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## Board of Education Meeting Summary April 9, 2015

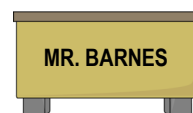
- Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.
- The agenda was approved as published.
- Minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting were approved as written.
- Claims were approved for payment in the amounts of \$29,030.90 (General Fund), \$1,386.90 (Depreciation Fund), and \$347.65 (Special Building Fund).
- Reports were provided by the School Improvement committee (in second year of cycle), Activities Director Karla Patzel (Mariely Estrada qualified for State Speech contest, spring sports/activity seasons underway, and sale of old uniforms), and Counselor Matt Rudloff (testing preparation, senior year-end requirements, and other student activities and meetings).
- Report from Principal Barnes: Congratulations to State Speech qualifier Mariely Estrada; NeSa testing underway; State FFA and FBLA conventions being held this week; spring sports seasons have held first meets; induction of new Honor Society members Marcela Estrada, Mya Donelson, Hannah Haase and Ignacio Pascual; seniors last day; and end-of-year activities.
- Report from Superintendent Shalikow: NRCSA Spring Conference; summer projects list being compiled; end of partnership with Head Start; class schedule; 1:1 technology discussion; greenhouse shed to be completed as soon as weather permits; discussion of building needs; faculty/staff retirements; and unfilled teaching positions.
- President and Secretary signed diplomas for graduating seniors.
- Approved a Hot Lunch price increase of 10 cents per student meal for 2015-2016 on a 5-1 vote.
- Approved change to 8-period class day in 2015-2016 on a 6-0 vote.
- Accepted the resignations of classified staff Lorraine Walahoski (45 years - bus driver); Dave Walahoski (17- years - bus driver), and Bev Seier (20 years - paraeducator) on a 6-0 vote.
- Accepted the resignation of Rhonda Rother as 7-12 Language Arts/Spanish instructor (23 years) on a 6-0 vote.
- Approved the 2015-2016 contract of elementary teacher Heather Hudson on a 6-0 vote.
- Signed 2015-2016 classified staff and faculty employment agreements and contracts.
- Meeting was adjourned.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Sandra (Mariely) Estrada-Gonzalez on qualifying for the State Speech Contest with her poetry entry. In the finals round, Mariely finished third in Poetry and fifth in Serious Prose; Emily Strong finished sixth in Poetry.
- Damian LeCompte - his "A Day on the Farm" poster was selected by Senator Jim Scheer to be framed and hung in his office.
- Maci Pollard for her 2nd place finish in the Norfolk Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest (4th grade division).
- Madyson Zoucha for her 2nd place finish in the Norfolk Elks Drug Awareness Poster contest (5th grade division).
- Sadie Wallin who earned Mid-State Girls Basketball honorable mention all-conference honors.
- Kala Rast and Evelyn Estrada, who participated in the Class D All-State Honor Band at Kearney on March 28th.
- New members inducted into the National Honor Society: Mya Donelson, Marcela Estrada, Hannah Haase, and Ignacio Pascual.
- Students competing in the Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair: Junior Division: 1st place Chemistry-McKenzie Lloyd; 1st place Environmental Science-Cheyenne Cleland; 1st place Plant Science-Sarah Johnson; Honorable Mention-Dominik Cuevas; and Honorable Mention-Leighann Miller; Top 7 junior prizes calculators-Sarah Johnson, McKenzie Lloyd. Senior Division: 1st place Behavior/Social-Rebecca Stone; 3rd place Chemistry-Mariely Estrada; Honorable Mention Breanna Borgheiinck; 2nd place Environmental Science-Marcela Estrada; 3rd place Microbiology-Payton Nelson; Rebecca Stone-American Psychological Association-Special Award and St. Mary's Medical Staff/Nebraska Community Foundation-\$200; Marcela Estrada-NC Lions Club Award Certificate-\$50; Breanna Borgheiinck-1st place-UNO Acoustical Society of America-\$150.
- Mariely Estrada on competing at the State Speech Contest.
- Students competing at the Brainard Music Contest. Results: Isaac Potmesil (Trumpet Solo-I); Elyssa Cuevas (Baritone T.C. Solo-I); Morgann Johnson (Clarinet Solo-I); Madyson Zoucha (Clarinet Solo-I+); Paige Nelson & McKenna Haase (Drum Duet II+); Tyson Haddix (Vocal Solo II+); Matthew Rast (Vocal Solo-II); Madyson Zoucha & Morgann Johnson (Clarinet Duet-I); Madyson Zoucha, Morgann Johnson, & Emma Montoya (Clarinet Trio-II); Jayson Johnson (Drum Solo II+); Damian LeCompte (Drum Solo-I); Paige Nelson (Snare Drum-I); McKenna Haase (Snare Drum-III); Leah Rast & Bethany Borgheiinck (Flute Duet-III); Madyson Zoucha & Morgann Johnson (Vocal Duet-I+); Paige Nelson & Emma Montoya (Vocal Duet-II-); Paige Nelson & McKenna Haase (Vocal Duet-II); Tyson Haddix & Leah Rast (Vocal Duet-I); Leah Rast & Bethany Borgheiinck (Vocal Duet-II); Emma Montoya (Clarinet Solo-I); Tyson Haddix (Clarinet Solo-II+); Morgann Johnson (Vocal Solo-I); Madyson Zoucha (Vocal Solo-I); Elyssa Cuevas (Vocal Solo-II+); Madyson Zoucha (Piano Solo-I+); Emma Montoya (Vocal Solo-I); Leah Rast (Vocal Solo-II); and Bethany Borgheiinck (Vocal Solo-II).
- Wayne Science Fair participants: Junior Division: McKenna Haase, Dominik Cuevas and McKenzie Lloyd (3rd); Cheyenne Cleland, Sarah Johnson and Leighann Miller (2nd); Senior Division: Breanna Borgheiinck, Marcela Estrada and Evelyn Estrada (3rd); Payton Nelson, Kala Rast, Mariely Estrada, Abbie Pieke and Rebecca Stone (2nd). Mariely Estrada-Wayne Rotary World Affairs Scholarship Award-alternate (is attending in Wisconsin last week of June).
- Sadie Wallin who was selected to participate in the 1st annual STRIV all-state basketball game in York on June 6th.



***FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL  
DARRELL BARNES***



Hard to believe it is this time in the school year, with spring, track, golf, music, testing, prom, and GRADUATION!!!

This year has flown by with lots of positive things happening and with our students achieving success in so many areas of activities and academics.

We will be sending letters out, but just a quick note about dates for May: May 1<sup>st</sup> will be seniors last day, with Baccalaureate on May 8<sup>th</sup>, Graduation May 9<sup>th</sup>. The last day for other students is May 20<sup>th</sup>. With my first year at Newman Grove nearly wrapped up, I want to thank all the students, teachers, and parents for making it a successful and fulfilling year with great things on the horizon for next year!

**COUNSELOR'S**

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- Seniors should be done with or in the process of filling out the FASFA.
- You should never pay to fill out the FAFSA. Check the web address to make sure it ends in .gov
- The website [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org) has very helpful information and tools to fill out and understand the FAFSA.
- Northeast Community College is offering some free assistance in filling out the FASFA through their Financial Aid Office at the College Welcome Center on Fridays from 1pm -4pm through June 2015 with no appointment necessary (excluding days the college is closed). You will need to bring your 2014 federal tax returns and W2's.
- A PIN number for both parent and student ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)).
- The Education Quest website ([www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org)) gives great tutorials for filling out the FASFA. It goes over each question and helps answer any questions you may have.
- A link to the FASFA and Education Quest websites are posted on our school website.
- An updated list of scholarships is available in the counselor's office. A list is also posted on our school web-site.
- Seniors should visit and then apply to colleges they are seriously considering.
- Please notify Mr. Rudloff of any Scholarships or Awards earned by bringing a copy of the award letter



**Academic and Activities Award Night  
Thursday, May 7th**

**6:00 pm Social**

**6:30 pm Awards Program**





## RESEARCH SHOWS FAMILY TIME IS PRIORITY FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Research shows that teens who spend time with their parents do better in school. Make spending time together a family priority and plan fun activities with your teen. You can:

- Spend time with your teen's friends - and their parents. This way, your teen is still able to hang out with friends, just like he wants. And you're able to connect with their parents, which will help you understand their family's values. Stress how important school is to your family.
- Give your teen a choice of things to do with the family. If he would rather take a walk with you instead of helping you at the grocery store, that's okay! Give him flexibility in deciding how he wants to spend together time. You'll still be enjoying each other's company in the end.
- Eat together as a family. Strive to enjoy at least one meal as a family each day. Use this time to talk about everyone's day and to stay informed about each other's lives. Discuss events around your community and in your teen's school.
- Spend some time with your teen every day. Tell him how happy you are when he hangs out with you.

Source: B.H. Frazier and B. B. Tyler, "Spend Time With Your Teens," University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, <http://extension.umd.edu/publications/pdfs/1270.pdf>.



## From the desk of Mr. Rose



Since State Standards came into effect, the school has taken a stance of making World History a mandatory class and, because of this, the enrollment in the class has grown to 19. The students just finished researching early Native North American Cultures and they will use their research to build a dwelling that represents the type of dwelling their tribe lived in.

Eighth Grade American History students are doing a research paper on the transcontinental railroad. Included in their research will be identifying the towns that sprang up along the railroad, how large they originally grew to, if they still exist today and, if so, how does their present population compare to the original numbers. An added feature of this class is students taking term quizzes to help build their vocabulary.

Sixth and seventh grade students in World Cultures are presently comparing the form of government in North Korea vs South Korea. These comparisons, of the two Korean cultures, dealt with such things as education, climate, vegetation, and population.

Eighth Grade students in Language Arts have a goal of reading 1200 pages this quarter. Presently, each of them is reading a book called "Picture Bride". As they go through this book, they answer assigned questions over the book, with the purpose of being able to pass a test over the book's content on their completion of reading the book.

Health 8 students are finding information on different drugs, their street names, and their affect on the human body. Upon completion of their research, a test will be given on their knowledge of each assigned drug studied. A couple of days a week, Mrs. Wondercheck incorporated her W.A.I.T. Program as part of the health class.

Junior High Track is under way and we have almost 70 kids total out for junior high track which includes 13 from Newman Grove.

Thank you and God Bless

## Jump Rope for Heart

By Eric Albers



During the month of January, grades 1-5 participated in Jump Rope for Heart. Jump Rope for Heart is part of the American Heart Association. Students had the chance to raise money for the American Heart Association. Throughout the month we talked about the importance of having a healthy body by exercising, eating right and getting enough sleep. On Wednesdays, the grades would perform different activities with jump ropes. At the end of the month, students turned in money raised and we celebrated Jump Rope for Heart month with a final day where students competed in jump rope contests for prizes. The totals were also added up to see which student in each class raised the most and also which class raised the most. The student who raised the most in each class became the PE teacher for the day, they picked the warm-up activity, game and also the teams for that game. After the money was all counted, grades 1-5 raised a total of \$1,234.00. American Heart Association sends prizes for the students who raised money. Each year, students are really excited when its Jump Rope for Heart month.



## **ELEMENTARY CITIZENSHIP & ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

**KINDERGARTEN:** Good Citizenship: Jayden Benson, Allyx Forre, Nate Fowlkes, Piper Jarecki, Dylan Luetkenhaus, Mariah Schumacher, Carter Lyon, Andrew Matson, Cloe McLaughlin, Rachel Rudloff, Isabella Santarosa, Austin Schulz, Josh Tannehill. Perfect Attendance: Jayden Benson, Victoria Rowley, Rachel Rudloff, Isabella Santarosa, Mariah Schumacher. Good Attendance: Mark Bell, Ethan Donner, Allyx Forre, Kellan Morris.

**FIRST GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Lesley Bell, Shawn Brixter-Hagnaya, Micah Cuevas, Billy Fyfe, Owen Kaufman, Leynn Luna, Summer McKinzie, Riley Nelson, Kailey Patzel, Isaac Rudloff, Serenity Strong, Keira Voelker, Elise Witchell, Nevaeh Wright. Perfect Attendance: Isaac Rudloff. Good Attendance: Shawn Brixter-Hagnaya, Micah Cuevas, Riley Nelson.

**SECOND GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Brooke Forre, Daisy Gullicksen, Zander Jarecki, Alea Luna, Cole Lyon, Abigail Matson, Leslie McIntosh, Aleeya Morris, Halie Nelsen, Tony Petersen, Colton Wissenburg. Perfect Attendance: Cole Lyon. Good Attendance: Aleeya Morris.

**THIRD GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Eli Tannehill, José Luna, Christyan Anderson, Bruno Santarosa, Mason Nelson, Ian Salinas, Caden Nygren, John Bell, Nichole Fraedrich, Cora Patzel, Javen Dorador, Giles Deeder, Carmen Montoya, Jansell Enriquez-Lopez, Trenton Patzel, Caitlyn Marchand, Austin Wiese. Perfect Attendance: Caden Nygren, Bruno Santarosa. Good Attendance: Giles Deeder, Mason Nelson, Trenton Patzel.

**FOURTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Addy Donelson, Ronnie Fyfe, Kevin Haase, Lucas Krueger, David Miller, Darren Petersen, Mara Ranslem, Natalie Salinas, Kaison Voelker. Perfect Attendance: Ronnie Fyfe, Kevin Haase. Good Attendance: David Miller.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Elyssa Cuevas, Jayson Johnson, Isaac Potmesil, Ellie Rankin, Madyson Zoucha. Perfect Attendance: Damian LeCompte, Ellie Rankin. Good Attendance: Elyssa Cuevas, Isaac Potmesil.

**SIXTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Bethany Borgheiinck, Chance Gullicksen, Emma Montoya, Paige Nelson, Aaron Saldana. Good Attendance: Bethany Borgheiinck.

## **THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL**

**High Distinction (All A-4.00)**  
**Distinction (Average Greater Than or Equal to 3.50)**  
**Honor (Average Greater Than or Equal to 3.00)**

### **High Distinction**

Grade 8 - Camille Fowlkes, Tyson Haddix, Brady Sokol.  
Grade 9 - Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Cody Nelson, Payton Nelson, Caden Ranslem, Rebecca Stone.  
Grade 10 - Hannah Haase, Ignacio Pascual.  
Grade 11 - Steven Arreguin.  
Grade 12 - Marcela Estrada, Parker Wallin.

### **Distinction**

Grade 7 -- Courtney Fowlkes.  
Grade 8 -- Cheyenne Cleland, Dominik Cuevas, Sarah Johnson.  
Grade 9 -- Dylan Bagley, Breanna Borgheiinck, Levi Krueger, Abbie Pieke.  
Grade 10 -- Mya Donelson.  
Grade 11 -- Esmeralda Arreguin.

### **Honors**

Grade 7 -- McKenna Haase.  
Grade 8 -- David Plugge, Maddison Steffensmeier.  
Grade 9 -- Vanessa Arreguin, Keaton McFadden, Connor Rankin.  
Grade 10 -- Guadalupe Estrada, Alexis Kopecky, Jacob Potmesil, Kyle Stone, Isiah Weverka-Haddix.  
Grade 11 -- Celine Dunlap, Destiny Johnson, Caylee Saul, Nolan Wondercheck.  
Grade 12 -- Jason Bollig, Kleo Edgell, Sandra (Mariely) Estrada-Gonzalez, Andrea Lloyd.



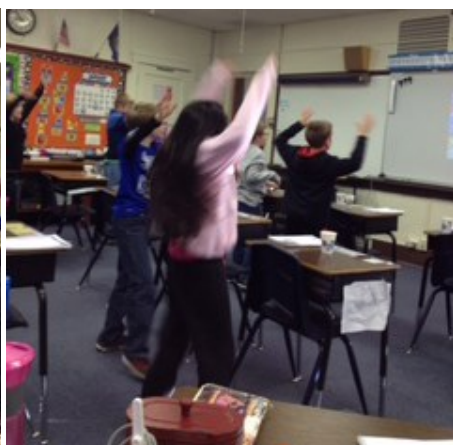
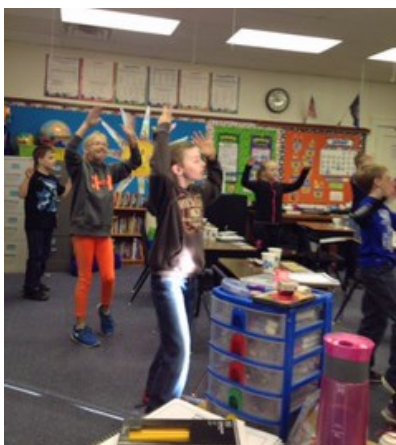




## 4th Grade Classroom

By Karla Patzel

With the warm spring weather this year, the students have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of summer. As they are starting to count down the days, they still know we have goals to achieve in the classroom to make it a successful and memorable year. This year, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class has been extremely busy. They have been diligently working to expand their knowledge and prepare themselves for the future. We are currently in the heart of NeSA testing and the students have been trying their hardest to do their best. I am very proud of each and every one of them for the effort they showed during this time. We finished the NeSA writings in February and completed the NeSA reading at the end of March. We will finish up Math NeSA in the middle of April. MAPS testing will soon follow after that where the students will be able to see the growth they made in a year. It may seem like a lot, but the 4<sup>th</sup> graders are a fantastic group of kids who work very hard every day. In May the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will take their annual field trip to Lincoln. There we will see Memorial Stadium, Morrill Hall, Nebraska Sate Capital, and the Governor's Mansion. Each one of these we have discussed this year in our Nebraska Studies, and the kids are excited to put their learnings to the test.







# Music Notes



by Tami Texley



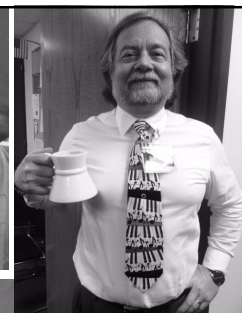
## Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home Recital

On Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 2 pm Newman Grove Music students and Mrs. Texley performed a recital for the residents of the Mid-Nebraska Care Home and their guests.

The students performed their vocal and instrumental contest pieces from Brainard Music Contest and District Music to be held later this April. Piano students also performed their piano pieces.

Pictured above (front to back): Leah Rast, Emma Montoya, Bethany Borgheijnck, Rebekah Rast, Matthew Rast, Kala Rast and Mrs. Texley.

On the right (l-r): Abigail Matson, Cole Lyon, Madyson Zoucha and Morgann Johnson who also participated at the recital.



First grader Music Super Hero's show off their super capes made for them by the junior high band members. Mr. Barnes gets in the spirit and wears a music tie.



## 6-12th Grade Music Students

Present

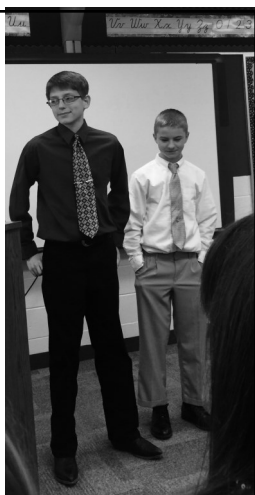
**Thwacked!**

**May 11 at 7 pm**



A Fractured Tale of Frogs, Folks and Falling Skies. You don't want to miss this!!!!





Jayson Johnson, Matthew Rast, Tyson Haddix, Paige Nelson, Bethany Borgheiinck and Leah Rast all participating at the East Butler Music Contest in Brainard on Saturday, March 28th.

# I Need a Vacation

Friday, May 15th

1:30 P.M.

K-5th Grade Spring Program



## Brainard Music Contest Results

Isaac Potmesil—Trumpet Solo—I  
 Elyssa Cuevas—Baritone T.C. Solo—I-  
 Morgann Johnson—Clarinet Solo—I  
 Madyson Zoucha—Clarinet Solo—I+  
 Paige Nelson & McKenna Haase—Drum Duet—II+  
 Tyson Haddix—Vocal Solo—II+  
 Matthew Rast—Vocal Solo—II  
 Madyson Zoucha & Morgann Johnson—Clarinet Duet—I  
 Madyson Zoucha, Morgann Johnson & Emma Montoya—Clarinet Trio—II  
 Jayson Johnson—Drum Solo—II+  
 Damian LeCompte—Drum Solo—I  
 Paige Nelson—Snare Drum Solo—I  
 McKenna Haase—Snare Drum Solo—III  
 Leah Rast & Bethany Borgheiinck—Flute Duet—III  
 Madyson Zoucha & Morgann Johnson—Vocal Duet—I+  
 Paige Nelson & Emma Montoya—Vocal Duet—II-  
 Paige Nelson & McKenna Haase—Vocal Duet—II  
 Tyson Haddix & Leah Rast—Vocal Duet—I  
 Leah Rast & Bethany Borgheiinck—Vocal Duet—II  
 Emma Montoya—Clarinet Solo—I  
 Tyson Haddix—Clarinet Solo—II+  
 Morgann Johnson—Vocal Solo—I  
 Madyson Zoucha—Vocal Solo—I  
 Elyssa Cuevas—Vocal Solo—II+  
 Madyson Zoucha—Piano Solo—I+  
 Emma Montoya—Vocal Solo—I  
 Leah Rast—Vocal Solo—II  
 Bethany Borgheiinck—Vocal Solo—II

## Band Concert & Pre Contest Concert



Tuesday, April 21, 2015

7:00 PM

in the Auditorium



\$2.00 Rootbeer Floats following the performance





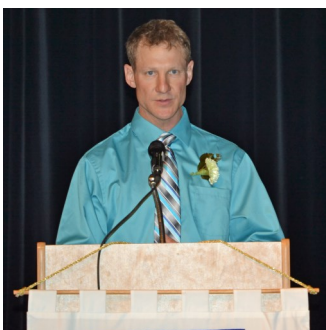
## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY



On March 27, 2015 the National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony. The new inductees were Marcela Estrada, Mya Donelson, Hannah Haase, and Ignacio Pascual. Current members include Parker Wallin, Kleo Edgell, Mariely Estrada-Gonzalez, Esmeralda Arreguin, Steven Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, Destiny Johnson, Joseph O'Brien, and Nolan Wondercheck. The speaker for the program was Chad Fehringer.

Chad was born and raised just outside of Newman Grove. He graduated from Newman Grove High School in 1997 where he participated on a number of athletic teams. After graduation Chad attended Southeast Community College in Milford for Tool and Die. He then worked a number of jobs until he decided to move back to Lincoln and attend the University of Nebraska for Mechanical Engineering. Chad then got a job at BD Medical in Columbus, Nebraska, before moving back to Newman Grove to take over his father-in-law's farming operation. His parents are Fred and Verleen Fehringer. He is married to Kari Fehringer and they have 3 children Payton, Pierce, and Emily.

Chad spoke about finding a career in which you are passionate. He also stressed the importance of taking your time as you prepare for your future. A reception in the auditorium followed the ceremony to conclude the night.







## Little Jays Preschool



Planning for the seventh year of Newman Grove Little Jays Preschool is underway. For those who have children entering their second year of the program, we hope that the first year was a great experience for your child. We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have to improve the program.

A few notes for the 2015-2016 program:

- The preschool calendar will be set to follow the regular school calendar as closely as possible in regards to dismissal times, vacation days, etc. Projected start date is August 24th.
- The time schedule will be 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. for the morning session and 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. for the afternoon session. The two groups will eat lunch separately. Lunch will be provided but all families are asked to fill out the free/reduced lunch application.

Transportation will once again be available to rural students. Morning session students may receive transportation to school on our regular morning route. Afternoon students may receive transportation home after school. We will not provide transportation at noon for either group.

Application Process: If you have not already been contacted, parents/guardians are asked to please call Kathi McIntyre at the Newman Grove Elementary School to arrange an appointment to complete the necessary paperwork for their child. Kathi may be reached at 447-6051 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mrs. McIntyre will require the following items to complete the application:

- Proof of Birth: State birth certificate (raised seal only)
- Child's current immunization record, including documentation of varicella and Prevnar (PCV)
- If applicable: documentation of your child's disability (MDT and/or IFSP/IEP)



...a fun place to play and learn!



## Newman Grove PE/Health Track and Field Day



The annual K-5 Track and Field Day will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015, starting at 1p.m. (Rain date: Tuesday, May 19) Students should dress accordingly. (Check weather forecast) Their PE shoes can be worn if needed. Also they may want to bring water bottles and sunscreen. Students will return to school and be dismissed from school.

### Events

#### Kindergarten – First Grade

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| 1st | Softball Throw   | Football Kick    |
| 2nd | Football Kick    | Soccer Kick      |
| 3rd | Soccer Kick      | Tug of War       |
| 4th | Tug of War       | 50/100 Yard Dash |
| 5th | 50/100 Yard Dash | Long Jump        |
| 6th | Long Jump        | Softball Throw   |

#### Second—Third Grade

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|-----|------------------|------------------|
| 1st | Soccer Kick      | Tug of War       |
| 2nd | Tug of War       | 50/100 Yard Dash |
| 3rd | 50/100 Yard Dash | Long Jump        |
| 4th | Long Jump        | Softball Throw   |
| 5th | Softball Throw   | Football Kick    |
| 6th | Football Kick    | Soccer Kick      |

#### Fourth—Fifth Grade

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|-----|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st | Long Jump      | 50/100 Yard Dash | 50/100 Yard Dash |
| 2nd | Softball Throw | Long Jump        | Long Jump        |
| 3rd | Football Kick  | Soccer Kick      | Soccer Kick      |
| 4th | Soccer Kick    | Football Kick    | Football Kick    |
| 5th | Tug of War     | Soccer Kick      | Soccer Kick      |



## Boone Central/Newman Grove High School Track

By Kris Pestel



Madison Triangular 3-31-15

March 31st was a beautiful day for a track meet and also time for us to get out and run against competition to see where we stand at this point in the season. We had some very solid performances and times and also started out the season with 2 school records! Zac Glidden broke the school record in the long jump going 21'3.5" breaking the record previously held by Jason Zabka. Also, Joe Brugger broke the pole vault record going 12'8" which both Joe and Matt Brugger had held previously.

The girls were able to win the team scoring with 106 points, Norfolk high sophomores had 44 and Madison had 21. The girls were able to win 14 events and were able to place in every event. The boys also won the team scoring with 119 points, Madison had 48 and Norfolk High Sophomores had 10. The boys were able to win 13 events and also place an individual in every event.

Individuals placing in top four: Celine Dunlap (1st-200 Meter Dash; 1st-Pole Vault); Cody Nelson (1st-400 Meter Dash); Levi Krueger (3rd-400 Meter Dash); Joe O'Brien (4th-Shot Put); Nolan Wondercheck (3rd-3200 Meter Run; 2nd-4x800); Karley Zoucha (4th-Discus; 2nd-Shot Put); Catherine Weeder (1st-High Jump; 1st-400 Meter Dash); Elissa Slizoski (3rd-High Jump; 2nd-Pole Vault; 2nd-100 Meter Hurdles; 2nd-200 Meter Dash); Sheldon Beierman (3rd-High Jump; 1st-100 Meter Hurdles; 1st-300 Meter Hurdles); Nicole Woebbecke (1st-Triple Jump; 3rd-Long Jump); Paige Ketteler (3rd-Triple Jump); Bailey Reigle (3rd-Pole Vault); 1st-4x800 Meter Relay (Ashlynn Baker, Taylor Starman, Hannah Schmitz, Kendra Gonzalez); Christina Stopak (1st-3200 Meter Run); Hannah Schmitz (2nd-3200 Meter Run); Tessa Hedlund (3rd-100 Meter Hurdles; 2nd-300 Meter Hurdles); Dana Pelster (1st-100 Meter Dash); Olivia Slizoski (2nd-100 Meter Dash); Taylor Starman (1st-800 Meter Run); Ashlynn Baker (1st-1600 Meter Run); Kendra Gonzalez (3rd-1600 Meter Run); 1st-4x100 Meter Relay (Bailey Reigle, Celine Dunlap, Tessa Hedlund, Dana Pelster); 1st-4x400 Meter Relay (Bailey Reigle, Catherine Weeder, Dana Pelster, Sheldon Beierman); Isaac Sullivan (1st-Discus; 1st-Shot Put); Dalton Wagner (2nd-Discus); Jacob Krings (3rd-Discus; 3rd-Shot Put); Jessie Sullivan (4th-Discus); Kyle Kramer (1st-High Jump; 2nd-200 Meter Dash); Zac Glidden (2nd-High Jump; 1st-Long Jump); Damian Backus (1st-Triple Jump; 2nd-Long Jump); Scott Ketteler (2nd-Triple Jump; 1st-110 Meter Hurdles; 2nd-300 Meter Hurdles); Tyler Schriver (4th-Long Jump; 2nd-400 Meter Dash; 4th-200 Meter Dash); Joe Brugger (1st-Pole Vault); Jared Zwiener (2nd-Pole Vault); Matt Brugger (3rd-Pole Vault); Ethan Young (4th-400 Meter Dash; 4th-100 Meter Dash); Logan Kohl (2nd-110 Meter Hurdles; 4th-300 Meter Hurdles); Walker Stuhr (3rd-110 Meter Hurdles); Michael Murcek (1st-800 Meter Run); Evan Struebing (1st-300 Meter Hurdles); Travis Kennedy (1st-200 Meter Dash); Johnny Case (2nd-1600 Meter Run); Sam Stopak (3rd-1600 Meter Run); 1st-4x100 Meter Relay (Damian Backus, Joe Brugger, Kyle Kramer, Travis Kennedy); 1st-4x400 Meter Relay (Kyle Kramer, Joe Brugger, Travis Kennedy, Damian Backus).

Overall, we are off to a good start and are very pleased with how things have started, but we can't settle. We must continue to improve because the competition will continue to get tougher. We must improve across the board daily!

Mansfield Invite 4-2-15

Once again, we had a great day for the meet. We had some very good performances for early in the season but we have to keep striving to get better. We were able to get all of our kids into several events as this meet is unlimited entry with a maximum of 4 events per athlete. Our older kids did a great job of leading and assisting our younger kids on how to warm-up and approach their races and events. This leadership will help our team to be better in the future. With the Madison Triangular and the Mansfield meets we were able to get a great deal of our athletes into several events to get a baseline to build upon. We look forward to the upcoming meets to see where we stand against several other Class B teams.

Individuals placing in the top five: Celine Dunlap (3rd-100 Meter Dash; 1st-Pole Vault); Cody Nelson (2nd-High Jump; 5th-Pole Vault); Joe O'Brien (5th-Shot Put); Nolan Wondercheck (5th-1600 Meter Run; 2nd-3200 Meter Run); Levi Krueger (5th-Pole Vault); Travis Kennedy (1st-100 Meter Dash; 1st-200 Meter Dash); Kyle Kramer (4th-100 Meter Dash; 1st-High Jump); Zac Glidden (2nd-200 Meter Dash; 1st-Long Jump); Tyler Schriver (4th-400 Meter Run; 4th-Long Jump); Johnny Case (3rd-800 Meter Run); Sam Stopak (2nd-1600 Meter Run); Scott Ketteler (1st-110 Meter Hurdles; 3rd-300 Meter Hurdles; 1st-Triple Jump); Evan Struebing (2nd-110 Meter Hurdles; 1st-300 Meter Hurdles); Logan Kohl (4th-110 Meter Hurdles); Walker Stuhr (5th-110 Meter Hurdles); Jared Zwiener (1st-Pole Vault); Matt Brugger (1st-Pole Vault); Joe Roseboom (3rd-Triple Jump); Isaac Sullivan (1st-Shot Put; 1st-Discus); Dalton Wagner (2nd-Shot Put; 4th-Discus); Jacob Krings (4th-Shot Put; 5th-Discus); 1st-4x400 Meter Relay (Zac Glidden, Kyle Kramer, Evan Struebing, Travis Kennedy); 2nd-4x800 Meter Relay (Johnny Case, Thomas Hosford, Michael Murcek, Andrew Rasmussen); Dana Pelster (2nd-100 Meter Dash; 3rd-200 Meter Run); Bailey Reigle (5th-200 Meter Run; 4th-Pole Vault); Jenna Kramer (2nd-400 Meter Run; 4th-High Jump); Ashlynn Baker (1st-800 Meter Run); Kendra Gonzalez (2nd-800 Meter Run); Catherine Weeder (1st-1600 Meter Run; 2nd-High Jump); Hannah Schmitz (2nd-1600 Meter Run; 3rd-3200 Meter Run); Taylor Starman (3rd-1600 Meter Run); Christina Stopak (1st-3200 Meter Run); Sheldon Beierman (1st-100 Meter Hurdles; 1st-300 Meter Hurdles; 1st-High Jump); Elissa Slizoski (3rd-100 Meter Hurdles; 2nd-Pole Vault; 3rd-High Jump); Tessa Hedlund (4th-100 Meter Hurdles; 2nd-300 Meter Hurdles); 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay (Dana Pelster, Celine Dunlap, Bailey Reigle, Olivia Slizoski); 1st-4x400 Meter Relay (Dana Pelster, Catherine Weeder, Elissa Slizoski, Sheldon Beierman); 1st-4x800 Meter Relay (Ashlynn Baker, Kendra Gonzalez, Catherine Weeder, Taylor Starman); Shanae Baker (5th-Pole Vault); Katie Daniels (5th-Long Jump); Nicole Woebbecke (4th-Triple Jump); Karley Zoucha (1st-Shot Put; 1st-Discus); Hanna Seier (5th-Shot Put); Taylor Olnes (5th-Discus).





## Wayne Invitational 4-7-15

It was a cold and rainy day, but our kids competed well. The girls finished 4th, one point behind Wayne. Scores were: Pierce 147, Scotus 121, Wayne 105, BC-NG 104, Wakefield 39, Lakeview 21, David City 10. The boys finished 5th in the team standings. Scores were: Scotus 194.5, Pierce 107, David City 78, Wayne 72.5, BC-NG 60.5, Lakeview 19.5, Wakefield 14. Through injuries and illness we had several younger athletes step up and compete and did very well. We are making progress, but still have a ways to go. Individual results: 3rd—4x100 Relay (Bailey Reigle, Celine Dunlap, Olivia Slizoski, Dana Pelster); 2nd—4x400 Relay (Cody Nelson, Tyler Schriver, Evan Struebing, Zac Glidden); 1st—4x400 Relay (Jenna Kramer, Ashlynn Baker, Taylor Starman, Catherine Weeder); 2nd—4x800 Relay (Ashlynn Baker, Taylor Starman, Kendra Gonzalez, Bailey Reigle); 3rd—4x800 Relay (Andrew Rasmussen, Thomas Hosford, Johnny Case, Sam Stopak); Dana Pelster (3rd-100 Meter Dash); Bailey Reigle (5th-200 Meter Dash; 4th-Pole Vault); Olivia Slizoski (1st-100 Meter Hurdles; 2nd-300 Meter Hurdles); Tessa Hedlund (5th-300 Meter Hurdles); Catherine Weeder (1st-800 Meter Run; 1st-High Jump); Taylor Starman (2nd-800 Meter Run); Ashlynn Baker (3rd-1600 Meter Run); Kendra Gonzalez (6th-1600 Meter Run); Hannah Schmitz (4th-3200 Meter Run); Christina Stopak (5th-3200 Meter Run); Jenna Kramer (6th-High Jump); Karley Zoucha (3rd-Discus); Tyler Schriver (6th-400 Meter Dash); Scott Ketteler (4th-110 High Hurdles; 3rd-Triple Jump); Evan Struebing (5th-110 High Hurdles; 2nd-300 Meter Hurdles); Johnny Case (3rd-1600 Meter Run); Andrew Rasmussen (6th-3200 Meter Run); Zac Glidden (1st-Long Jump); Jared Zwiener (6th-Pole Vault); Isaac Sullivan (3rd-Shot Put); Dalton Wagner (5th-Shot Put).

## Central City Invitational 4-17-15

Through illness and aches and pains our kids really performed well at this meet. Both the girls and boys were able to finish runners-up in the team scoring. Northwest won the girls division with 155 and BC-NG had 126 and for the boys Aurora won with 145 points and BC-NG was second with 95. This has always been an extremely competitive meet and in all the years Mr. Dickey has been part of track in Albion, he told me that the boys have never finished this high at this meet! What a great accomplishment for both the boys and girls teams!!!!

Joe Brugger again broke his own school record in the pole vault going 13'0".

I am very proud of this entire group and we are very pleased with how the kids are progressing in their individual events, but most importantly their work ethic and willingness to compete. We are getting into the most important part of our season, two weeks until conference and three and a half weeks until districts. Every practice is important and as always we must continue to push to be better! Girls results: Celine Dunlap (2nd-Pole Vault); Dana Pelster (2nd-100 Meter Dash; 1st-200 Meter Dash); Olivia Slizoski (6th-100 Meter Dash; 4th-100 Meter Hurdles); Catherine Weeder (1st-400 Meter Dash; 1st-High Jump); Elissa Slizoski (6th-200 Meter Dash; 3rd-100 Meter Hurdles; 4th-High Jump; 3rd-Pole Vault); Taylor Starman (5th-800 Meter Run); Ashlynn Baker (5th-1600 Meter Run); Kendra Gonzalez (6th-1600 Meter Run); Christina Stopak (4th-3200 Meter Run); Sheldon Beierman (2nd-100 Meter Hurdles; 2nd-300 Meter Hurdles; 2nd-High Jump); Bailey Reigle (5th-Pole Vault); 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay (Bailey Reigle, Celine Dunlap, Olivia Slizoski, Dana Pelster); 1st-4x400 Meter Relay (Catherine Weeder, Taylor Starman, Dana Pelster, Sheldon Beierman); 3rd-4x800 Meter Relay (Kendra Gonzalez, Ashlynn Baker, Hannah Schmitz, Taylor Starman). Boys results: Tyler Schriver (6th-200 Meter Dash); Johnny Case (3rd-1600 Meter Run); Andrew Rasmussen (5th-3200 Meter Run); Scott Ketteler (2nd-110 Meter Hurdles; 4th-Triple Jump); Evan Struebing (5th-110 Meter Hurdles; 2nd-300 Meter Hurdles); Zac Glidden (2nd-High Jump; 2nd-Long Jump); Joe Brugger (3rd-Pole Vault); Matt Brugger (4th-Pole Vault); Damian Backus (1st-Long Jump; 1st-Triple Jump); Isaac Sullivan (5th-Shot Put); 4th-4x100 Meter Relay (Damian Backus, Kyle Kramer, Joe Brugger, Zac Glidden); 1st-4x400 Meter Relay (Damian Backus, Kyle Kramer, Joe Brugger, Zac Glidden); 4th-4x800 Meter Relay (Sam Stopak, Johnny Case, Thomas Hosford, Andrew Rasmussen). Pictured are Ignacio Pascual doing long jump and Joe O'Brien throwing the shot put.







## FFA State Convention

Mrs. Sweeter and thirty four Newman Grove FFA members traveled to Lincoln on April 8th to participate in the FFA State Convention. The Newman Grove chapter came away with several awards and had one senior (Andrea Adams) receive her State Degree. The participants and their awards were: Ag Sales team (Hannah Haase, Mya Donelson, Celine Dunlap, Levi Krueger) received a red ribbon-individually, Mya and Celine earned a red ribbon and Hannah earned a white. The Livestock Management team (Andy King, Joe O'Brien, Mya Donelson, Hannah Haase, Nolan Wondercheck and Sadie Wallin) earned a white ribbon. Earning individual ribbons in Natural Resources were Parker Wallin, with a blue and Abbie Pieke with a white. In Agronomy, Will Dyer earned a red ribbon. In Agriscience, Payton Nelson earned a blue ribbon, and Ignacio Pascual and Rebecca Stone earned red ribbons. Sarah Johnson finished in 1st place in the Agriscience Fair and will represent Newman Grove at the National FFA Convention in October. Cheyenne Cleland received

3rd place in the Agriscience Fair. The Chapter also received the Governor's Excellence/NIFA Award.



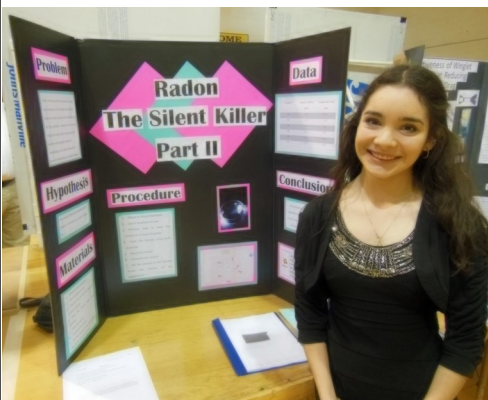




## Independent Science Research

By Danielle Amen

The Newman Grove Independent Science Researchers (ISR) recently competed at two regional science fairs, the Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair in Nebraska City and the Northeast Nebraska Regional Science Fair in Wayne. This year there were 14 students who chose to take part in ISR and complete their own science research. Due to such busy schedules not everyone was able to compete at all the science fairs this year, but they were able to ask questions, complete the scientific process, collect data, and even draw conclusions to their questions, the main reason for research! Science Fairs can open doors to many opportunities our students have never done before such as traveling, public speaking, interview skills, sharing of research, even college scholarships and representing the United States. Below is a list of the awards received at their Science Fairs. (ISR advisor Danielle Amen).



**Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair (Nebraska City) Senior Division**  
**Mariely Estrada-** 3rd Place Chemistry. **Marcela Estrada-** 2nd Place Environmental Science and Nebraska City Lions Club Award Certificate \$50. **Breanna Borgheiinck-** Honorable Mention Behavior and Social Sciences and UNO Acoustical Society of America Award \$150. **Rebecca Stone-** 1st Place Behavioral and Social Sciences, American Psychological Association Special Award, and the St. Mary's Medical Staff Award \$200. **Payton Nelson-** 3rd Place Microbiology **Junior Division** **Cheyenne Cleland-** 1st Place Environmental Science. **McKenzie Adams-** 1st Place Chemistry, Top 7 Junior Project, won a calculator. **Sarah Johnson-** 1st Place Environmental Science, Top 7 Junior Project, won a calculator. **Dominik Cuevas-** Honorable Mention Environmental Science. **Leighann Miller-** Honorable Mention Microbiology

**Northeast Nebraska Regional Science Fair** Students competed at the Northeast Nebraska Regional Science Fair. Top 5 from each division qualified to the Nebraska State Science Fair at Nebraska Wesleyan and they received a blue ribbon. 2nd place projects received a red ribbon, and 3rd place projects a white ribbon.

**Senior Division** **Mariely Estrada-** Red Ribbon and Received Wayne Rotary World Affairs Scholarship Award alternate (she is attending last week in June). **Kala Rast-** Red Ribbon. **Becca Stone and Abbie Piek-** Red Ribbon. **Payton Nelson-** Red Ribbon. **Breanna Borgheiinck-** White Ribbon. **Marcela Estrada-** White Ribbon. **Evelyn Estrada-** White.

**Junior Division** **Cheyenne Cleland-** Red Ribbon. **Sarah Johnson-** Red Ribbon. **Leighann Miller-** Red Ribbon. **McKenzie Adams-** White Ribbon. **Dominik Cuevas-** White Ribbon. **McKenna Hasse-** White Ribbon





## PROM & POST-PROM SCHEDULE

*Help make this a safe Prom for everyone!*

**Prom is Saturday, April 25th!**

### SCHEDULE

|                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>5:00</b>       | <b>Prom Server Pictures</b>           |
| <b>5:20</b>       | <b>Junior Pictures</b>                |
| <b>5:40</b>       | <b>Senior Pictures</b>                |
| <b>6:00</b>       | <b>Class Pictures</b>                 |
| <b>6:20</b>       | <b>Prom Procession/Parade</b>         |
| <b>6:30</b>       | <b>Banquet/Program</b>                |
| <b>7:30-11:30</b> | <b>Dance</b>                          |
| <b>11:30</b>      | <b>Change Clothes/Post Prom Party</b> |
| <b>3:30</b>       | <b>Activities end</b>                 |

Picture packets are distributed to seniors, juniors, and prom servers. They must bring the envelope with them to the auditorium with payment. **Checks made out to "Shine Photography."**

Once students arrive to have professional pictures taken, they will not be allowed to leave the school to go home and change or to visit their vehicles during the dance or between Prom and the Post Prom Party. Students will have an opportunity to change clothes in the designated areas at the school between the dance and Post Prom. A phone call will be made to parents if their child leaves prior to or during Post Prom.

As in past years, all students and their dates will be required to take a breathalyzer before being admitted into the dance. It is important to deter students from using alcohol on this night and to keep them as safe as possible.

The school looks forward to a safe and successful spring season; and special thanks to the parents for their support!

## NOTE TO JUNIOR PARENTS!

Prom decorating and clean up  
schedule for **ALL** juniors!!!

### **Decorating Schedule**

Friday, April 24th 1:30 p.m. until finished

### **Clean-Up Schedule**

Sunday, April 26th 5:00 p.m. until done

If you have questions, please call  
Meghan Flood or Angela Gaspers  
447-6051 (school #)

## Boone Central/Newman Grove Junior High Track

By Jeff Hayes

Cardinal Quad 4/7/15



We kicked the season off on a cold wet rainy day for our first meet. The girl's team won this meet with a score of 195 points. The boys' team finished second with a score of 89.5 points. The teams gave a good effort in spite of the weather. Individual medalists: Camille Fowlkes (2nd—100 Meter Hurdles); Sarah Johnson (6th—100 Meter Hurdles); Leighann Miller (2nd—195 Meter Hurdles; 3rd—High Jump; 1st—Shot Put; 2nd—Discus); Kelsey Thompson (1st—200 Meter Dash; 1st—400 Meter Run; 1st—Pole Vault); Lauren Hedlund (2nd—200 Meter Dash; 6th—400 Meter Run; 5th—Discus); Katie Goodwater (2nd—800 Meter Run; 2nd—1600 Meter Run); Natalee Luetel (6th—800 Meter Run); Stephanie Wright (3rd—100 Meter Hurdles; 1st—195 Meter Hurdles); Caitlin Nelson (5th—100 Meter Hurdles); Carsen Grape (3rd—High Jump); Emily Pelster (6th—195 Meter Hurdles); Kylee Rasmussen (2nd—High Jump); Mattie Young (2nd—Long Jump); Mariah Olson (3rd—Long Jump); Brenda Loughman (6th—Triple Jump); Haley Greek (2nd—Shot Put); Anna Hamling (4th—Shot Put; 1st—Discus); Cassidy Baumgartner (3rd—Discus); Keiley Tisthammer (4th—Discus); Tricia Cleveland (6th—Discus); 3rd—4x100 (Lauren Hedlund, Caitlin Nelson, Mattie Young, Emily Groetke); 4th—4x100 (Tricia Cleveland, Stephanie Wright, Mariah Olson, Ashley Mewhirter); 3rd—4x400 (Katie Goodwater, Abby Mousel, Sarah Ohnemus, Kelsey Thompson); Logan Hodges (6th—1600 Meter Run; 5th—High Jump; 6th—Long Jump); Joe Scofield (6th—800 Meter Run); Brady Sokol (3rd—Shot Put); Trustin Sicard (1st—100 Meter Dash; 1st—Pole Vault; 2nd—Long Jump); Cristopher Thiem (6th—200 Meter Dash); Jett Stuhr (5th—400 Meter Run); Zachary Reicks (4th—800 Meter Run); Grant Buck (1st—100 Meter Hurdles; 2nd—195 Meter Hurdles; 4th—Pole Vault); Trey Zoucha (2nd—100 Meter Hurdles; 3rd—195 Meter Hurdles).

Boone Central Invite 4/14/15

This was our second meet of the season. It is a much bigger meet with 7 teams there. The competition was much better so points were harder to come by. The girl's team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place at the meet with 66 points. The boy's team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the meet with 72.5 points. We had a much nicer day and only had to overcome some strong winds. Individual medalists: Leighann Miller (3rd—Shot Put; 1st—Discus); Lauren Hedlund (2nd—100 Meter Dash; 5th—200 Meter Dash); Kelsey Thompson (3rd—100 Meter Dash; 3rd—200 Meter Dash; 1st—400 Meter Run; 1st—Pole Vault); Katie Goodwater (6th—800 Meter Run; 4th—1600 Meter Run); Trustin Sicard (2nd—100 Meter Dash; 1st—Pole Vault; 6th—Long Jump); Grant Buck (4th—100 Meter Hurdles; 1st—195 Meter Hurdles; 2nd—Pole Vault); William Frey (3rd—100 Meter Hurdles; 5th—195 Meter Hurdles; 1st—Discus); Trey Zoucha (6th—100 Meter Hurdles; 6th—195 Meter Hurdles); Carter Henry (3rd—Shot Put); Jon Merten (5th—Shot Put).





# Senior Spotlight



**Jason  
Bollig**

Parents:  
Pete & Rachelle Bollig

Other Family Members:  
Jon, Trevor, Tanner, Jayme, Niki

Favorite Pastime:  
Working and hanging out with friends

Part-Time Employment:  
Runza and Pete's Paint & Body

Senior Activities:  
Bowling

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend Northeast Community College  
for welding, then live happily & start a family



**Sadie  
Wallin**

Parents:  
Brad & Becky Wallin

Other Family Members:  
Sheana, Shae, Spencer

Favorite Pastime:  
Barrel racing

Part-Time Employment:  
Dog Boarding

Senior Activities:  
Softball, Basketball, FFA, Shell Creek Watershed

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend NECC, get Masters Degree in Nursing  
and go on from there.



## Speech By Kristen Grant



Even though speech competition began three months ago, the season came to a close too quickly. Senior Mariely Estrada ended her senior speech season competing at state on Friday, March 27, 2015. She was very close to breaking into poetry finals.

We could not have survived the season without the assistant coach, Miss Teten. With a young group of mainly freshmen this year, the team became familiar with the various events and how speech tournaments work, as well as followed the 2015 motto: keep calm and speech on.

## Newman Grove FFA Annual Labor Auction



Please join us on  
*Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>*  
*8:30 PM*  
in the High School gym

High School and Junior High  
FFA members will be auctioned off  
to work 8 hours

*Proceeds will go to the Newman Grove FFA Chapter to help  
pay for National Convention, Washington Leadership  
Conference, and other chapter activities – Contact Advisor  
Kylie Sweeter at 402-447-6294 with questions!*



## RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION (2014-2015)

### Part I: Organization and Finance

#### General Information:

|                                                                                                        |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Pre-K through 12 Enrollment (4/8/2015)                                                                 | 190                |
| Teachers' Experience:                                                                                  | 16.0 years average |
| Administrators' Experience:                                                                            | 24.0 years average |
| Master's Degrees (or BA+36 equivalent)                                                                 | 12                 |
| Total Staff (based on full-time status):                                                               |                    |
| Administration                                                                                         | 2.00               |
| Teachers (including Sp Ed, Title I):                                                                   | 20.50              |
| Counselor                                                                                              | 1.00               |
| Aides (Regular, Sp Ed, Title I, ESL, Preschool):                                                       | 3.00               |
| Family Service Worker (Preschool)                                                                      | 1.00               |
| Secretaries:                                                                                           | 2.00               |
| Bookkeeper/Business Manager:                                                                           | 1.00               |
| Custodians:                                                                                            | 2.50               |
| Food Service                                                                                           | 3.00               |
| Bus Drivers (Regular & Sp Ed):                                                                         | 3.00               |
| Specialists from ESU #8<br>(includes Special Education, Technology, Staff<br>Development, Media, Etc.) |                    |

#### Budgeted Revenue Sources:

##### General Fund:

|                                         |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Revenue from Local/County Sources:      | 90.5%       |
| Revenue from State Sources:             | 5.0%        |
| Revenue from Federal Sources:           | 4.5%        |
| Reserve, Local, County:                 | \$1,109,000 |
| Property Taxes:                         | \$2,300,025 |
| State, Special Education, Grants:       | \$181,000   |
| State Aid (net student option funding): | \$7,996     |
| Federal:                                | \$169,019   |
| Total:                                  | \$3,767,040 |

#### Budget of Expenditures:

##### General Fund:

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Instruction, Support:             | \$2,011,967 |
| Business, Admin., Board of Ed.:   | \$544,220   |
| Maintenance/Operation of Plant:   | \$254,860   |
| Transportation (regular):         | \$95,800    |
| Federal Title I:                  | \$47,910    |
| Other Federal Programs:           | \$69,583    |
| Special Education (all programs): | \$447,700   |
| Necessary Cash Reserve/Transfers  | \$295,000   |
| Total:                            | \$3,767,040 |

#### Levies (calculated to 6 places):

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| General Fund:              | 0.420213 |
| Special Building:          | 0.013702 |
| Bond Fund (non-affiliate): | 0.006256 |
| Bond Fund (affiliate):     | 0.024145 |
| Total District Levy:       | 0.464316 |
| Total Affiliate Levy:      | 0.458060 |

**Valuation - August 20, 2013:** \$552,875,761

**2014-2015 BUDGET:** State Aid for the 2014-2015 fiscal year is \$7,996, an increase of \$7,446 from the previous year.

The Board of Education continues to strive to provide a strong educational program for the students of our district.

**PROPERTY TAXES AND VALUATION:** Property taxes still account for the largest share of revenue for schools. Property taxes are based on two factors: property valuation, which is set by the county assessor; and the property tax levy, which is a factor one multiplies with the valuation to come up with the tax. The Nebraska State Legislature continues to set the limit on which districts can set their levies. The limit set for the 2014-2015 fiscal year is 1.05. Some exclusions are allowed to exceed this levy lid.

After the County Assessor has certified valuation figures on August 20th, the budget is then completed and presented to the Board of Education in September for their approval. Final levy figures are then verified by the County Treasurer's office.

**BUDGET:** Newman Grove Schools has a total of seven active budgets or funds which they use during the year. They are the General Fund (which includes the Depreciation and Petty Cash Funds), Employee Benefit Fund, Student Fees Fund, Activities Fund, School Lunch, Bond Fund, and Special Building Fund. Of these, taxes are collected this year for the General, Building and Bond Funds. The remaining funds are mostly self-supporting.

**GOVERNANCE:** Governance is through an elected six-member Board of Education, with all members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Candidates for the Board of Education must file according to state law in Madison County, the county of record. Current officers are David Fowlkes, President; John Krueger, Vice-President; Tom Haase, Secretary; Jeanie McCloud, Treasurer; Scott Lyon and Scott Nelson, Members.

**BLUEJAY FOUNDATION:** The Bluejay Foundation is a separate entity made up of the members of the Board of Education and four patrons. Officers are Dan Patzel, President; David Fowlkes, Vice-President; and Janet Williamson, Secretary-Treasurer. The Foundation works toward providing opportunities for our students through scholarships, donations, and special projects. The Foundation is supported by tax deductible donations and fund-raising activities. No tax dollars are involved. Anyone interested in donating toward the mission of the Bluejay Foundation may contact the Central Office or any member of the Foundation. A donation through the purchase of a commemorative mug, a brick from the old high school, or a portrait sketch of the old high school goes towards the Foundation objectives.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Newman Grove Public Schools is to provide a safe environment where all students can develop academically, socially, physically, and emotionally. Students will be provided the opportunity to acquire the skills needed to participate in, and contribute to, society.



## RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION (2014-2015) Continued

### BELIEF STATEMENTS

- We believe students must achieve a basic literacy in language, math, science, history and geography.
- We believe students must be able to access information through the utilization of technology.
- We believe students must develop a framework of how knowledge is organized in specific disciplines and how those disciplines are interrelated.
- We believe students must have knowledge of the consequences and options for avoiding risks to health and life.
- We believe students must be producers, mastering the proficiency to write, speak, compute, solve problems and create a variety of intellectual outcomes which reflect high-quality standards.
- We believe students must learn how to work independently and schedule their own time.
- We believe students must know how to continue their own education and retraining.
- We believe students need to cope with uncertainty and develop flexibility.
- We believe family and community participation in a student's learning must be strengthened.
- We believe students must learn how to work effectively in groups and manage interpersonal relationships.
- We believe students must learn to exercise their individual choices within the context of the needs of the larger society.
- We believe students need to have knowledge of the historical values of the United States, as well as an appreciation for, and understanding of, multicultural diversity.
- We believe students must be able to think and reason, solve problems, and make wise decisions.
- We believe students must create positive core values and a strong self-concept.



## Retirement Reception Honoring



**Laura Nelson, Rhonda Rother, Bev Seier,  
Dave Walahoski and Lorraine Walahoski**



Ms. Nelson is completing 35 years in education.  
Mrs. Rother is completing 23 years in education.  
Mrs. Seier is completing 20 years as a para educator.  
Mr. Walahoski is completing 17 years as a bus driver.  
Mrs. Walahoski is completing 45 years as a bus driver.

Join us in the school auditorium on

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

following the evening's Activities Awards Night

(approximately 7:30 p.m.)

### Breakfast Test Period

**May 11-20th**

**7:45 a.m.—8:05 a.m.**

**Free for all K-12 Grade Students  
It will be offered for the 2015-2016 school year**







# NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

*(milk served with each meal; fruit boat or salad bar available to 6-12 students)*

| MONDAY                                                                                                               | TUESDAY                                                                                                                           | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                          | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                  | FRIDAY                                                                                                     |
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| <b>April 27</b><br>Taco Soup<br>WG Corn Chips<br>Baby Carrots<br>Peaches<br>Cheese Breadstick<br>Milk                | <b>April 28</b><br>BBQ Pork Rib<br>Sandwich/WG Bun<br>Green Beans/Cucumber<br>Orange Pepper Strips<br>Fruit Slushy/Banana<br>Milk | <b>April 29</b><br>Swedish Meatballs<br>Brown Rice<br>Peas/Gr. Tomatoes<br>Frozen Strawberries<br>WG Bread Slice<br>Milk           | <b>April 30</b><br>Breaded Chicken Patty<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>w/Gravy/Broccoli<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Cauliflower/Milk | <b>May 1</b><br>Pizzaburger/WG Bun<br>Baked Beans<br>French Fries<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Applesauce<br>Milk |
| <b>May 4</b><br>Mandarin Orange<br>Chicken/Brown Rice<br>Peas/Gr. Tomatoes<br>Mixed Fruit<br>WG Sliced Bread<br>Milk | <b>May 5</b><br>Mini Corndogs<br>Baked Beans<br>Cauliflower<br>Radishes/Fruit Cups<br>Fruit Slushy<br>Milk                        | <b>May 6</b><br>Chicken Fajita<br>WG Tortilla<br>Refried Beans<br>Sliced Cucumbers<br>Pears<br>Milk                                | <b>May 7</b><br>Baked Chicken<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>w/Gravy/Broccoli<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk                        | <b>May 8</b><br>Cheese Pizza<br>Green Beans<br>Red Peppers<br>Peaches<br>Cake<br>Milk                      |
| <b>May 11</b><br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Baked Beans<br>Celery Sticks<br>Cauliflower/Pears<br>WG Bread Slice<br>Milk      | <b>May 12</b><br>BBQ Rib Sandwich<br>WG Bun<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Grape Tomatoes<br>Fruit Slushy/Banana<br>Milk                   | <b>May 13</b><br>Spaghetti/WG Pasta<br>Baby Carrots<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Sliced Cucumbers<br>Cheese Breadstick<br>Applesauce/Milk | <b>May 14</b><br>Garlic Chicken<br>Brown Rice<br>Carrots/Broccoli<br>Mixed Fruit<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk                                | <b>May 15</b><br>Pepperoni Pizza<br>Corn<br>Orange Peppers<br>Fresh Veggies<br>Peaches<br>Milk             |
| <b>May 18</b><br>Chicken Strips<br>Carrots<br>Fresh Veggies<br>Strawberries<br>WG Sliced Bread<br>Milk               | <b>May 19</b><br>Cook's<br>Choice                                                                                                 |                                                |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                            |

(menus are subject to change without notice)

# MAY 2015

| Sun                                         | Mon                                                                                                                                                                | Tue                                                                 | Wed                                                                                                                                                               | Thur                                                                                                                                                           | Fri                                                                                                                                           | Sat                                                              |
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|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1</b><br>Pass/NP Deadline (Srs)<br>Grade 6 Field Trip<br>Kindergarten Roundup<br>Grade 4 Field Trip<br>6:30pm: FFA Banquet & Labor Auction | <b>2</b><br>10:00am: G/BTR : Conference Meet @ Albion            |
| <b>3</b>                                    | <b>4</b><br>Conference Track (rain date)<br>4:00pm: JHG/BTR: Lakeview Triangular (A)<br>4:30pm: BGO: Boone Central Triangular (Albion)<br>5:00pm: Preschool Picnic | <b>5</b><br>7:15am: CILT Mtg<br>4:00pm: G/BTR : Seier Quad (Albion) | <b>6</b><br>9-11 Class Mtgs (lunch/officer elections)                                                                                                             | <b>7</b><br>7:15am: Show Choir Practice<br>9:00am: BGO: Wayne Invite (A)<br>6:30pm: Activity/Academic Awards Night<br>7:30pm: Reception for Retiring Personnel | <b>8</b><br>ACT Registration Deadline<br>Grade 5 Field Trip (Aurora)<br>7:30pm: Baccalaureate Services                                        | <b>9</b><br>2:00pm: Graduation                                   |
| <b>10</b><br>Mother's Day                   | <b>11</b><br>7:00pm: Foundation Mtg<br>7:00pm: 6-12 Concert<br>7:30pm: Board of Ed Mtg                                                                             | <b>12</b><br>10:00am: BGO: Fullerton Invite (A)                     | <b>13</b><br>Grades K & 1 Field Trip<br>Pass/NP Deadline (Jrs)<br>Preschool Last Day<br>Student Council Mtg (officer elections)<br>2:00pm: Jr High Awards Program | <b>14</b><br>Track: District Meet @ Pierce                                                                                                                     | <b>15</b><br>1:30pm: K-5 Concert                                                                                                              | <b>16</b>                                                        |
| <b>17</b><br>No Elementary Guidance (18-19) | <b>18</b><br>JB ACT Test Prep Begins<br>Golf: Districts @ Hastings<br>1:00pm: Elem Track/Field Day                                                                 | <b>19</b><br>K-5 Last Day                                           | <b>20</b><br>6-11 Last Day<br>11:15am: 6-11 Early Dismissal<br>3:30pm: Youth BBB Camp @ Albion                                                                    | <b>21</b><br>Possible Make-up Day<br>Faculty Workday to Noon<br>8:30am: Youth BBB Camp @ Albion                                                                | <b>22</b><br>Possible Make-up Day<br>Track: State Meet (Omaha)<br>8:30am: Youth BBB Camp @ Albion                                             | <b>23</b><br>Track: State Meet (Omaha)<br>6:30pm: Alumni Banquet |
| <b>24</b>                                   | <b>25</b><br>Memorial Day                                                                                                                                          | <b>26</b>                                                           | <b>27</b><br>Golf: State Meet (GI)                                                                                                                                | <b>28</b><br>Golf: State Meet (GI)                                                                                                                             | <b>29</b><br>7:00pm: Auditorium in Use (Dance Recital)                                                                                        | <b>30</b>                                                        |
| <b>31</b>                                   |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                  |





## END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES



### **Saturday, April 25**

Golf Conference Meet at O'Neill- 9:00 a.m.  
Jr. High Conference Track Meet at Norfolk Catholic-9:00 a.m.  
Prom-6:30 p.m.

### **Friday, May 1**

Kindergarten Dismissal- 11:30 a.m.  
Kindergarten Round-Up- 12:00 p.m.  
FFA Banquet/Labor Auction- 6:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, May 2**

High School Conference Track Meet @ Albion -  
10:00 a.m.

### **Thursday, May 7**

Academic & Activity Awards Program - 6:30 p.m.

### **Friday, May 8**

Baccalaureate Services—7:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, May 9**

Graduation -2:00 p.m.

### **Monday, May 11**

6-12 Spring Concert—7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, May 13**

Last Day Preschool  
Jr. High Awards Program—2:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, May 14**

District Track Meet at Pierce

### **Friday, May 15**

K-5 Spring Concert—1:30 p.m.

### **Monday, May 18**

K-5 Track & Field Day- 1:00 p.m.  
District Boys Golf Meet at Hastings

### **Tuesday, May 19**

Last Day K-5

### **Wednesday, May 20**

Last Day 6-11—Early Dismissal 11:15 a.m.  
Semester Tests/Check Out

### **Friday & Saturday, May 22 & 23**

State Track Meet in Omaha

### **Saturday, May 23**

Alumni Banquet—6:30 p.m.

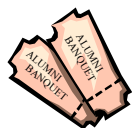
### **Wednesday & Thursday, May 27 & 28**

State Boys Golf Tournament in Grand Island

### **Looking Ahead to 2015-2016**

Wednesday, August 12: First Day of School!

## **ALUMNI BANQUET      May 23, 2015—6:30 p.m.**



**Tickets on Sale—\$15.00 per person**

**Tickets available at: Newman Grove Schools — Bank of Newman Grove — M&M Farm Supply**

**Banquet Questions? Contact Janet Williamson @ 402-447-6294 or [jwilliam@esu8.org](mailto:jwilliam@esu8.org)**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to provide a safe environment where all students can develop academically, socially, physically, and emotionally. Students will be provided the opportunity to acquire skills needed to participate in, and contribute to, society.

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