Homecoming parade •7:00 community pep rally & bonfire 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •3:00 JH VB vs. Winnebago •5:30 JV/V VB @ Tri Co NE 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •2:00 Early Dismissal •SB Districts TBD •4:00 JH/JV/V XC @ Rolling Hills CC •5:30 Tailgate by Jr Knights •7:00 V FB vs. TCNE; Pep Band 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SB Districts TBD
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5:30 JV/V VB vs. LDNE - Seniors & Parents' Night, Pink Out 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5:30 JV/V VB @ Pender 	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •XC District D-2 TBA 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •2:00 dismissal •7:00 FB @ Wakefield 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VB Conf Trny TBD
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VB Conf Trny TBD 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VB Conf Trny TBD 	22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8:00am Picture Day •5:00 VB triangular @ Winnebago •FB playoffs TBD 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NO SCHOOL - Fall Break •XC State @ Kearney CC 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5:00 Halloween Carnival •7:00 Haunted Forest
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VB subdistricts TBD 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VB subdistricts TBD 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VB subdistricts TBD 	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •FB playoffs TBD 	

October Birthdays

Jayla Bird, Jacob Roland 10/1

Falyn McGinnis, Alexis Scott, Lennon Irwin 10/2

Josalyn Dinsmore, Abbie Oothoudt 10/3

Zoe Barner 10/04

Drake Ickler 10/5

Darrance Blackfish 10/07

Ellady Morgan 10/8

Sydney Kocian 10/11

Millie Rohde 10/12

Declan Bishop, Ryland Weil 10/13

Grace Bundy 10/15

Clara Krause, Dallas Tarno 10/16

Sophie Ericksen 10/18

Brooklyn Hightree, Gracie Tucker, Addison Ziska 10/22

Alec Wolfe 10/25

Mia Barner 10/26

Halle Cain, Hannah Cain, Tenley Dorcey 10/27

Conner Bybee, Kaylee Bisson 10/29

Elijah Bundy, Jason Kearnes, Brailey Long, Olivia Loofe
10/30

Reed Modlin 10/31

