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Hawks Host Wrestling Meet after almost 40 Years

By Staff Reporter: Emma Carter

The Canistota Hawks had an amazing weekend. The boys' varsity team took a trip down to Garretson on Saturday to compete at the Jesse James tournament. The team continues to show steady progress this season, highlighted by four individuals placing. Josh Popkes Jr. placed 6th, Colt Evenson placed 3rd, Ragen Sandine placed 5th, and Will Globke placed 6th. These four boys wrestled very hard, proving once again that their dedication and efforts were shown and noticed. Each wrestler showed resilience and growth, gaining valuable experience. Congratulations boys!

On top of that, this Thursday, Canistota hosted its first home dual since 1982! The quad featured Baltic, Scotland/Menno, Hanson, and Canistota varsity wrestling teams. Each team also brought some of their AAU wrestlers, giving them an opportunity to wrestle. The Hawks wrestled hard in front of their home crowd, going 2 -1 against hard competition. Huge congratulations to Robby Knochenmus for getting his first varsity win, while wrestling up two weight classes. Congratulations to Koda Popkes for winning a match against a very hard opponent, proving to himself he could do it. At the tournament, there was a free-will donation for a fellow wrestler, Sutton Murphy, who recently had a serious back injury that resulted in him having emergency surgery. The Team ended up raising 1426$ for Sutton and his family. A huge thank you to everyone who donated and supported. Overall, the Quad was a huge success and a valuable experience for the Hawk wrestlers.

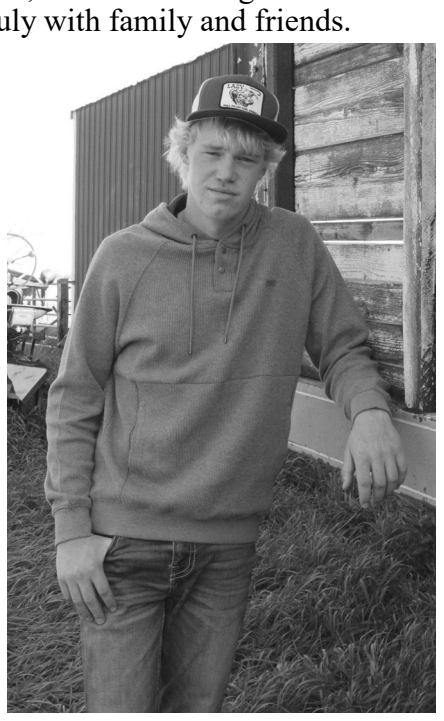


The new mural in the CHS school has been inspiring students ever since it was painted. This is one part of the wonderful mural donated to the school . Hawk Strong reminds us that we are together! We strive to continue going into 2026 with kindness and love for each other.

Senior Spotlight: Ethan Kostboth

By Staff Reporter: Ty Jacobson

Ethan Kostboth was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He lives with his family, Kevin, Kirsten, Sophie, and Liam. Ethan loves to work on his truck and in the future hopes to pursue a career in diesel mechanics. For college, he is excited to attend Mitchell Tech this upcoming year. He dreams of owning a successful diesel mechanic business someday. To prepare for college, Ethan has signed up for many classes and looked for scholarships. He enjoys shop class with Mr. Jacobsen, who makes learning fun. His dad is one of the people he is inspired by most. He also admires him for teaching how to have a good work ethic and be kind. With support and support from his family, he is ready to work hard and achieve his goals. In his free time, Ethan loves riding his dirtbike, snowmobile, going hunting, fishing, and working on trucks with his friends. Ethan also ensures he is on time for school, reminding himself, "Don't be late for school!" He advises younger classmen to never be late! Other fun facts about Ethan is that he enjoys steaks from Texas Road House, winter activities, and celebrating the Fourth of July with family and friends.



Assembly Sparks Inspiration

By Staff Reporter: Ambur Haag

Mark Leinweaver visited our Middle and High School students to speak about character and kindness. Mark emphasized the importance of being aware of how you act today because it will affect your future. Students took away life lessons, including leadership, accountability, and integrity, being the main focus.



Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday Jan. 21st
DWU 7th & 8th grade honor band
Thursday Jan. 22nd
Basketball double @ Hanson
Friday Jan, 23rd
Middle school dance 6-8pm
Saturday Jan, 24
Boys wrestling Parkston invite
Monday Jan, 26
One Act in Madison
Basketball double header @ Ethan
Tuesday Jan, 27
Boys basketball vs. Chester @ home
Thursday Jan, 29
Girls basketball vs. Freeman @ home
Friday Jan, 30
Basketball double header vs MCM @ home

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Basketball Fun

By Staff Reporter: Miles Belt-Hanson

Basketball is full of fun moments throughout the season. From exciting close games to dress up themes there is always something to remember. As a reporter, I had the opportunity to interview a player from both the girls and boys Hawk basketball teams. Arik Hansen, a player on the Canistota varsity boys basketball team said his favorite moment of the season so far was when his teammate Kaedyn Kennedy swished a three-pointer against the Freeman Flyers, right over his brother, Tayden Kerrigan. Lady Hawks basketball player Ellie said her favorite moment was swishing a buzzer beater three to send her team into overtime this past week in their game versus Alcester Hudson.



Upcoming Events

Do not miss out! Check below for some fun upcoming events CHS students can participate in!
(Note: Middle school dance is for 6-8th graders only!)

Middle School Dance
Date: 1/23/26
TIME: 6-8pm
Location: Multipurpose room

-All attire must be school appropriate and no outside foods should be brought in.

Meal- Pizza and gatorade

-There is no need for any money

-Please note: Students should not arrive any earlier than the supposed time.
Entry will not be allowed after 7pm

Dance Theme: Black and White
(does not need to be formal)



Do you know how to roller skate? Check out the Canistota Hawks PTO Facebook page for more information about the Skate Night!

Student Poll: What Students look forward too

By Staff Reporter: Roo Acheson

In 2026, everyone has something exciting to look forward to. Whether it be a fun new sport or even the season of summer when school is out. At CHS our students have big things they cannot wait for. 10th grader McKenzie Belt-Hanson is especially excited about going on vacation, while 9th grader Conner Engbarth can't wait for football season to start. 8th grader Brinlee McGregor is looking forward to the beginning of rodeo season, and 7th grader Emma Kerrigan is excited to spend the summer running her ice cream truck. They are all anticipating a fun and busy year ahead! What are you looking forward to in 2026?