



CARDINAL FLYER

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HAYES CENTER BUYS A NEW BUS

BY LANIE SOUNDY

This past school year, the school decided it was time for an upgrade in our transportation department. The two yellow activity buses have had a long run but were starting to show some wear. Both buses have had many trips taking students to all of their activities, adding quite a few miles to them on country roads. They were consistently breaking down and needing to be fixed between trips. There is no air conditioning in them which makes transporting students in the hot summer months uncomfortable. When the heater started cutting out and became very inconsistent, the school board tasked Mr. Primavera to collect bids for a new bus and ultimately voted on the current bus at last year's December

board meeting.

The board settled on purchasing a 2027 Blue Bird bus from the Blue Bird Corporation. The bus, which is all white, was scheduled to be picked up in May from Lexington, Nebraska by Gregg Bishop and Travis Soundy who brought it home to Hayes Center. Shortly after getting it home, the board had to make the decision on which company to use to wrap the bus with the MHC Wolves logo. In the end, they decided to use Toxic Graphics located in North Platte, Nebraska. The white bus gave Toxic Graphics a big canvas to work with, allowing them to stretch out the Wolves logo from front to back of both sides of the bus.

The bus not only has the MHC Wolves logo on it, but it also has many other incredible features. It runs off of gas compared to the school's other buses that use diesel. The bus also has air suspension, which helps to make



the ride smoother and more enjoyable for all passengers. Compared to the other activity buses, the new one has bucket seats that hold up to 44 students. The seats give the students more space and extra comfort during their trips. The new activity bus is also equipped with an intercom, so the bus driver can easily communicate to the passengers. It also has an improved heater, and has an AC to keep the passengers comfortable in all weather.

The new bus is strictly being used to transport students to activities such as sporting events and FFA competitions, and the school is limiting its use on country roads to help the bus last longer. Hayes Center students are excited at the opportunity to use the new activity bus, and are looking forward to many trips on it in the future.



Bus photos by Lanie Soundy

“What is one milestone you want to achieve by the end of the school year?”

I want to memorize the state capitals and states, and also to read 10 books in two months. -Karolyna Gallegos

I want to get all my spelling words 100% correct. -Brooke Messersmith

I want to have a great school year with my friends and do well in my classes. -Preslie Broz

I would like to focus more and improve on MAPS testing, as well as my handwriting. -Tatum Lacey

This year, I want to achieve being the best version of myself. I can do this by being kind and lending a helping hand when necessary. -Jordyn Lacey

One milestone I want to achieve is playing “Wipe Out” on the drums.-Maddox Loomis

I want to achieve reading 3 giant books by the end of the school year. -Briar Cox

One milestone I want to achieve by the end of the school year is becoming the 8th grader that people look up to. I want to be the kind, smart, and type of person every younger grade can walk up to without hesitating, and ask me anything. I want to become a role model for any future grades that are coming up to junior high. -Mya Broz



Meet the 4th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Angela Christner

By Harli Cox



Hayes Center has welcomed the new 4th grade

teacher, Mrs. Angela Christner this school year. Though she's new to this position, she is already familiar with the school and community from her previous experience substitute teaching here in the past.

Her career in education began in 2012 when she worked as a paraeducator at Wauneta-Palisade Schools. She then became a substitute teacher at several schools, including Hayes Center and Hitchcock County. In 2023, she completed her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Western Governors University and began teaching third grade at Wauneta-Palisade. Recently, she worked as an elementary special education teacher before coming to Hayes Center.

When the fourth-grade position became available, she was excited about the opportunity. Having already spent time at Hayes Center, she knew it was a school where she would enjoy working. "I always enjoyed working with the students and was impressed by how respectful, kind, and welcoming they were," she said. "I am especially looking forward to becoming part of the Hayes Center community and building relationships with my students, their families, and my coworkers."

One of the things she appreciates most about Hayes Center is the close-knit atmosphere that comes with being a small school. "It's a place where students, staff, and families know and support one another. I also appreciate how welcoming and supportive everyone has been since I joined the staff. There is a genuine commitment to helping students succeed, and I am grateful to be part of a school where relationships and student growth are valued," she added. "I am especially excited to have my own fourth-grade classroom and to help my students learn, grow, and have a successful year."

Outside of school, family plays a major role in her life. She is married and has three children, along with several grandchildren and a dachshund. Spending time with her family is one of her greatest joys, especially camping with them. In her free time, she also enjoys gardening and canning food she harvests from her garden. She and her husband have been fortunate to travel outside the country to places such as Jamaica and Punta Cana. Above all, her faith and family are the most important things in her life.

As she begins her first year as Hayes Center's fourth grade teacher, she is excited to become more involved in a community she already knows and enjoys. Her previous experiences in education, along with her history at Hayes Center have given her a strong start as she strives to help students grow and learn to the best of their ability.



Photos of the Week



Photo by Carly Softley
Junior high students begin practicing their music for the Homecoming Parade.



Photo by Lanie Soundy
The MHC Wolves football team pauses for the Star Spangled Banner before their game against Southern Valley in Maywood.



Photo by Monica Dimas
Mrs. Lacey teaches the kindergarten class how to make compound words using their hands.



Photo by Andrea Neal
Lanie Soundy, Carly Softley, Harli Cox, Monica Dimas, and Ava Messersmith recently traveled to Imperial and McCook to sell yearbook advertisements.



Photo by Carly Softley
Sophomore Quaid Brott measures a piece of wood at the start of his project during 6th period woods class.



Photo by Harli Cox
Kai Landry (9th) works on the finishing touches of her art project.



SPORTS SCORES

Varsity Football vs. Southern Valley @Maywood, Friday, Sep.4

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Southern Valley (2-0)	8	0	8	0	16
MHC (1-1)	0	0	6	6	12

Kade Broz: 2 touchdowns

Bentley Broz: 1 interception



Photo by Lanie Soundy

Bentley Broz tackles the legs of a Southern Valley player to stop the yardage gain at Maywood.

Varsity Volleyball vs. Southwest @Colby, Thursday, Sep.3

	Set 1	Set 2
Southwest (3-3)	15	25
MHC (3-0)	25	27

Varsity Volleyball vs. Rawlins Co. @Colby, Thursday, Sep.3

	Set 1	Set 2
Rawlins County (1-4)	25	26
MHC (3-1)	20	24

Varsity Volleyball vs. Loomis @Maywood, Tuesday, Sep.8

	Set 1	Set 2
Loomis (2-2)	21	11
MHC (4-1)	25	25

Varsity Volleyball vs. Arapahoe @Maywood, Tuesday, Sep.8

	Set 1	Set 2
Arapahoe (3-2)	18	22
MHC (5-1)	25	25

Addison Richards: 100th career block

Cross Country

@Cambridge

Thur., Sep.3

Girls

Team 3rd Overall

Individual

Carly Softley (7th)

22:16:93

Agneshka Sankey (13th)

23:19:35

Ayleen Hernandez (38th)

26:23.39

Ava Messersmith (47th)

27:25.00

Boys

Team 14th Overall

Individual

Rubiel Lopez (38th)

21:36.81

Aaron Lawson (64th)

23:54.04

Steven Werkmeister (74th)

25:30.98



Photo by Ava Messersmith

7th Grader Chaz Jeffers stays on pace with his mile time at the junior high DCS meet.