

Hanson Elementary Class Establishes Service Project With Anonymous Donations

By Erica Endorf

Recently, Mrs. Kris Carmody and her fourth grade class received two anonymous monetary donations.

This is the fourth year in a row that the fourth grade class has received money. The donors' intent for the money is to spread kindness and pay it forward.

In the past, the class received a \$500 donation. However, this year, Mrs. Carmody and her class received a \$500 donation and, later, received another \$100 donation in the mail.

Every year, the fourth grade class collectively decides how the donated money

will be distributed. This year, the class decided to focus on a service project. The service project the class started was the Weekend Snack Pack Program. The project began on Friday, November 10, and plans to continue throughout the school year.

The Weekend Snack Pack Program provides need based students with food items for over the weekend. The packs will be distributed once a month. The fourth grade class handed out a total of 14 packs for the month of November.

The program is available to all students and families that qualify. In order to sign

up, students must fill out paperwork that can be obtained from the Hanson High School office.

Besides the service project, a portion of the money will be donated to the Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls and the Hanson County Child Protection Team to put towards Christmas basket items.

The fourth grade class commented that they felt proud and happy to be using the money to spread kindness. The class stated that it felt good to give to others, especially with the holiday seasons approaching.



Displayed are several items the fourth grade students placed in the snack packs.



A couple fourth grade students select items to place within the snack packs.



Snack packs ready to be distributed to students who applied for the program.

Hanson Hosts Junior High Tournament

The Hanson junior high boys' basketball team played in the Hanson JH Boys Basketball Tournament in Alexandria on Saturday, November 18.

In their first game, the young Beavers fell to Bon Homme, 16-44. Leading the team in scoring was Rhett Marek with six points followed by Ayden Hruby with four. Braxon DeJong and Mason Dewald added two points each.

The Beavers faced the Canistota Hawks in their second game and defeated the Hawks, 28-14. Rhe. Marek led the team in scoring with 12 points followed by DeJong and Hudson Oltmanns with four points each.

Dawson Huber contributed three points while Dewald and Hruby added two points apiece. Austin Kafer had one point.

In their final game, Hanson lost to Irene-Wakonda, 22-52. Rhe. Marek led all players with 11 points. Oltmanns put up three points while Carter Ruden, DeJong, Kafer, and Rhoen Marek contributed two points apiece.

After the tournament, the team's record stands at 1-5.

The Hanson seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball teams travel to Menno on Monday, November 20, and host Howard on Tuesday, November 21.



Hanson's Rhett Marek fires up a three point shot during the Canistota game at the Hanson Junior High Boys Basketball Tournament last Saturday.

Hanson Students Take Part in Junior High Region V Festival

On Tuesday, November 14, 18 Hanson junior high band and choir students traveled to Platte to take part in the JH Region V Music Festival.

The festival is an annual event that brings students together to learn and grow as musicians all in one day.

This year, there were 23 different area schools to make up a total of 289 students that participated in the festival. Students were chosen by teachers based on their leadership, character, and pride they represent in the music classroom.

Nine Hanson choir students were nominated by Hanson choir director, Paige Wieseler. The Hanson students were among 147 students who were a part of the choir. Hanson choir students were Sophie Bahmuller, Tacey Weber, Ella Jager, Annalynn Mentele, Addysyn Willim, Avery Squires, Brennan Day, Ayden Hruby, and Jacob Friese.

The choir director for the festival was Kaye Waltner, a retired director who taught music for 38 years.

The band had a total of 142 students playing for the festival, only nine of which were from Hanson. Hanson

students nominated by Hanson band director, Ivory den Hoed, included Kathryn Jarding, Haleigh Haiar, Tenley Peterson, Tavaya Haag, Willa Price, Hudson Oltmanns, Rhett Marek, Carter Ruden, and Dawson Huber.

This year's band director was Dr. Rolf Olson. He is currently the choir director at Freeman Academy, a Professor of Trumpets at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, and the music director of the Sioux Empire Brass.

For the band, Marek and Oltmanns were selected to be part of the drumline that played one song. Also, Peterson and Ruden were placed as chairmen in their instrument sections for the festival.

Mrs. Wieseler was present for the entire day and had a few words to share about the event. Wieseler stated, "At the concert, both directors addressed how important music is in our world. From my experiences as a teacher and performer, one of the greatest beauties of actively participating in music is the collaboration that takes place. There is no bench, so each member is to be held accountable for contributing their part."

Hanson Volleyball Players Receive Cornbelt All-Conference Honors



Kylie Haiar
Second Team



Claire Bridge
Third Team



Taziah Hawkins
Honorable Mention

Northern State University Choir to Perform at Hanson School

On Wednesday, November 29, the Northern State University Choirs will be making a stop at the Hanson School gym to perform.

The performance will begin at 1:45 PM and the community is invited to attend. Doors will be open to the public at 1:35 PM.

Every year, the NSU choirs under the direction of Dr. Timothy Woods tour high schools across South Dakota to prepare for their Winter Choral Concert.

Contact Mrs. Paige Wieseler for more information at page.wieseler@k12.sd.us.

NO SCHOOL
Thursday
November 23
Friday
November 24

Hanson Brawls with Cougars

By Anthony Geist

The Hanson junior high boys' basketball teams traveled to Hurley to play against the Viborg-Hurley Cougars on Thursday, November 16.

The seventh grade lost to V-H, 34-10. Austin Kafer led the team with three points for

his team. Ayden Hruby, Callen Warnke, and Mason Dewald all scored a total of two points apiece. Hudson Oltmanns added one point.

The seventh grade record stands at 1-2.

The eighth grade lost their

game to V-H, 35-21. Rhett Marek had a total of seven points followed by Carter Ruden with six points. Dawson Huber and Braxon DeJong contributed four points each.

The eighth grade record stands at 0-3.

Hanson Junior High Girls Host Canistota

By Emersyn Degen

The Hanson seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball teams hosted the Canistota Hawks on Monday, November 13.

The seventh grade team improved their record to 2-0 by defeating the Hawks, 18-6. The leading scorers were Ella Jager and Willa Price with eight points each. Avery

Squires ended up with two points.

Hanson eighth grade had a tough loss to the Hawks, 20-22. Their record is now 2-3. Ava Arend was the leading scorer with seven points. Brooklyn Schroeder and Haleigh Haiar each had five points. Jager ended with three points.

Hanson Junior High Boys Split with Hawks

By Tyler Sanderson

The Hanson junior high Beavers took on Canistota at home on Monday, November 13, in a double header with the JH girls basketball team.

The seventh grade team beat Canistota, 23-18. Hudson Oltmanns led the team in scoring with 11 points. A couple other notable players were Mason Dewald with seven points and Ayden Hruby with three points. Callen Warnke added two points.

The seventh grade Beavers are now 1-1.

The eighth grade Beavers lost a hard fought game to Canistota with a final score of 25-21. Braxon DeJong had 11 points and Dawson Huber had five points. Carter Ruden and Hruby contributed two points apiece while Rhett Marek added one point.

The eighth grade boys' record has fallen to 0-2.

Young Beaverettes Take on Viborg-Hurley

The Hanson seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball teams traveled to Hurley to take on Viborg-Hurley on Thursday, November 16.

The seventh grade fell to V-H, 18-21. Leading the team in scoring was Ella Jager with eight points. Willa Price and Skylar Kayser put up four points apiece. Tenly Slaba added two points.

The seventh grade record stands at 2-1.

The eighth grade team de-

feated V-H, 25-21. Jager led all players with nine points. Haleigh Haiar scored eight points. Neecee Suber, Ava Arend, Annalynn Mentele and Avery Squires contributed two points each.

The eighth grade improved their record to 3-3.

The seventh and eighth grade teams are on the road to Menno on Monday, November 20, and host Howard on Tuesday, November 21.

