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## THE PIRATES GREATEST HITS

It's ironic that 20/20 refers to perfect vision because this time has been anything but the perfect vision we had for the end of the year.

Yet perhaps what's even more ironic is that this time of "life interrupted" has really helped us see things more clearly.

The Beatles were, and are, considered musical visionaries. Decades later, their song titles seem to capture much of what the past weeks have been like for many of us.

These songs also give us hope for the days ahead, taking us from a time of "Helter Skelter" to a day where we can finally say "Here Comes The Sun."

# The Long and Winding Road

by senior Klaire Krapfl & junior Kylee Salles

The governor recommended schools to close on March 15 in hopes to “flatten the curve.” Little did Iowans know then that this was just the beginning of a long journey ahead, with many twists and turns.

Following the extended closure of Iowa schools from April 13 to April 30, the Iowa High School Sports Association chose to also extend the start date for the spring sports season to May 1.

Junior track runner Jessica Regenwether agreed this was the right thing to do.

“This is a reasonable call for all high school athletes who continue to believe in a spring season,” said Regenwether. “(Though) the odds aren’t looking great [to have a season at all], we need to (stay) motivated and believe that there is still a season! I personally think that the effort we are putting in right now will better prepare us for our next race, game, or meet.”

Senior golfer Ellie Brown disagreed. “With the season going on past graduation, I’m concerned the team will be less dedicated.”

Freshman Andrew Gaudian was left concerned, “The summer baseball season will be shorter and overlap with my spring sports!”

But when the governor shuttered all schools for the year at her April 16 press conference, any hope of any spring sports season was shattered. The summer sports season remains to be determined.

All this uncertainty has left spring athletes without a schedule but with many what ifs.

## Q.A.: What if Iowa goes on lockdown for the summer? How will this affect your summer plans?

“If Iowa goes on lockdown for the summer, it will affect my plans tremendously as I will not have a job to get money for spending. This will also ruin my time to hang out with friends in the most beautiful part of the year.”

- senior Payton Stuart

## Q.A.: What if this goes into the beginning of next school year?

“If COVID-19 continued into the next school year, I would be very disappointed. There are so many things I would miss out on like my senior volleyball and soccer season, homecoming and prom, college classes, scholarships, and being able to have one last year to spend with my classmates before we part our separate ways.”

- junior Faith Hoffman

## Q.A.: What if high school students can’t find summer jobs?

“I’m a lifeguard at The Falls and because of COVID-19 pushing everything back, things like soccer and play practice (might) be the same time I work. I’m not sure how I’ll be able to work around everything.”

- sophomore Jake Yoder

ture lessons.

March 12th was the last time I would walk through the fields, courses, courts, and hallways of Hudson High School, which were always filled with the laughter and smiles of every student.

Still, the memories I share with my peers over those numerous days I spent in school and every activity I took part in will continue to remind me of all I have accomplished at Hudson High School.

Although our year was cut short, the students of Hudson High School have already experienced so much, made many memories, and learned a lot of lessons. This spring has made me realize “Baby, You’re a Rich (Wo) Man.”

## Yesterday

by senior Abby Gaudian

March 12th was the last time I got to walk into Hudson High School, sit through eight 41 minute classes, eat a school lunch, watch the clock tick away, and race to my car to beat the crazy after-school crowd.

March 12th was the last time I had been able to wait excitedly to see what Mrs. Yoder had in store for class. Every day. Without a doubt, she always managed to make all of us smile! That was the last time I would attentively listen to her educational but entertaining British Literature lessons.

# Let It Be

by seniors Morgan Hansen, Tara Jochumsen, & Sophie Selenke

Throughout the world, concerts, trips, and weddings are being canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, turning excitement to disappointment for thousands. Some from the Class of 2020 share what they don’t want to miss and why.



photo courtesy of Morgan Galbraith

Editor's Note: Check the school website for an active link to the May 17 virtual graduation ceremony.

## Graduation/ Graduation Party

“More than 12 years of hard work, a little less than 15 years, and more than 1,000 hours spent on trying to reach one goal: graduation. Graduation is important to me because I get something I have been trying to acquire for 12 years at Hudson- my high school diploma. Some people need to walk across the stage to feel empowered, but I want to walk across the stage and tell everyone that I did it. I accomplished something that brought me challenges, triumphs, and tears throughout my hard work and determination.”

- senior Morgan Galbraith

## Prom/After Prom

“Prom was one of my favorite times last year, and at that time, I didn’t know that it might be the last time I get to experience that.”

- senior Alison Peck



photo courtesy of Alison Peck

Editor's Note: At the time of publishing, plans for a school-sponsored prom, which was moved from April 18 to May 9, have been canceled for 2020.



photo courtesy of Tara Jochumsen

## Spring/Summer Sports

“This year was supposed to be my year. Ever since missing the state meet last year by a few inches, I have been determined to get back there. I had set three goals for myself this year: 1. Qualify for the Drake Relays, 2. Break the school record for 131’8”, and 3. Place at the state meet. Now, because of the virus, I am not able to train, and my goals have become even more unreachable. But, I’m trying to be optimistic. I have to believe I will still have a track season, and I will at least get a chance to try to meet some of my goals.”

- senior Tara Jochumsen





Greatest Hits



Banding Together



## ▶ With A Little Help From My Friends



**Brooke Busch**

"Never take anything for granted because in the blink of an eye you'll be the one in the cap and gown, wondering how it all went by so fast."



**Connor Ham**

"Don't take everything for granted. High school goes by a lot faster than I ever thought it would."



**Morgan Hansen**

"Never let other people determine what you can do with your life."



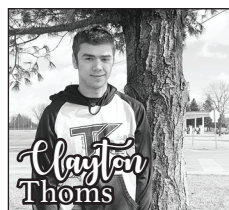
**Racie Herring**

"Learn how to love yourself so you can love others."



**Mattie Mylie**

"Don't be afraid to ask for help."



**Clayton Thoms**

"Cherish it because it will be gone before you know it."



**Anna Twait**

"It is important to do things out of your comfort zone because you may find a side of yourself you never knew existed."



**Joan Ugrin**

"Cherish the moments you have in high school, but remember that it is only four years of your life."

## ▶ Hard Day's Night



**Jake Burgett**

"I'll miss singing in choir every day because music brings inspiration to me."



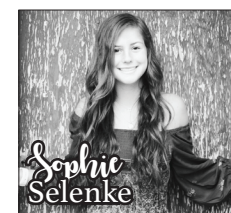
**Eli Fox**

"It will be hard to leave all my friends because of all the good times we have had together."



**Alex Reynolds**

"It will be hard to leave behind all the relationships I built because I have known these people for my whole life, and saying goodbye to just one is hard, let alone all of them."



**Sophie Selenke**

"The fondest memory I have at Hudson was when I was able to travel to Dallas with the journalism class."



**Grace Schwenneker**

"I am going to miss being in such a welcoming environment. The staff at Hudson teach more than classroom lectures; they teach life lessons that I will hold on to for the rest of my life."



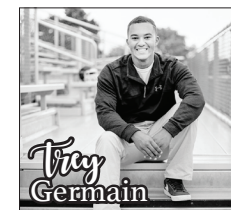
**Drew Stanfield**

"I will miss the environment of a pep rally during homecoming."



**Grace Richter**

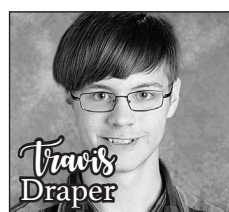
"I will miss seeing my friends every day because they helped me grow into who I am now."



**Trey Germain**

"Winning a state championship in football."

## ▶ Can't Buy Me Love



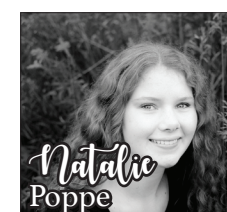
**Travis Draper**

"What I loved most about Hudson was all the different opportunities I experienced, from marching band to job shadowing and actually getting a job I truly enjoy."



**Morgan Gallbraith**

"Being a smaller school, Hudson provides many opportunities larger schools cannot."



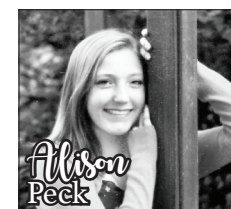
**Natalie Poppe**

"I loved being in the music program and competing for jazz band."



**Luke Koenigsfeld**

"I loved the small classes of Hudson, and being able to get to know everyone."



**Alison Peck**

"My fondest memory was the first time I performed in the musical. It was a turning point for my self-confidence, and it was fun to enjoy the experience with my closest friends."



## Get Back



## Here Comes The Sun



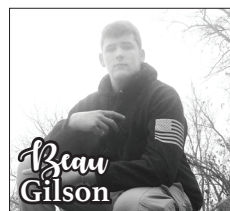
**Harley Chley**

"Being able to experience going to state for volleyball because it was a life-changing experience, knowing that we could accomplish it."



**Klaira Krapfl**

"My fondest memory was camping on the softball field after Olivia Kolterman hit a home run."



**Beau Gilson**

One of two early graduates from the Class of 2020



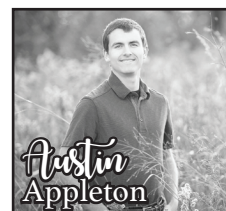
**Justina Gilliam**

Enthusiastically learned to use Google Hangouts during COVID-19



**Emma Kegebein**

"I hope the future me will make a difference in people's lives for the better, and always keep a bright smile on my face!"



**Austin Appleton**

"I am going to attend Iowa State to pursue mechanical engineering."



**Lexi Bergmeier**

"I will be at Hawkeye Community College studying Early Childhood Education."



**Ellie Brown**

"I will be at Iowa State University, getting an education to prepare me to nursing college."



**Payton Stuart**

"My fondest memory at Hudson would probably be when walking through the halls before going to state for football and soccer."



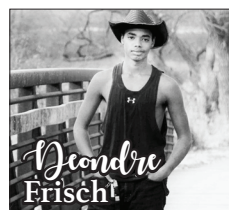
**Maddie McKenna**

"My favorite memory is getting to play basketball with both of my sisters."



**Rain Winkpleck**

Planning to study liberal arts at Hawkeye Community College then business at the University of Northern Iowa



**Deondre Frisch**

Planning to study Diesel Truck Technology at Hawkeye Community College



**Gull Hazen**

Planning to study Electronics at Hawkeye Community College



**Abby Gaudian**

"I plan to attend Iowa Lakes Community College to continue my golf and academic career. I will be pursuing a degree in dental hygiene."



**Sara Klunder**

"I will be at Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis Missouri, playing volleyball and studying Business Administration."



**Zach Koch**

"I will be at Hawkeye Community College getting my Electronics Engineering Technology Societies Degree."



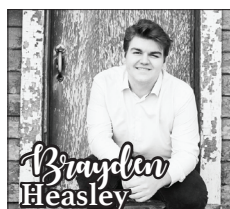
**Owen Polendo**

"Playing soccer every recess with my friends because it was very intense."



**Naomi Henderson**

"My favorite experiences and memories from my time at Hudson have come during the musicals."



**Brayden Heasley**

Planning to attend the University of Northern Iowa for Business



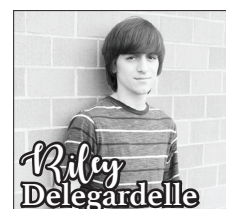
**Ethan Holton**

Planning to attend Hawkeye Community College for the Trades Program



**Tara Jochumsen**

Planning to attend Wartburg College to major in Business Management



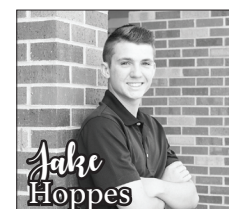
**Riley Delegardelle**

Planning to attend the University of Northern Iowa to study Criminology



**Jackson Selenke**

"Studying at Iowa State and still riding my motorcycle."



**Jake Hoppes**

"I will be living with friends and attending UNI."

**"Eventually all pieces fall into place. Until then, laugh at the confusion, live for the moment, and know that everything happens for a reason." -Unknown**

# Twist and Shout

Students and staff are finding ways to stay active while staying at home.

by sophomore Madison Michael



"I like to go for a walk every afternoon when it's nice because it makes me disconnect from my laptop. The physical activity and sun really boost both my energy and my mood."

-high school English and journalism teacher Joletta Yoder

"I like to use my extra time during this self-isolation period to improve my basketball skills and run so that I am better for my future athletic seasons."

-8th grader Tanner Michael



"I like to run in the morning and do a workout at night. At night, I do 5-10 minutes of ab work then move on to legs. A few days I week throw in arm exercises. too. Keeping active has helped me to get outside and burn all this extra energy."

-sophomore Addison Grady

"Weight lifting helps me stay focused and active."

-freshman Trevor Koelling



"Staying active keeps me healthy, and also helps my general attitude. Getting out into the fresh air and moving helps to break up the monotony of being at home all day and gets me away from screens! I was always in sports growing up (volleyball, cross country, track, tennis) so I enjoy exercising much more in a 'team/group' setting. I prefer workout classes, like NLXF (Next Level Extreme Fitness) or OrangeTheory Fitness so that I have others motivating me!"

-7th-12th grade band teacher Nicole Davis

"In an attempt to promote physical activity and personal wellness, I've asked the students to post pictures or videos on Twitter using the hashtag #piratesmoving in hopes of motivating others to do the same." "Physical activity, now more than ever, is vital. Now, your house is stocked with groceries, all workout facilities are closed, you have a lot more time on the couch and near the fridge. Your activity level is probably down. Your food consumption is probably up."

"While everyone worries about the virus, many are also letting other parts of their health deteriorate and are setting themselves up for other health issues. High



photo courtesy Sean Leonard

High school PE teacher Sean Leonard and wife welcomed their second child, Charlie Parker was born on April 14th.

levels of stress and anxiety can cause changes in your weight and weaken your immune system."

"I hope everyone is finding time to take care of themselves. There are several health benefits of a simple, daily 30 minute walk. Burning calories and losing weight, improving digestion, boosting immunity, and improving sleep are just a few. In addition, depression and anxiety symptoms often improve with exercise. Take advantage, people!"



Sophomore Izzy Jorgensen used Leonard's suggested hashtag to tweet about her run with senior Lexi Bergmeier and freshman Josie Bergmeier.

America is the land of the free. We hear and see this saying everywhere, from political rallies to 4th of July celebrations. But while we may be free, we are NOT invincible.

Amid this COVID-19 outbreak, there are a lot of freedoms we have had to give up. I understand that it may be a difficult task - but it's not impossible. So please... STAY HOME!

It may have begun overseas, but this

global pandemic has exploded in the U.S. with case numbers rising above Italy and even China.

With a population less than 24% of China's (as of 2017), it seems nearly impossible for our case numbers to somehow be over triple those of China - 735%, to be exact.

In theory, we should have a much lower number of infected people, yet the number of U.S. cases has skyrocketed.

Read more about Jetta's perspective on Coronavirus at [www.hudsonpiratepress.com](http://www.hudsonpiratepress.com) **piratepress.** **ONLINE**

## Day Tripper:

A day in the life of the Selenke family

by senior Sophie Selenke

Greg Selenke



sleep

Sherri Selenke



sleep

senior Jackson Selenke



sleep

senior Sophie Selenke



sleep

6 a.m.

TV

7 a.m.

get ready

TV

8 a.m.

go to work

breakfast

Snapchat

9 a.m.

work

Twitter

get ready

10 a.m.

get ready

laundry

breakfast

11 a.m.

walk dog

run

breakfast

run

12 p.m.

lunch

news

homework

workout

1 p.m.

go to work

sit outside

work in the garage

lunch

2 p.m.

work

lunch

sit outside

3 p.m.

clean

work in the garage

social media

4 p.m.

cook

motorcycle ride

homework

5 p.m.

walk dog

walk

work in the garage

walk

6 p.m.

dinner

dinner

dinner

dinner

7 p.m.

TV

clean

workout

shower

8 p.m.

TV

laundry

gaming

TV

9 p.m.

sleep

TV

Youtube

10 p.m.

TV

get ready for bed

get ready for bed

11 p.m.

TV

sleep

12 a.m.

sleep



# Come Together

by junior Halle Haack

In every history class I've ever been in, I was told that our generation will have "our event." You know, an event that defines our experiences and makes a lasting impression for the rest of our

**But, just as every tragedy brings struggle, it also brings triumph.**

To me, this global pandemic is just that. All of this chaos, between a struggling economy and lengthy quarantines, reminds us that we should be striving for something more than survival. We should be striving for community- for togetherness, a togetherness that should be found in both times of fortune and crisis.

For too long we've been a nation divided by socioeconomic status, politics, and more. But, we have also been a nation isolated. Americans of all ages and walks of life choose to personally isolate ourselves: eyes glued to our screens, taking pictures of ourselves, and posts reflecting our true mindset- consumed by only what we're doing, thinking, or feeling. Our focus has been

completely self-centered.

Hopefully, now that will change.

Hopefully, this time of reflection will help us see we need to reach out to others and make a difference. After all, it's the littlest of efforts that always make the largest impact.

Within our own community, high school Spanish teacher Dawn Frye, who is retiring after this school year, is using this time to look beyond her needs.

She is fighting to ensure families throughout our district receive their weekly supply of meals through the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

"By working together, we can build on each other's strengths and knowledge," said Frye. "Together we can take a challenging situation and create positive outcomes for our students, families in our community, and each other."

This is our moment. We are currently living and breathing history. But, just as every tragedy brings struggle, it also brings triumph. Our actions now will leave a legacy later. It's time that we come together and make that legacy matter.



Technology coach Mike Lewis updates twitter about using the schools 3-D printer to make face shields for medical professionals.

## All You Need Is LOVE

by juniors Caitlyn O'Malley & Hannah Tjepkes

*Although everything has changed, one thing remains the same- we still have our family there right by our side.*

*Since the coronavirus pandemic hit, we have had more time to be at home and with our families. This may be a good thing. We can spend that time creating a stronger bond with those who matter most.*

*As we go about our lives, we all too often forget who will always be with us no matter what-family.*



sisters junior Hannah and sophomore Lindsey Tjepkes



junior Caitlyn O'Malley and her mom

## Imagine

by senior Brooke Busch

As I look at my disheveled self in the mirror, with messy hair and days-old, wrinkly sweatpants, I find myself hoping that the anxious person staring back is not the new me. I refuse to accept this as my new normal. I have hope.

I choose to believe that this time next year I'll be wrapping up my first year of college surrounded by more than 10 friends who are closer than 6 feet from me.

We'll be smiling and laughing about all the good times we've had. We will.

We live, or should I say lived, in a society that thrives off of affection.

Everywhere we went, people were showing their love and appreciation for each other by being close to each other. Suddenly, in our

arguably newfound dystopian society, that has been stripped away from us.

It's hard not to wonder if people will ever reach out for a handshake or ask for a hug again. But I have hope that we will be able to do all of these things again.

Even though in a year from now I'll be enjoying a new season of my life, I will not have forgotten. I will not forget about the thousands of lives that were taken and hundreds of thousands that were affected by something so uncontrollable. I will never forget.

But I will also never forget what I've learned during these days of monotony and isolation. I've learned to never take those moments with the people I love for granted because they can be taken as fast as they were given. Sadly, that was the case

for thousands of people. Thousands.

I will remember that some people will never get the chance to have the time that they wanted with the people that they loved the most. I will remember that could've been me- I could have lost someone, too.

And I will have a more positive outlook on life because I have learned that life is too short and too precious to look at it any other way.

I will have lived through these dark days, and I will come out on the other side. I see the light at the end of the tunnel. And because of these past months, I'll always know that light will be there, no matter how dark the days get.

I have hope.

**“When the fear passes and it's clear to return to normal life again, will we all return to our normal routines like nothing happened or will we remember and change?”**

"**BE**ing in journalism **LET** me grow as a student by teaching me how to take constructive criticism."

senior Morgan Hansen

"**BE**ing in journalism has made me realize my passion for photography and gives me a new perspective of life's special moments."

senior Tara Jochumsen

"**BE**ing in journalism has **LET** me grow by helping me with time management and seeing different points of view."

sophomore Mac Kelly

"**BE**ing in journalism has **LET** me grow by allowing me to discover new skills I didn't know I had."

senior Sophie Selenke

"Journalism has **HELP**ed me improve my writing and editing skills that I use in my English, science, and history classes."

junior Emilee Steimel

"Journalism has **HELP**ed me to feel empowered in my words and has taught me that I can never be silenced."

junior Jetta Colsch

"Journalism has **HELP**ed me a lot in English classes because my writing is more interesting and, overall, just more put together."

sophomore Madison Michael

"Journalism has **HELP**ed me become more creative, and I have gotten better at collaborating and working with others."

sophomore Caroline Mitchell

"Journalism has helped **ME** grow by giving me a better work ethic, growing as a writer and designer, and helps with my school work."

sophomore Linsey Tjepkes

"Journalism has helped **ME** become better as a writer and designer, which helps me in all subjects in school."

junior Hannah Tjepkes

"I love being in journalism because it is a super great group and fun for **ME** to see everyone's final products."

junior Kylee Sallee

"I think others should take journalism. The class has helped prepare **ME** for harder classes and gain a better sense of time management."

junior Caitlyn O'Malley

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Morgan

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Abby

Klaire

Jenna

Brooke

Students in Journalism 2/3/4 band together to create the greatest hits of the school year and showcase them in our publications- the high school newspaper, its website, and the district yearbook. But they do more than make publications- they make memories and they make a difference.

"I love being a part of a supportive and hard working staff that works to represent **OUR** school and community in an encouraging way."

junior Halle Haack

"I love being able to be a part of an amazing group of students and how it helps me step out of **MY** comfort zone."

senior Harley Schley

"I love the family aspect. **WE** all are there for each other and pick each other up when we are feeling down."

senior Lexi Bergmeier

"This is so much more than a class... It is a small family that teaches **YOU** so many life lessons and pushes you to be your best."

senior Grace Schwenneker

"Journalism has shown me that things will always be hard, but that does not mean that I cannot accomplish them if I just **TRY**."

senior Brooke Busch

"The best part of my journalism experience has been learning to **STEP** outside of my comfort zone."

senior Jenna Twait

"With the many nights I have spent staying up late trying to make my deadline, journalism has prepared me to always **GIVE** everything my all."

senior Klaire Krapfl

"Journalism has prepared me for the **ROAD** ahead by teaching me work ethic and creativity, which will help me succeed in the future."

senior Abby Gaudian