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Heather Johnson photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS Concert Band

Members of the 2022-23 LHS concert band, under the direction of James Jarvie (on podium) are (front row, from left) Egypt Forrest, Lexi Berg, Brooke Vos, Jessika Tunnison, Elizabeth Mulder, Brianna Kinsinger, Tori Hemme, Zoey Berghorst, Brynn Boyenga, Fox Forrest, (second row) Linkon Knorr, Kaleb Hemme, Logan Ommen, Hallie Pergande, Xavier McKenzie, Emma Lusty, David Happany, Jocelyn Altman, Rayann Remme, Hannah Woodley, (third row) Hadley Vanderburg, William Johnson, Zander Fountain, Kaitlin Conger, Tyler Hodge, Ethan Nath, Parker Carbonneau, Travis Schempp, Hunter Cope, Christopher Bonilla, Priscilla Muehr, (back) Brendan Eidem, Zander Carbonneau, Katherine Pizel and Elijah Henrichs.

Highlights: Marching band awards include Waseca field first, parade second; Brandon field fifth; Sioux Falls field fourth, parade fifth; Orange City, field seventh. Concert band earned a superior at Large Group Contest. Individuals receiving superior ratings at the Solo and Ensemble Contest: Katherine Pizel, Hannah Kempema, Grace Ingebretsen, Fox Forrest, Travis Schempp, Zander Carbonneau, Zoey Berghorst. Excellent soloists: William Johnson, Hallie Pergande, Bri Kinsinger. Superior ensembles: flute and sax duet Logan Ommen and Brynn Boyenga; jazz band: Logan Ommen, Hallie Pergande, Xavier McKenzie, Emma Lusty, Bri Kinsinger, Travis Schempp, Parker Carbonneau, Kaitlin Conger, Chris Bonilla, Tyler Hodge, William Johnson, Camryn Aukes, Grace Ingebretsen, Katherine Pizel, Brendan Eidem, Zoey Berghorst, Priscilla Muehr; senior ensemble: Logan Ommen, William Johnson, Egypt Forrest, Grace Ingebretsen, Ethan Nath, Priscilla Muehr, Parker Carbonneau, Travis Schempp, Tori Hemme. Excellent ensembles: Flute duet Bri Kinsinger and Lexi Berg, sax ensemble Logan Ommen, Kaleb Hemme, David Happany and Xavier McKenzie. All-State Band: Grace Ingebretsen.



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Brayden Metzger (left) and Devon Dysthe are Hills-Beaver Creek High School Class of 2023 valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

Highlights: Of the 27 graduates in the H-BC senior class, three students earned high honor distinctions and eight students achieved honors.

Of the 83 students in the LHS senior class, 20 graduated summa cum laude (3.9-4.0 GPA), 12 students were magna cum laude (3.75-3.899) and 10 students achieved cum laude (3.5-3.749).



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS NHS

Members of the LHS National Honor Society include (front row, from left) Parker Carbonneau, Ross Bergman, Henry Hartquist, Brady Bork, Patrick Kroski, (second row) Isabella Oye, Jacie Graham, Averill Sehr, Julia Hoogland, Sarah Stegenga, Emma Beyer, Belle Smidt, Brynn Boyenga, (back) Ethan Nath, Camden Janiszski, Tori Hemme, Anja Jarchow, Elizabeth Wagner, Christina Wagner, Tori Serie, Lauren Hansen, Logan Ommen and Camden Hoven. Not pictured is Jenna DeBates.



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Members of the H-BC Math League include (front row, from left, kneeling) Blake Leenderts, Joshua Ternus, Brayden Metzger, Leif Tollefson, Brynn Rauk, Olivia Bork, (second row) Kyler Hartz, Riley Tatge, Micah Bush, Eduardo Wegener, Sylvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Larissa Steinhoff, Olivia Susie, Grace Anderson, Claire Knobloch, Abby Olson, Amallia Ternus, (back) Alexander Harris, Gavin Voss, Jamin Metzger, Beau Bakken, Cooper Gehrke, Austyn Pap, Isabel Wysong, Ella Sammons, Avril Susie and Lanae Elbers. Not pictured are Layla Deelstra, Devon Dysthe and Joy Taubert.

Highlights: Lead scorer for H-BC was Sylvia Fick.



Heather Johnson photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS Concert Choir

Members of the LHS concert choir include (from left) Katherine Pizel on bongos, director Seana Graber, Ross Bergman on piano, (front row, from left) Kenedee Franken, Jenna DeBates, Alex Perkins, Morgan Hadler, Addison Huiskes, Ryenn Stegenga, Lily Ehlers, Ella Lanoue, Josie Anderson, Ava Vortherms, Hallie Bork, Jady Hart, Emma Beyer, Jacie Graham, Reese Louwagie, Abby Anderson, (second row) Bella Oye, Bonita Tiesler, Ashlyn Johnson, Roselynn Hartshorn, Priscilla Muehr, Skylar VanderSteen, Elle Halverson, Lacey Morseman, Mallory Nelson, Kiesli Smith, Tori Hemme, Alyia Renken, Kaysie Lenz, Kayla Bloemendaal, Averill Sehr, Belle Smidt, Anika Boll, (third row) Rayann Remme, Kamryn Van Batavia, Lauren Hansen, Mariam Alinzi, Keaton Ahrendt, Zander Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau, Ethan Nath, Evan McCrary, Xander Walgrave, James DeBates, Jude Hoven, Zach Brown, Josh Hansen, Jocelyn Hart, Elizabeth Wagner, Tori Serie, Christina Wagner, (back) Gavin DeBeer, Adam Ask, Cameron McCrary, Eli McLendon, Zach Terrio, Kaleb Hein, Elijah Henrichs, Landyn Lais, Camden Hoven, Carter Sehr, Jaxon Lais and Tucker Banck. Missing is Maddux Domagala.

Highlights: Received a superior rating at the Large Group Contest. Solo/Ensemble superior ratings went to Skylar VanderSteen, Belle Smidt, Kayla Bloemendaal, Parker Carbonneau, Tori Hemme, Averill Sehr, Ethan Nath, Grace Ingebretsen, Mariam Alinzi and Roselynn Hartshorn. All-State Choir: Parker Carbonneau.



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS Fall Play

The LHS drama department presented two one-act plays Oct. 27-29 including "One Lane Bridge" and "Hamlet and Zombies." Cast members include (front row, from left) Isabella Benson, Travis Schempp, Ashlyn Johnson, Egypt Forrest, Kaitlyn Conger, Zoey Berghorst, Camryn Aukes, Bethany Behr, Alex Perkins, (second row) Myles Trimble, Emily Carrillo, Grace Ingebretsen, Xavier McKenzie, Parker Carbonneau, Abby Boltjes, Elizabeth Mulder, Bri Kinsinger, Jessika Tunnissen, (back, standing) Katherine Pizel, Joelia Lopez, Halley Pergrande, Chris Bonilla, Zander Carbonneau, Steven Woods, Chase Matthiesen, Leigha Ehlers, Brooke Vos and Rebecca Hoogland. Not pictured is Ayah Alinzi.



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Arts 2023 H-BC FFA

Members of the H-BC FFA chapter include (front row, from left) historian John Tiesler, sentinel Luke Fuerstenburg, treasurer Cooper Gehrke, vice president Sylvia Fick, secretary Lanae Elbers, president Olivia Bork, reporter Jack Moser, parliamentarian Blake Leenderts, adviser Cloey Anderson, (second row) Cael Noteboom, Alexander Harris, Elly Klosterbuer, Amalia Ternus, Tyrae Goodface, Taylor Frederickson, Collin Schoneman, (third row) Megan Vis, Brynn Rauk, Riley Tatge, Carter Vande Voort, Beau Bakken, Logan Susie, Taylor Spykerboer, Alexis Gardner-Swenson, (fourth row) Lukas Hubbard, Jamesyn Klosterbuer, Augustus Jacobson, Sawyer Bosh, Cameron Allen, Gracie Fagerness, Bailey Spykerboer, Amber Wiersema, Emma Deelstra, (fifth row) Koel Hartz, Gavyn Leuthold, Clayton Kellenberger, Jamin Metzger, EJ Wegener, Joshua Ternus, Bode Kruger, Quintice Susie, Austyn Pap, Tessa Clark-Crawford, (back) Isabel Wysong, Abigail Harris, Ella Sammons, Claire Knobloch, Ally Birger, Abigail Olson, Jayden Kueter, Mya Erickson and Hadley Spath. Not pictured are Layla Deelstra, Cody Moser, Michael Martinyuk, Joshua Wiersema, Robert Wipf, Micah Bush, Evan Gruis, Taylor Huisman and Cole Rozeboom.

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The LHS drama department performed five shows of "The Addams Family: The Musical" over a two-week period April 27, May 2, May 4-6. Pictured are (front, from left) Alex Perkins, Rebecca Hoogland, Myles Trimble, Parker Carbonneau, Chase Matthiesen, Bri Kinsinger, James DeBates, Xavier McKenzie, (on the set clockwise from left) Janica Oechsle, Audrie DeBates, Bethany Behr, Hallie Pergande, Lexi Berg, Ashlyn Johnson, Chris Bonilla, Korben Fisher, Isabella Benson, Kaitlin Conger, Egypt Forrest, Makayla Oechsle, Elizabeth Mulder, Priscilla Muehr, Hunter Cope, Nora Louwagie, Brooklyn Wicks, Andrea Luitjens, Elijah Henrichs, Abby Boltjes and Zander Carbonneau.



The LHS FFA Chapter includes (front row, from left) adviser Matt Fodness, secretary Morgan Bonnett, reporter Julia Hoogland, vice president Maren Stegenga, president JT Remme, historian Layne Sasker, parliamentarian Ross Bergman, (second row) Tucker Remme, Coulter Thone, Landon Ahrendt, Alex Dewispelaere, Ryenn Stegenga, (third row) Jaden Reisch, Emma Deutsch, Mallie Fick, Andrea Luitjens, Piper Wynia, Grace Ingebretsen, (fourth row) Cash Bonnett, Luke Hansen, Harrison Uithoven, Jacob Madison, Nick Hansen, Ryan Vos, Holden Overgaard, (back) Jack Gangestad, Eli McLendon, Leif Ingebretsen, Andrew Kinsinger, Jace Tofteland, Tucker Holwell and Jesse Aning. Not pictured are treasurer Morgan Ahrendt and sentinel AJ Ossefoort.



Members of the H-BC concert choir include (front row, from left) Joy Taubert, Madison Gaugler, Harli Rozeboom, Ashton Taubert, Anthony Beaner, Elisha Taubert, Britton McKenzie, Jessica Jones, Kadence Rozeboom, Isabella Deboer, (back) Sadie Kessler, Nevaeh Auch, Lexi Drake, Amallia Ternus, Mya Erickson, Tyrae Goodface, Bailey Spykerboer, Hadley Spath, Sarah Prohl, Lexus Wessels, Talya Shanahan and Caidence Ellis. Not pictured are Abigail Olsen and Regina Afkas.

Highlights: Received a superior rating at the Large Group Contest. Students receiving a superior at the Solo and Ensemble Contest included Lexi Drake, Tyrae Goodface, Malli Ternus and Ashton Taubert along with duet of Lexi Drake and Sarah Prohl.

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Members of the LHS student council are (front row, from left) Tyson Cowell, Reese Louwagie, Jocelyn Hart, Camden Hoven, Brady Bork, (second row) JT Remme, treasurer Lauren Hansen, student body president Averill Sehr, vice president Anja Jarchow, secretary Parker Carbonneau, Camden Janiszski, (third row) Zach Overgaard, Sarah Stegenga, Tyler Arends, Kai Buss, Marcos Diaz, Xavier McKenzie, Marcus Vortherms, (fourth row) sophomore class president Keaton Ahrendt, Jacob Stroh, Jaydon Johnson, freshman class president Tyler Hodge, junior class president Patrick Kroski, Henry Hartquist, Carter Sehr, Josh Hansen, Zander Carbonneau, Conner Connell, (back) Kayla Bloemendaal, Ella Schmuck, Caitlin Kindt, Kiesli Smith, Jenna DeBates and Bergen Ask. Not pictured is Alex Schlosser.



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS One Act

After a 23-year hiatus, the LHS one-act play returned to state competition by placing second at sub-section competition. The group placed fifth at state with their performance of "Ruby." Cast members include (front row, from left) Travis Schempp, Alex Perkins, Steven Woods, (second row) Hallie Pergande, Makayla Oeschle, Isabella Benson, Abby Boltjes, Zander Carbonneau, (back) Hunter Cope, Bri Kinsinger, Parker Carbonneau and Rebecca Hoogland. Not pictured is Hallie Bork.

Highlights: 23 students tried out to be on one of three Knowledge Bowl teams. Red Team placed eighth out of 21 teams at the sub-regional meet, Blue Team 12th and White Team 18th. The Red Team advanced to the regional knowledge bowl, placing 11th out of 24 teams.



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Members of the H-BC Knowledge Bowl Blue Team include (from left) Malli Ternus, Sylvia Fick, Cooper Gehrke, Britton McKenzie and Grace Fagerness.



Members of the H-BC Knowledge Bowl White Team include (from left) Taylor Gehrke, Larissa Steinhoff, Jackson Gacke, Devon Dysthe and Eli Taubert.



Members of the H-BC Knowledge Bowl Red Team include (from left) Grace Anderson, Brynn Rauk, Olivia Bork, Anthony Beaner and Leif Tollefson.



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The LHS mock trial team ended the 2023 season with a 4-1 record competing with the malpractice case of Jamie Morton v. Ardi Ramidus, M.D. Team members include (front row, from left) Parker Carbonneau, Mallory Von Tersch, Ella Lanoue, Jady Hart, Ross Bergman, (second row) Tyler Hodge, Makayla Oechsle, Cassi Chesley, Hallie Bork, Roselynn Hartshorn, Adam Ask, Keaton Ahrendt, (back) Xavier McKenzie, Eli McLendon and Zander Carbonneau.



Mavis Fodness photo/0112 Mock Trial LHS 2023



Mavis Fodness photo/0223 BPA 2023

LHS sent a large contingency of students to the 2023 state Business Professionals of America conference, who qualified to compete at the state meet. Pictured (front row, from left) are Connor Bose, Maddux Domagala, Mallory Von Tersch, Kasey Buss, Jaydon Johnson, (back) Kylie Vander Lugt, Averill Sehr, Ella Lanoue, Augusta Papik, Anya Jarchow, Reese Louwagie and Jady Hart. Not pictured is Kaylee Vorhees.

The H-BC concert band consists of members (front row, from left) Tyrae Goodface, Britton McKenzie, Lexi Drake, (second row) Elliott Morris, Leif Tollefson, Eli Taubert, Anthony Beaner, Ashton Taubert, (back) Gavin Voss, Tahliya Kruger, Sarah Prohl, Talya Shanahan and Kyler Hartz. Not pictured is Wyett Shimp.

Highlights: A superior rating was achieved at the Large Group Contest. Earning superior ratings at the Solo and Ensemble Contest were Anthony Beaner, Tyrae Goodface, Ashton Taubert, Leif Tollefson, Lexi Drake, Kyler Hartz and Elliott Morris.



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Members of the LHS Treble Choir include (front row, from left) Addyson Mann, Gemma Nelson, Jordyn Reisch, McKinzie Florey, Hadley Vanderburg, Jayden Dass, Ella Apel, Nardy Merida, Elizabeth Mulder, Ayah Alinizi, Zoey Smeins, Jessika Tunnissen, Bergen Ask, Lucy Smith, (second row) Leigh Ehlers, Hannah Wieneke, Isabella Benson, Morgan McTigue, Rebecca Hoogland, Jaina Fountain, Anna Banck, Brooke Vos, Hannah Kempema, Ella Hoogendoorn, Madilyn Wenzel, Amira Cowell, Hailey Como, Ava Sieve, Katelynn Van Belle, (third row) Sara Alinizi, Blaycie Remme, Ella Schmuck, Hannah Woodley, Alexis Hultgren, Emma Saarloos, Maria Rops, A'shaylah Davis, Caitlin Kindt, Emma Nath, Corynn Oye, Mallie Fick, Julia Beyer, Jocelyn Altman, Rhiannon Bartels, (back) Kylie Vander Lugt, Ella Reisdorfer, Greta McClure, Maddy Schepel, Janica Oechsle, Maren Stegenga, Augusta Papik, Kendra Thorson, Regan Mehlhaff, Bri Kinsinger, Bethany Behr, Kianna Winter, Gabriella Nath-Huls and Peyton Behr. Director is Seana Graber and at the piano Janine Papik.



Highlights: Superior rating at the Large Group Contest. Solo/Ensemble superior ratings to Bri Kinsinger, Hannah Woodley, Augusta Papik, Janica Oechsle, Hannah Kempema; excellent rating to Ella Hoogendoorn.

Heather Johnson photo/Arts 2023 LHS Treble Choir



Members of the LHS robotics team include (front row, from left) Tori Hemme, Parker Carbonneau, Charlie Mostad, Ethan Nath, (second row) Aiden Worshek, Priscilla Muehr, Lola Peterson, Travis Schempp, Brynn Boyenga, Reese Louwagie, Addison Huiskes, (third row) Xavier McKenzie, Elle Halverson, Logan Ommen, Abigail Anderson, Zander Carbonneau, Anja Jarchow, Steven Woods, (back) Rose-lynn Hartshorn, Lacey Morseman, Mallory Von Tersch, Skyler VanderSteen, Kenedee Franken, Zoey Berghorst, Alex Perkins, Katherine Pizel and Maddy Schepel. Not pictured are JT Remme, Lucas Hansen, Mariam Alinizi, Ayah Alinizi, Sara Alinizi and Cameryn Aukes.

Highlights: LHS was recognized by the Minnesota Robotics Coaches Association with a silver (3.5-3.74 GPA) team award. Zoey Berghorst was one of four Minnesota finalists for the FIRST dean's list. Three LHS seniors were selected to the All-State robotics team and included Parker Carbonneau, Mallory Von Tersch and JT Remme.

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Members of the H-BC student council include (front row, from left) Cooper Gehrke, co-vice president Brayden Metzger, co-vice president Devon Dysthe, (second row) co-treasurer Layla Deelstra, co-treasurer Lanae Elbers, publicist Taylor Gehrke, secretary Malli Ternus, Bailey Spykerboer, Sylvia Fick, Claire Knobloch, Mya Erickson, Abby Olson, (back) Logan Susie, Jackson Gacke, Jamin Metzger, Jack Moser, Emma Deelstra, president Jenifer Martinyuk and Gavyn Leuthold.



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Highlights: Audrie DeBates was elected as state FCCLA president for 2023-24. Janica Oechsle is state vice president of community service. Area FCCLA officers are Anna Reisdorfer (secretary) and Hallie Bork (treasurer). Ten students received gold rankings at the state convention. Hallie Bork, Ella Lanoue, Gemma Nelson and Janica Oechsle qualified for national competition.



Participants in this year's LHS speech team include (front row, from left) Zander Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau, Grace Ingebretsen, Charlie Mostad, (back) Cassi Chesley, Roselynn Hartshorn, Elizabeth Mulder, Xavier McKenzie, Jessika Tunnissen, Maddy Schepel, Brooke Vos, William Johnson, Makayla Oechsle and Nora Louwagie. Not pictured Zoey Berghorst and Bri Kinsinger.

Highlights: Four LHS students qualified for the state speech tournament: Roselynn Hartshorn, Parker Carbonneau, Bri Kinsinger and Zander Carbonneau. Zander received a sixth-place medal in extemporaneous speaking. Parker Carbonneau earned all-state honors.



Members of the H-BC mock trial team compiled an 0-4 season and included members (front row, from left) Leif Tollefson, Blake Leenderts, Tahilya Kruger, Lexas Wessels, (second row) Kyler Hartz, Emma Deelstra, Lexi Drake, Joy Taubert, Britton McKenzie, (back) Tyrae Goodface, Sarah Proehl and Madison Gaugler. Missing are Gavin Voss and Isaiah Stefanyuk.

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Members of the LHS math league team competing at state include (front row, from left) Mallory Von Tersch, Zoey Berghorst, Anja Jarchow, Reese Louwagie, (back) Parker Carbonneau, Logan Ommen, Camden Janiszkeski, Ella Hoogendoorn, Steven Woods and Zander Carbonneau.

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Luverne Dollars for Scholars has a scholarship fund with a market value of almost **\$12 million**.



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DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS RECIPIENTS FOR 2023 (front row, from left) Ross Bergman, Andy Halverson, Brady Bork, Brock Behrend, Ashton Eitrem, Joseph Remme, Riley Sneller, Parker Carbonneau, (second row) Jocelynn Mann, Isabella Oye, Grace Ingebretsen, Ashlyn Johnson, Egypt Forrest, Zoe Wek, Jacie Graham, Emma Beyer, Justis Ahrendt, (third row) Daylin Velasquez, Deziree Nath, Bonita Tiesler, Lily Ehlers, Lacey Morseman, Mallory Von Tersch, Monica Padilla, Averill Sehr, Phoebe DeBates, Josie Anderson, Reese Louwagie, (fourth row) Isabella Lanoue, Priscilla Muehr, Tori Hemme, Mariam Alinzi, Carly Olson, Ava Vortherms, Cedar Viessman, Jocelyn Hart, Jady Hart, Elizabeth Wagner, Kaylee Voorhees, (fifth row) Tiana Lais, Kaysie Lenz, Kamryn Van Batavia, Mallory Nelson, Lauren Hansen, Ryenn Stegenga, Katharine Kelm, Abigail Anderson, Anja Jarchow, Christina Wagner, Alyia Renken, Marcus Feit, Carsen Tofteland, Ethan Nath, (sixth row) Nicholas Hansen, Tyson Cowell, Lucas Hansen, Austin Ossefoort, Zachary DeBoer, Camden Hoven, Kaleb Hein, Gannon Ahrendt, Camden Janiszkeski, Micah Andersen, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Cole Mann, Logan Ommen and Gavin Reich.

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