

Six Hanson Juniors to Attend ALA Girls State and AL Boys State

Six Hanson juniors have been selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and the American Legion Boys State.

Hanson juniors that have been selected to attend ALA Girls State include Emersyn Degen, Jaycee Heezen, Cadence Jarding, Olivia Kayser and Avarie Prien. Girls State is scheduled for June 3-8 on the campus of the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

ALA Girls State is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program helping young women become knowledgeable stewards of freedom, democracy, and patriotic citizens.

Zachary Huff is the lone junior that will be attending AL Boys State. Boys State will be held May 27-31 in Aberdeen on the campus of Northern State University.

AL Boys State is a program to better help America's youth understand and appreciate the American system of government and way of life including the rights and responsibilities of citizenship,

and to give a better knowledge of the fundamental prin-

ciples of South Dakota State government.



Hanson juniors selected to participate in the ALA Girls State and AL Boys State are, seated (L-R): Emersyn Degen, Zachary Huff, Cadence Jarding; standing: Olivia Kayser, Avarie Prien, Jaycee Heezen.

Hanson Band and Choir Take Part in Large Group Contest

On Wednesday, March 20, Hanson band and choir students along with their directors, Ms. Ivory denHoed and Mrs. Paige Wieseler, traveled to Chamberlain to participate in the Large Group Music Contest at Chamberlain High School.

The Hanson band performed the following selections: "Beverly Glen March" by John Cacavas, "Set Me As a Seal" by Rene Clausen, and "Byzantine Dances" by Carol

Brittin Chambers.

The band earned two Above Average ratings and one Good /Average rating for their performances.

The Hanson choir sang the following pieces: "Exultate! Gloria!", "The Old Mill", and "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?".

The choir earned two Superior ratings and one Above Average rating.

The Large Group Music

Contest is an opportunity for students in the music ensemble to prepare a performance and receive feedback from the judges that can help them prepare for future performances and grow as musicians. The contest judges are typically retired music educators or professors of music from South Dakota.

This year, the band and choir received tips on ways to improve as well as receiving several compliments.

Hanson Implements Gumball Project

By Eliza Oltmanns and Reese Marek

This year, an incentive project was added into Hanson Elementary to encourage students to become independent learners. This project was a group effort created by the Hanson Elementary staff and administration.

Teachers wanted to help their students improve their problem-solving skills, which led them to the gumball machine. The idea encourages students to take risks in their education, not be afraid to make mistakes, and always attempt problems before raising their hand.

The teachers are given colored ping pong balls, which represent gumballs. The gumballs are awarded when students resemble traits of an independent learner. The teachers then put their classes' gumballs into the machine located in the central hallway of the elementary. Once the machine is full, the elementary as a whole receives a reward for all their hard work.

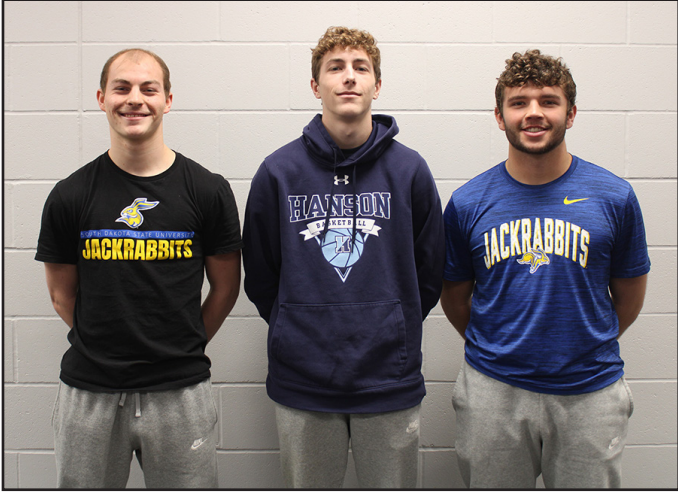
When talking to participants, fifth grader Lindy Roster said "I think that the gumball machine is a great idea. I have noticed my classmates

starting to become more motivated, and even a little quieter."

From the teachers' perspective, fifth grade teacher, Stacy Oltmanns, stated "As an elementary staff we feel that by developing independent learners, our students can be more successful in all aspects of their education. The gumball machine is a fun representation of our progress."

The gumball project has instilled independence among students in the Hanson elementary school.

Players Receive Boys Basketball Honors



Hanson boys basketball players selected for basketball honors were (L-R): Sutton Dewald - Cornbelt All-Conference Honorable Mention; Jayce Slaba - Cornbelt All-Conference First Team and Academic All-State; Hayden Schroeder - Academic All-State.

Hanson Students Awarded with Books from Vending Machine

By Brooke Endorf and Kendra Endorf

This year, Hanson Elementary School implemented a new book vending program.

The book vending program was brought in as a purpose of rewarding students with books instead of treats. This is beneficial by rewarding them while also learning. The Hanson elementary staff got the idea from Gertie Bell Elementary School in Mitchell. These books were purchased through grant money and the 3rd and 4th grade restaurant money.

Hanson elementary teachers created special guidelines for a student to receive a book out of the book

vending machine. Students who have exceeded expectations within the classroom are eligible to receive a book. Another way students can earn a book out of the machine is on their birthday or their half birthday.

If a student is chosen to receive a book out of the vending machine, the student must go to the elementary principal to receive their token. The student can then go to the vending machine and select a book.

The goal of the program is to reward each student with two books by the end of the year. To date, over 50 students have received a book.

Hanson Drama Department Presents
Haphazardly Ever After
Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 PM
Hanson Auditorium on main street

Tickets: Adults: \$6, Students: \$4

To purchase tickets, contact
Tate Schoenfelder or Paige Wieseler
at school, 605-239-4387.

The Magic Hat Diner
Hanson 3rd and 4th Grade Restaurant
April 17th and 18th
Hanson Multipurpose Room
5:00 - 7:00 PM



Menu:
Abracadabra Alakazam Sandwiches
Card Trick Chips
Magic Wand Veggies
Now You See It Now You Don't Cookies
Levitating Lemonade

Tickets: \$6.00
For Tickets contact any 3rd or 4th Grader
DINE IN or CARRY OUT

Come Meet the Hanson Softball Team
Tuesday, March 26, at 6:15 PM
Hanson School Gym

In conjunction with an intersquad scrimmage and some fun to meet the players, the Hanson softball team will be drawing for cash prizes.

If interested in buying a chance to win up to \$300, please contact a player or either of the coaches, Ms. Yolanda Price or Ms. Ivory denHoed.

Hanson School
Upcoming Events

Mar. 28: Hanson School Play @ 7:00 PM
Mar. 29: NO SCHOOL
Apr. 1: NO SCHOOL
Softball vs. Oldham-Ramona (DH) @ Rutland
Apr. 2: JH Track @ Scotland
Apr. 4: Softball @ Marion JV Squad
Apr. 5: SD Class B Golf Classic @ Mitchell
Softball vs. Chamberlain