

# *KnightWriter*

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## Homecoming 2022



## September Birthdays

by Tristin Gaarder

Avery Kramper 9/03	Haydn Vanschioack 9/04	Kylie Beermann 9/04
Sydney Newton 9/06	Kayson Nelsen 9/06	Jaxson Bates 9/07
Greysen Harrison 9/08	Andres Ordonez-Puente 9/11	
Kadin Cain 9/12	Emilia Webster 9/12	Jack Boggess 9/13
Jacob Church 9/13	Howard Bassette 9/14	Dreysen Gilpin 9/14
Amara Tyndall 9/15	Charles Wiebesiek 9/16	Brysten Harrison 9/17
Kamri Krause 9/18	Tayven Kemp 9/19	Buddy Tucher 9/20
Jocelyn Goodmon 9/21	Emma Oldenburg 9/21	Lilly Harris 9/22
Rocco Kearnes 9/22	Tayler Probst 9/23	Kinley Eriksen 9/25
Madison Snow 9/27	Charlotte Pieper 9/27	Loella Bousquet 9/28
Brenner Madison 9/30	Brandon Tyndall 9/12	



## KnightWriter Staff

<u>Avery Overfelt</u>	—	<u>Austin Baker</u>
Clyde Bolles	—	Leix Cain
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Caitlin Jessen	—	Dustin Jump
Alyssa Petersen	—	Josh Sanford
Montana Mahler	—	Ryan Modlin
Sydney Swanson	—	Brandon Wahlers-Hulit

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Picture Day.		
				XC 5:00 @ Wisner -Pilger		
				VB vs Ponca, Tri CO Ne @ Allen 1 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field trip	FB 7:00 vs LDNE @ LDNE High School 2	3
		JH VB 3:00 vs Siouxland Chris- tian @ HHS		ASVAB test		
		JH FB 4:30 vs LCC @ HHS		XC 4:00 @ LCCHS	Jostens Meeting	
	No School			JH VB 4:00 vs LDNE @ LDNEHS	FB 7:00 vs Oma- ha Christian Academy @ Bennington Ele- mentary School 9	10
4 Labor Day	5	VB 5:15 vs LCC, Walthill @ LCCHS 6	2:00 Dismissal	7 VB 5:00 vs Bergan @ HHS 8		
JH FB 4:00 @ Winnebago				JH VB 3:00 vs. Dakota Valley		
JH VB 4:15 @ Wakefield		VB 5:15 vs Os- mond, Winside @ Winside High School 13	2:00 Dismissal	XC 4:30 @ Pender Invitational		VB 8:30 a.m. vs. Logan View @ Logan View High School 17
JV FB 5:00 vs 1 Winnebago @ 1 WHS 12			Fall Activity Pic- ture Day at 1:00 14	VB 5:30 vs. Ponca @ HHS 15	FB 7:00 vs. LCC @ HHS 16	
JH VB 3:00 vs. Pender @ HHS			2:00 Dismissal	2:00 Dismissal	No School	
JV FB 5:00 1 Siouxland 8 Chirstian @ HHS 19		VB 5:15 vs. GACC @ GACC 20	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 -7:00 21	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:00 22	FB 7:00 vs Tri County NE @ HHS 23	24
No School						
XC 12:00 @ Kearney CC				XC 4:00 vs. Battle Creek @ Ever- green Hill Golf Course		
JV FB 5:00 vs. LDNE @ HHS		JH VB 3:00 vs. Tekamah Herman @ HHS 27	Early Dismissal	VB 5:30 vs. Wynot @ HHS 29	FB 7:00 vs Crofton @ Crofton High School 30	
2 VB 5:30 @ Har- 5 tington Newcastle 26			2:00 Dismissal 28			

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**BY RYAN FOWLER**



September  
2022

## TeamMates of Homer

Homer Community School

### WELCOME TO YEAR 4!

Matches will begin meeting this month. Please wait for your match time to be confirmed before you begin.

#### September meeting ideas:

- get outside & enjoy the weather
- make name cards w/ words or pictures that describe you
- make paper airplanes & fly
- draw what you did over the summer
- make a list of things in the cabinet you want to try
- make a thank you card (or 2) for someone
- draw your mentor/mentee



Together We Transform Lives  
**TEAMMATES**  
MENTORING  
of HOMER

#### Board Members:

Katie Curry	Kayla Eriksen
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Makayla Murphy	Brian Ferris
Aaron Reis	Gregg Cruickshank
Kari Morgan	

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Chick-fil-A tailgate. We had a great turnout, and it was a nice chance for matches to reunite.

Thank you to all the mentors who attended our appreciation event at Old Dane in August. We are so grateful for you, and everyone had a great time socializing!

Questions?  
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# *Cross Country Fall 2022 Schedule*

by Clyde Bolles

## August

Thursday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Harington Activity Complex, Harington, NE

## September

Thursday, Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – Indian Trails CC, Beemer, NE

Thursday, Sep 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Cedarview Country Club, Laurel NE

Thursday, Sep 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Twin Creeks Golf Course, Pender, NE

Monday, Sep 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Kearney Country Club

Thursday, Sep 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Evergreen Hill Golf Course

## October

Friday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Rolling Hills CC, Bloomfield, NE (Conference Meet)

Thursday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – TBA (District Meet)

Friday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – Kearney Country Club (State Meet)



## *Homer Cheer*

by Alyssa Petersen

Amanda Madison is the cheerleading coach of Alyssa Petersen, Tori Gaarder, Grace Barclay, Amber Boyle, Makenna Owens, Hadyn Vanschoiack, Rilee Barclay, Madison Roeber, and Ainsley Spurrell. Coach Madison is very excited to be coaching the 2022-2023 cheerleaders. To get to know each other a little bit better, they had a team bonding day on July 22, spending the day in Sioux Falls. Coach Madison [says](#), "I have a great group of girls and I'm so excited to showcase their efforts to you all." The cheerleaders have some great theme nights planned for the year, and they are very excited to bring back an awesome student section and the "Knight Nation" crowd.



## **Knights Down Bancroft-Rosalie in Homecoming Game**

Led by a stalwart defense that allowed only 59 B-R rushing yards, the Homer Knights defeated Bancroft-Rosalie 35-24 on Homecoming 2022. The game was not as close as the final score indicates, as B-R scored a couple of meaningless late TDs. Leading the defensive charge was senior Avery Overfelt, with 13 total tackles. Overfelt led the state in tackles in 2021.

Junior McKale Houfek reached the end zone three times for the Knights on rushing attempts. Seniors Josh Sanford and Overfelt rushed for the other two Knight touchdowns. Kicker Josue Munoz connected on all five extra point attempts. Houfek finished with 132 rushing yards on just 13 attempts. The Knights outrushed B-R 240-59 thanks to a dominate offensive line, led by senior Tristin Gaarder.

## 2022 Volleyball Preview

by Sidney Swanson & Lexi Cain

The outlook for the 2022 volleyball season is very positive. Head coach Makayla Murphy and assistants Brittany White and Tory McCreary look forward to this season full of returning players and newcomers, creating a group of talented players. Goals are a great thing to have amongst a team, and the goals for starting off the season have been working on putting in effort, working on communication, and being disciplined. The team is excited to work together and build a stronger bond. With the first game nearing the team is going to be able to go out on the court and show their talents.

## Girls' volleyball schedule

by Ricky Flores

### Varsity schedule

Thursday, Sep 1, 2022, Triangular @ Allen 5:30pm  
 Tuesday, Sep 6, 2022, Triangular @Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 5:15pm  
 Thursday, Sep 8, 2022, **VS** Archbishop Bergan @ Homer High School 5:00pm  
 Tuesday, Sep 13, 2022, Triangular @ Winside High School 5:15pm  
 Thursday, Sep 15, 2022, **VS** Ponca @Homer High School 5:30pm  
 Saturday, Sep 17, 2022, Tournament @Logan View 8:30am  
 Tuesday, Sep 20, 2022, **VS** Guardian Angels Central Catholic @ GACC 5:15pm  
 Monday, Sep 26, 2022, **VS** Hartington/Newcastle @Hartington-Newcastle 5:30pm  
 Thursday, Sep 29, 2022, **VS** Wynot Public Schools @Homer High School 5:30pm  
 Tuesday, Oct 4, 2022, Triangular @ Winnebago High School 5:30pm  
 Thursday, Oct 6, 2022, **VS** Tri County Northeast @Homer High School 5:30pm  
 Monday, Oct 10, 2022, **VS** Lyons-Decatur Northeast @LDNE 5:30pm  
 Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022, **VS** Pender @Homer High School 5:00pm  
 Thursday, Oct 20, 2022, Triangular @Winnebago 5:00pm  
 Monday, Oct 24, 2022, Subdistrict  
 Tuesday, Oct 25, 2022, Subdistrict  
 Saturday, Oct 29, 2022, District Final

### JH schedule

Tuesday, Sep 6, 2022, VS Siouxland Christian @Homer High School 3:00pm  
 Thursday, Sep 8, 2022, VS Lyons-Decatur Northeast @Lyons-Decatur NE 4:00pm  
 Monday, Sep 12, 2022, VS Wakefield @Wakefield High School 4:15pm  
 Thursday, Sep 15, 2022, VS Dakota Valley @Homer High School 3:00pm  
 Monday, Sep 19, 2022, VS Pender @ Homer High School 3:00pm  
 Tuesday, Sep 27, 2022, VS Tekamah-Herman @Homer High School 3:00pm  
 Saturday, Oct 1, 2022, Multiple Schools @Homer High School 9:00pm  
 Thursday, Oct 6, 2022, Dual @Winnebago High School 3:00pm  
 Monday, Oct 10, 2022, VS Ponca @Ponca High School





## *Homer Football Schedule*

by Josh Sanford

### **Boys Varsity Fall 2022 Schedule**

Friday, Aug 26, 2022 Game 7:00PM vs Bancroft-Rosalie @ Homer High School  
 Friday, Sep 2, 2022 Game 7:00PM vs Lyons-Decatur @ Lyons-Decatur Northeast High School  
 Friday, Sep 9, 2022 Game 7:00PM vs Omaha Christian Academy @ Bennington Elementary School  
 Friday, Sep 16, 2022 Game 7:00PM vs Laurel-Concord-Coleridge @ Homer High School  
 Friday, Sep 23, 2022 Game 7:00PM vs Tri County Northeast @ Homer High School  
 Friday, Sep 30, 2022 Game 7:00PM vs Crofton @ Crofton High School  
 Friday, Oct 7, 2022 Game 3:00PM vs Wakefield @ Wakefield High School  
 Friday, Oct 14, 2022 Game 7:00PM vs Hartington/Newcastle @ Homer High School  
 Friday, Oct 20, 2022 Playoff vs TBD @ TBA

### **Boys JV Fall 2022 Schedule**

Monday, Sep 12, 2022 Game 5:00PM vs Winnebago @ Winnebago  
 Monday, Sep 19, 2022 Game 5:00PM vs Siouxland Christian @ Homer High School  
 Monday, Sep 26, 2022 Game 5:00PM vs Lyons-Decatur @ Homer High School

### **Boys JH Fall 2022 Schedule**

Monday, Aug 29, 2022 Game 4:00PM vs Guardian Angels Central Catholic @ Homer High School  
 Tuesday, Sep 6, 2022 Game 4:00PM vs Laurel-Concord-Coleridge @ Homer High School  
 Monday, Sep 12, 2022 Game 4:00PM vs Winnebago @ Winnebago High School  
 Monday, Oct 3, 2022 Game 4:00PM vs Pender @ Pender High School  
 Monday, Oct 10, 2022 Game 4:00PM vs Wakefield @ Wakefield High School



## *Homer Football*

by Ryan Modlin and Dustin Jump

The Homer football team has changed its division to D1 this year. This means they are going to be playing against a lot of different teams. Last year the team's record was 3-6, and they made it to the first round of the playoffs. The coaches of the football team are Shawn Spurrell, Josh Watchorn, and Bret Hightree. The football team consists of 22 players: Mckale Houfek (11), Isaac Barclay (10), Josh Sanford (12), Ethan Roberts (10), Avery Overfelt (12), Austin Baker (12), Ryan Modlin (12), Josue Munoz (10), Landon Ahlman (10), Dale Stille (12), Troy Jessen (11), Ben Roost (10), Tru King (11), Hayden Overgaard (10), Cole Kirby (11), Tristin Gaarder (12), Trent Dunn (10), Bodie Nelson (9), Darrance Blackfish (9), Brody Raff (11), Donovan Fogarty (11), and Deegan Pishna (9).

Head Coach, Shawn Spurrell's comments on the upcoming season: "This is a very small team as far as numbers go but our goals and expectations are as high as they have ever been. We are only a couple weeks into practice, but we are clicking on both sides of the ball. The boys have put in a lot of time into the weight room and summer camps, and it is showing so far in practice. We have moved up a division to D1 and that has changed our schedule quite a bit, including facing a couple teams that we haven't seen before. We are excited for this thing to start to say the least, and we can't wait to get under those lights on Friday night. This group is a lot of fun to work with day in and day out, and they have jelled quickly in part because of that. They hold themselves accountable to not only their responsibilities but how they conduct themselves as well. Our captains Avery Overfelt, Austin Baker, and Josh Sanford have done a great job of helping create this atmosphere at practice."



## 2022 New Staff Bios

by Montana Mahler, Caitlin Jessen

Samantha Johnson is an elementary paraprofessional. She graduated from Homer in 2005 and graduated from Wayne State College with a degree in Early Childhood Education in 2010. She has two children: Emma (7yo) and Carson (2yo). Emma is in 2nd grade in Homer. Her family lives in rural Dakota City and loves country life. They like to spend their free time reading, camping, and traveling. "I am so excited to be here and look forward to a wonderful year! Go Knights!" she says.

Katie Scott is a Kindergarten teacher. This is her first year as a teacher. She did her student teaching in the kindergarten class last year and then completed the year as the kindergarten para. She lives in Dakota City with her husband, Shawn, and two kids, Alexis (8) and Cameron (6). She loves to do puzzles, read, and play games with her family.

Brian Ferris is our math teacher. This is his 32nd year of teaching, 25th at Homer. He taught 6 years at Walthill, 24 years at Homer, 1 year at West Monona, and now he's back. He says he isn't sure what got him into teaching, but he cannot imagine doing anything else. He also says "kids are the best!" Outside of school he has a cabin on a lake. He spends most of his summer and weekends during the school year there, fishing, boating, jet skiing, tubing, swimming. He has been married 19 years to Julie. He has 3 stepchildren, 2 grandkids, and another grandchild on the way. He says he's still not sure what he wants to be when he grows up. He says he lives life remembering what is important, "God, family, and friends. Life is good!!! I could include my secret of being a superhero and some of the times I saved the world. LOL!"

Laura Sages teaches art in grades 3-12. She has been a studio artist for over 18 years. She has 2 children and is married to Aaron Sages, the business teacher and coach.

Keely Steffen teaches 4th grade. She is from Merville, where she grew up and still lives. She lives with her two dogs, Bean and Motz. She graduated high school from Woodbury Central and went to college at Morningside, where she studied education and played softball.

Roxie Northdurft graduated from SDSU, where she majored in music. The most common instrument that she played was the euphonium. She was in marching band, brass ensembles, jazz band, and the symphonic band. She still plays in a band with her friend from college; they perform at nursing homes. Mrs. Northdurft began her teaching career in SD. She taught a total of 9 years in SD at the following schools: Stickney, Parkston and Vermillion MS. Her Parkston HS jazz band asked to play at her wedding, and she of course had them play at her reception. She had 3 children and stayed home until the oldest was in 4th grade. She taught band for 4 years at what used to be called Morningside Christian. Her children attended this school during part of their grade school years and she was their band director. Her children all played brass instruments and were members of the Iowa All-State Band, and her boys were in the Iowa All-State Jazz Band. Her daughter played French horn at the University of Iowa!

Lois Harris is excited to be back teaching at Homer Community School. She taught here for 18 years. She taught 20 years at Sioux City East Middle School assisting at times at East High and the elementary schools. She is an active musician playing clarinet in the All-America Concert Band, Sioux City Municipal Band, and LeMars Community Band; she also plays piano for church. Lois loves spending time with her son Tyler, his wife Amanda and their 4 kids, and her daughter Katie and her husband Brian and their 3 kids. She also enjoys gardening and sewing. Ms. Harris's favorite thing about teaching is sharing her love of music and making wonderful connections with new students and their families.

Austin Lambert is a Homer alumni (class of 2017) and a graduate of Wayne State College. He lives on an acreage outside of Hubbard with his high school sweetheart Allie and their Great Pyrenees Newfoundland puppy, Brooks. During his free time, he likes to spend time with family and go to local county fairs. Last year Austin was a welding instructor at South Sioux City High School and he is excited about the opportunity to teach back at home here in Homer.

