

# Tigerhawk Talk

March 2023



## Is spring here yet?

I think that we are all ready for the weather to warm up and we can get outside. Even though it's been cold outside, we are still moving along with projects, new initiatives and taking time to reflect on current practices.



Tim Salmon  
Superintendent

I've spent considerable time listening and getting feedback from staff, students and our students.

One thing that continues to come up is that we want an environment where everyone feels safe and valued. Through all the feedback that has been collected, we looked for trends and are identifying our next steps to address areas that we can improve. Our building teams are now building action steps to improve those areas and continue to monitor as we make adjustments. We

have made a commitment to making the learning environment in our buildings the best it can be. I want to thank everyone that provided feedback, whether through phone calls, impromptu conversations and scheduled meetings. Your voices are being heard.

As our winter sports have wrapped up, it was a historical season for our girls wrestling program, from winning the initial conference title to results at the state tournament. Successful seasons for both our boys and girls programs and improvement throughout the year with the boys basketball. We can't forget our dance team, as they showed their skills at state competition and other performances. Much to be proud of.

One thing that you have noticed if you pay attention to our social media accounts is the beginning of a new

partnership with TH Media, a media/marketing company. We are working with them to create high quality videos, images that focus on the staff, students and community. This includes posts on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. One of the most exciting parts of this is that our students will be featured in the work. Select students will work alongside the media team, learning from professionals and being part of the creation, editing and directing. I'm very excited for the opportunity this will provide students and being able to showcase the great things that are happening within the district.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out and connect with me. It's a priority of mine to improve communication and seek input from our community to help our district become the envy of others. Let's go Tigerhawks!

## Congratulations John McGill placing 6th at State Wrestling!!



## First Mingo Yearbook makes for interesting reading

By Larry Hurto

"Back to school" is always an exciting time in the life of families. Shopping for clothes and school supplies, scheduling of classes, new teachers, and so on. But for students at Mingo Consolidated High School, September 8, 1921 was greeted as, "School again, same as usual." (Snore.)

But not for long. One week into the school year the decision was made to put out an annual. The school's first. And let me tell you, Volume 1 of the Mingo Ha! Ha!, a copy of which this writer found in the files of the Jasper County Museum, makes for one interesting read.

# Mingo Yearbook

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For one thing, the committee left behind a remarkably detailed account of life in a school that had only been dedicated three years earlier. That memorable day, September 2, 1918, boasted a basket dinner, speeches (Governor Harding was present), music, and even a parade.

“Twenty-five hundred people came to see the new five-acre campus and building,” the Mingo centennial book tells us, brought about by the consolidation of three independent school districts: Greencastle, Valeria, and Mingo. Total cost of the new building at a time when America was at war was \$100,000.

“We had a huge ninth grade class,” Charles H. Coughlan remembered, “but it quickly dwindled down to about half and seventeen were in the graduation class of 1922.” (“... the eighteenth stayed with us but a short time,” the annual notes, “leaving to take up her duties in a home of her own.”) There were 16 juniors that year, 18 sophomores, and 17 “freshies.”

Staff officers for the yearbook were Kathryn Poorbaugh, Evelyn Weston, Pauline Keister, Chauncey Akins, Stanley Baker, Louise Heberer, and Carl Streeter. Everyone had nicknames. Kathryn was “K,” Evelyn was “Evvy,” and Pauline – “Polly.” Baker was “Bake” and Louise was “Boots.”

“The Mingo Ha-Ha, published by the Class of 1922 is the first annual to be published by Mingo High School,” the “Foreward” proudly states. “We have endeavored to picture in this book the activities of our school days, and we hope with the aid of this book

to always keep fresh in our minds the cherished thoughts and memories of M. H. S.”

The Class of '22 wasted no time in making its mark. The first Senior party was held September 10 at the home of Reva Borts, “Ve” to her classmates. Formerly involved in the Literary Society, Declamatory Contest, and the Operetta, this year she would join the Girls Glee Club.

On September 16, the first of several visitors during the course of the year showed up. Mary and Joe Leonard of the Class of '21 stopped by for a visit.

The next day the Orchestra, “a new organization” under the direction of Miss Viola Auten, had its first rehearsal. (“Crash! Bang!”) It would play for all plays and other entertainments given in the auditorium, making their initial appearance in “Safety First.” They also assisted the American Legion in their Minstrel Show.

It was comprised of four violinists (Lenore Gifford, Ila Bailey, Matt Kline, and “Akins”), Miss White on cello, Eldon Geisler playing cornet, saxophonist Willard Dullard, and “Boots,” concerned with her latest hairstyle, on drums. Pauline Keister, who came to Mingo from North High in Des Moines, was “pianoist.”

Eleven days into the school year a new teacher appeared. The lovely Miss Edith Liek would teach English, Literature, and Home Ec – for awhile.

For the first time football was added as a sport at M. H. S. The annual conceded that “our first year is largely a study of the game.” Reason: “Not one of the boys had ever played the game [!], and most of them had never witnessed a game [!!], yet notwithstand-

ing they went to work with a will. . .”

Football “suits” arrived on October 10. There was lots of practice. “Ginger” got hurt. (“Ginger” was Senior Floyd Whitehead.) October 17 – Rain, no football practice. October 18 – More rain. Football signal practice in the Gym. The first game was played against the Colfax Seconds. Then the team played Ira.

It was all to no avail. “A team cannot be developed without a good opposing scrimmage squad and that is just exactly what we did not have,” the Ha! Ha! critiqued. Mingo went 0-2-1 in three regularly scheduled games, losing to Mitchellville 44-0, playing Colo a no score game, and losing to Prairie City 45-0.

Members of that ill-fated first team were Charley Gannon, Kline, Hugh “Irish” Gannon, Whitehead, Streeter, Orval Weston, Denver Byal, Harold “Stub” Coughlan, Capt., Jefferson Atwood, Gale Rippey, Wilbur Gannon, and Chesley “Check” Lewis. A. R. Metier, the school’s only male teacher, was the Coach.

On October 24, it was noted that the Gannon boys, Hugh and Charley, were on time. (Apparently this was unusual.) Kathryn taught Fifth Grade on November 5. November 8 – Dark and dismal. Snowing at 10:30. Juniors planning bob (bobsled) ride. November 28 – New Freshman, “Jake.”

Then on November 30 report cards came out. Everybody happy?

On December 5, the basketball team (boys) had their pictures taken.

Basketball in Mingo had its beginning with the first year of occupancy of the new building. “Our first

season, 1918-19 was given over largely to the work of learning the game, while the second, 1919-20, showed up with victories and defeats in the proportion of about fifty-fifty. . .”

In the third year “we began to present a good brand of the game, the boys winning eight games out of fourteen played and the girls winning their full schedule of nine games played, and finishing third in the Girls State Tournament at Drake University.”

In 1921-22, the boys went 7-3 and the girls 10-1. Lewis, C. Gannon, Streeter, Coughlan, Rippey, Whitehead, H. Gannon, Capt., and Baker played for the boys, with Mr. Metier again coaching. The girls, led by Capt. Audra Campbell, a Junior, were coached by Miss White. They would lose no players through graduation.

Miss Liek became Mrs. Cornell on December 21. “Polly” was positively gaga over this event. She composed an essay titled “The Thrill that Comes Once in a Lifetime” for the yearbook. “We thought that she would be different, but, no, she is just like Miss Leik even though her name is changed.”

On January 30, 1922, it was reported that Mrs. Cornell missed her train (where was she living?). After a charivari (a noisy serenade to a newly married couple) on February 11, she resigned on March 2. Miss Florence Forbes, her English and Home Ec replacement, arrived one week later.

The new calendar year saw more changes as issues of “deportment” came to the fore. Examples: January 23 – A few shifts in assembly room seating. February 20

# Congrats to Cason Fitch (38-9) at 113 lbs. and John McGill (43-5) at 160 lbs. for qualifying for the State Wrestling Meet



## Poulter attends IASB Day on the Hill



Mary Poulter with Representative Jon Dunwell in his office on Feb 14.



Pella Superintendent Greg Ebeling, Pella board member Joan Corbin & Poulter met with Senator Rozenboom during IASB's Day on the Hill.

CM board member Mary Poulter attended the IASB Day on the Hill on February 14 and met with Senator Rozenboom and State Representative Jon Dunwell. She visited with them about needing more preschool funding to allow

for full day programming and transportation for all students. Currently one section of CM preschool is all day & it is unclear if it will continue.

Poulter cited research stating that every dollar spent on early childhood basically

saves \$17 in reduced special education costs, welfare, and crime. She also shared that low income children hear up to 30 million fewer words than their more affluent peers before entering school. Preschool can narrow the gap.

Poulter also talked to the legislators about teacher recruitment & the path to licensure. She discussed the need for requirements for quality educators when looking at ways to increase the teaching numbers.

COLFAX-MINGO HIGH SCHOOL

# COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR!

Students grades 9-12 will visit organization tables at the Jr/Sr high school to learn more about various colleges and career opportunities. There are no fees to reserve a table. Hands-on activities provided by the organizations are encouraged! Please contact Amber Joyce with questions or inquiries - [ajoyce@colfaxmingo.org](mailto:ajoyce@colfaxmingo.org)



**MARCH 9, 2023  
1:00PM-3:15PM**

**COLFAX-MINGO JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL  
204 N LEAGUE RD, COLFAX, IA 50054  
515-674-4111**

# Mingo Yearbook

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– Streeter appears in overalls (?). February 21 – Mr. Young (Supt.) makes his little speech. Subject, Tardiness. February 22 – Miss White lays down the “laws.”

March 10 was the County tournament for the girls teams. This was held in the M. H. S. Gym. Six teams were entered: Mingo, Colfax, Baxter, Prairie City, Newburg, and Lynnville. Mingo won, with Baxter winning the Consolation. Mingo was the only team that played the same six girls throughout the tournament.

The players, all underclassmen, were Vilda Johnson, Hazel Franklin, Elsie Hand, Minnie Clement, Thelma Southern, Martha Leonard, Campbell, Capt., Madge Byal, Marie Tramel, and Hazel McKeever. Miss White coached. The Tournament Cup arrived on April 6.

The year was winding down. May was incredibly busy. The Operetta was held on May 5. Four days later Supt. and Mrs. Young entertained the seniors and faculty. Then followed in rapid succession the Junior Banquet, Class Sermon, Class Play (“Under Blue Skies”), and finally, on May 18, Commencement.

The Class of 1922 was comprised of the following: Lois “Dimples” Southern, “Akins,” “Boots,” Vilda “Billie” McKeever, “Ginger,” “Stub,” “Polly,” “Evvy,” “Irish,” Velma “Vellie” Westbrook, “Streeter,” “K,” “Bake,” “Ve,” Mary “Mary Jane” Lewis, “Check,” and Grace “Gay” Westbrook.

Stanley Baker was Class President; Louise Heber-



**Pictured from left: Pauline “Polly” Keister, Stanley “Bake” Baker, Evelyn “Evvy” Weston, Carl Streeter, Kathryn “K” Poorbaugh, Chauncey Akins, and Louise “Boots” Heberer.**

er, Vice-President; Kathryn Poorbaugh, Secretary; and Hugh Gannon, Treasurer. Class Colors were Old Rose and Silver. Class Motto: Not Evening But Dawn. Sweet Peas was the Class Flower.

One week after reports came out was the Alumni Banquet.

Even the ads are interesting. “These are the men who want to see a prosperous High School,” the editors of the Ha! Ha! brought to the attention of their “Gentle Reader.” “They help to make it possible to publish this Annual. If you want to know them read these Ads, and give them your trade. . .”

Most of these advertised Colfax businesses. Mingo ads were those of Mingo Consolidated School, Thomas B. Young, Supt.; Mingo Mercantile Co., S. W. Poorbaugh, Mgr.; H. M. Baker General

Merchandise; Mingo Trust and Savings Bank; Smith-Barber Lumber Co.; Mingo Café; W. L. Skinner, Dealer in Shelf & Heavy Hardware; and Pool Hall & Barber Shop, A. J. Ebert, Prop.

The Spellman-Tyler Studio, of Newton, announced that they had purchased the photo studio of G. A. McMullen, of Colfax, and were prepared “to take care of your many photographic requirements” (presumably to include school pictures) there.

(N. B.: The following could possibly be included in side bars. Occupations and residences listed were those that the alumni had in the spring of 1922.)

The members of the first Mingo graduating class, 1920, were Neva Bridie, Farming and Poultry raising, Collins; Bertha Frey, housekeeper, Mingo; Clarence Frey, farmer, Colfax;

Otha Hulse, student, Iowa State University, Iowa City; Raphael Maher, farmer, Colfax; Goldie Sams, at home, Mingo; and John Staker, salesman, Des Moines.

Members of the Class of 1921 were Bessie Beard, Music teacher, Mingo; Margaret Byal, at home, Collins; Marjorie Byal, at home, Collins; Vernon Coughlan, farmer, Mingo; Mabel Franklin, student, State Univ., Iowa City; Grace Frey, teacher, Ira; Lars Hanson, farmer, Collins; and Roy Hand, student, Sweeney Auto and Tractor School, Kansas City, MO.

Also, Mary Leonard, student, State Univ., Iowa City; Joe Leonard, farmer, Mingo; Sarah Leonard, student, Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls; Lillian Signs, teacher, Colo; Ruth Skinner, teacher, Mingo; Lois Staker, teacher, Mingo; and Mabel Streeter, teacher, Collins.

# Jr/Sr High School News



## C-M competes at Pork Congress

Colfax-Mingo took 14 FFA members to pork congress on February 2nd at the State Fair grounds. There were 706 contestants at the contest. This contest consisted of 4 classes of market hogs, a keep/ cull class, 2 tests, and a market evaluation class. The highest placing for Colfax-Mingo was Elise Engle with 12th place overall. She had perfect scores in 6 of the areas. Also placing in the top half included: Brock Nichol, Luke Padgett, and Alex Teed. The highest placing team placed 55th out of 162 teams. CM is currently preparing for sub-districts on February 21st at the FFA enrichment center in Ankeny.

## Scholastic achievement

### Middle School 1st Semester

#### A Honor Roll

Alexander Rodriguez-Briseno, Genesis Hardney, Layne Keller, Aubrey VanderSchoor, Grace Allen, Macie Porter, Aurora Foster, Isabelle Utz, Makenna Westercamp, Brenna Miller, Jessica Gibson, Maleah Kertels, Chelsie Kite, Katelyn Steenhoek, Mason Heaton, Cruz Dickerson, Milo Knutson, Mickinley Bucklin, Dakota Allen, Krissy Snow, Sydney Veasman, Elsie Stackhouse, Lawrence Solasberry, Victoria Woods, Wyatt Jay, Ashlynn Hosbond

#### B Honor Roll

Alex Niceswanger, Emily Cook, Madison Forschler, Alexandra Camp, Falicity Landon, Mason Hauschildt, Allan Bregar, Fisher Grove, Maverick Harter, Andrew Frantz, Hope Allen, Meadow Lane, Arianna Horras, Isabelle Foglesong, Natasha Smith, Asher Knutson, Jannah Horras, Nathaniel Endersbe, Bennelli Lind, Jessa Purdie, Parker Metzger, Blain Houseman, Joseph Grimm, Rhyann Thompson, Brooklyn Yanske, Karoixa Snyder, Tanner Kanselaar, Camden Cunningham, Lexie Aller, Vivian Burns, Devion Jefferson, Lily Anderson, Willie Fitzgerald, Wilson Hauschildt, Zoey Mason

### High School 1st Semester

#### A Honor Roll

Ashton Byal, Felicity Woods, McKenna Pleima, Trinity Smith, Ava Van Maaren, Hailey Kruger, McKynna McDermott, Ashton Robinson, Breanda Hall, Harrison Rhone,

Merritt McConeghey, Britney Keeney, Brooke Pease, Kaylee Collins, Mickayla Lind, Emmalyn Buchman, Cale Duffy, Layla Miller, Rachael Uecker, Evalyn Anderson, Carley Underwood, Lio Winklepleck, Ramona Smith, Gage Byal, Carter Gibson, Logan Exley, Sean Ament, Grace Hunsberger, Cassidy Smith, Lynnsey Solasberry, Shae Wilkins, Kadance Andersen, Charlotte Donahue, Madison Stackhouse, Sophia Hunsberger, Luke Padgett, Ellie Hunsberger, Maxwell VanDusseldorp, Sydney Harter, Reese Richards

#### B Honor Roll

Abigayle Rawlins, Emilyanne Mills, Luke Allen, Brooklynn Audas, Adalai Schroeder, Emma Cook, Kaydance Smith, Cadence Linn, Addison Kochheiser, Emma Woody, Marissa Bracewell, Chloe Clements, Ashley Purk, Jaden VanDee, McKenna Heisler, Cody Heisler, Aspin Wilkins, Jaiden Cunningham, Mekinzie Smith, Colton Pierce, Autumn Edgington, John McGill, Owen Ament, Gage Moss, Ayden Magnuson, Joseph Earles, Phoebe Wiese, Izaiah Lewis, Brandon Kite, Josie George, Riely Wright, Jenah Jones, Briana French, Joslyn Chadwick, Shane Hostetter, Kyle Wood, Bruno Rayo, Josue Rodriguez, Shyann Steck, Landon George, Cade Amundsen, Kaden Dalton, Van Hopkins, Lily Brenner, Cael Bracewell, Karmylia Snyder, Abigail Hopkins, Lilyan Hadsall, Caylee Cunningham, Konner Dalton, Alex Teed, Mallory Sipma, Conner Wood, Lily Arndt, Anthony Westercamp, Sean Craven, Devan Chadwick, Logan Aller, Autumn Ritter, Sullivan Wilkins

# Colfax Mingo is so proud of all our wrestlers and coaching staff representing our school this year at the State Wrestling Meet!!

The Colfax-Mingo High School Girl's Wrestling Team competed in the first SANCTIONED girl's state tournament from 2/2/23-2/3/23. The Tigerhawks qualified four girls for the tournament with each girl winning at least one match. Lily Webster went 3-2 at 100lbs. Devan

Chadwick went 1-2 at 115lbs. Shy Steck went 1-2 at 130lbs and Emma Cook placed 4th overall at 235lbs going 6-2 during the tournament. Each wrestler contributed to our team finish of 28th place. That might not seem too impressive, but only two school our size finished

above us. We are able to compete with some of the biggest schools in the state and that says a lot about our athletes. They should be extremely proud of themselves. Thank you to everyone for their support over the season. The team and coaches absolutely appreciate it.

Photos courtesy of Katie Schlosser





## Colfax-Mingo Dance Team

By Cassidy Booher

The CMDT wrapped up another great season! Huge thank you to everyone who supported the team throughout the season.

Be on the lookout for Aubrey Rawlins, Brooke Pease, and Riely Wright as they get to perform at the Boys State Basketball Championship on Saturday, March 4th. These 3 made the All-Iowa Honors Dance Team back in August. Brooke and Riely are part of the kick team and Aubrey is part of the pom team.





# MARCH 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 90 MINUTE LATE START  MUSIC BOOSTERS MTG HS MUSIC ROOM 7 PM	2 ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 1 HR EARLY DISMISSAL	3 High School Variety Show in the HS Cafeteria 7 pm	4
5	6 SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING	7 ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 1 HR EARLY DISMISSAL	8 90 MINUTE LATE START	9 Grades K-1 <sup>st</sup> Music Concert Elementary Gym 6 pm  Grades 2-3 <sup>rd</sup> Music Concert Elementary Gym 7 pm	10 NO SCHOOL TEACHER COMP DAY	11
12	13 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	14 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	15 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	16 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	17 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	18
16	20 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	21	22 90 MINUTE LATE START	23	24 3 <sup>rd</sup> QTR ENDS	25
26	27	28 GRADES 4-6 Band & Vocal Concert combined with Grades 7-8 Choir Concert in the Elementary Gym 6 pm	29 90 MINUTE LATE START	30 HS BAND & CHOIR ATTEND "THE LION KING" during the day	31	

## Colfax-Mingo CSD March 2023 Menu

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>National School Breakfast Week March 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup></b>		1 B – Grab n Go  Crispito w/ Cheese & Lettuce Corn Refried Beans Pineapple Choc Chip Cookie Milk	2 B – Mini Cinni  Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Biscuit Peaches Milk	3 B – Breakfast Pizza  Fish Sticks (K-6) Fish Sandwich (7-12) French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Orange Wedges Milk
6 B – Mini Waffles  Quesadilla w/ Salsa Tex Mex Pasta (7-12) Refried Beans Mexi Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	7 B – Long John  Chicken Strips Potatoes Au Gratin Fresh Vegetable Salad Wheat Roll Applesauce Milk	8 B – Grab n Go  Hotdog/ WG Bun Tater Tots Mixed Vegetables Macaroni Salad Strawberries Milk	9 B – Choice  Cooks' Choice	10  No School
13 Spring Break No School	14 Spring Break No School	15 Spring Break No School	16 Spring Break No School	17 Spring Break No School
20 B – French Toast Sticks  Chicken Patty/WG Bun Potato Smiles Steamed Carrots Pears Milk	21 B – Coffee Cake  Pulled Pork Sandwich Seasoned Wedges Cucumber Slices Banana Dessert Milk	22 B - Grab n Go  Walking Taco Lettuce/Tomato Cheese/Salsa Black Beans & Corn Rice (7-12) Mandarin Oranges Milk	23 B - Breakfast Sandwich  Hot Ham & Cheese Baked Beans Waffle Fries Grapes Milk	24 B – Mini Pancakes  Italian Dunkers Garden Salad Steamed Broccoli Mixed Fruit Cookie Milk
27 B – Mini Bagels  Pork Fritter/WG Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Apple Milk	28 B – Biscuit & Gravy  Chicken & Rice Broccoli Salad Mixed Vegetables Egg Roll (7-12) Pineapple Milk	29 B – Grab n Go  Spaghetti Mixed Greens Salad Seasoned Peas Breadstick Peaches Milk	30 B – Breakfast Pizza  Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Biscuit Applesauce Milk	31 B – Mini Donuts  Macaroni & Cheese Tossed Salad w/ Romaine Mini Carrots Pears Dessert (7-12) Milk

\*Milk (skim, choc skim & 1%) \*Menu is subject to change

\* Breakfast includes entrée, fruit/fruit juice & milk. Additional options at the JH/HS.

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Colfax-Mingo Community School District Newsletter

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Deadline for copy is the third Friday of the month.

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