



# The Bluejay Bulletin

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## Board of Education Meeting Summary April 10, 2017

- The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.
- The Open Meetings Act was announced.
- The agenda was approved as amended with the addition of Action Item 3.14 - Approve Construction Manager-at-Risk Policy.
- Minutes of the March 13th meeting were approved as printed.
- The next meeting of the Board of Education will be May 8th at 7:30 p.m.
- Reports were provided by Mrs. Amen and Mr. Seier (science).
- Activities Director Karla Patzel reported on spring activities (music, spring play, sports seasons, art show, FFA Banquet) and winter NSAA Academic All-State recognition of Hannah Haase and Emma Arndts.
- Counselor Matt Rudloff reported on Senior Class preparation for graduation, NECC Scholastic Contest, calendar updates, Student of the Month selections, Honors Night preparation and 2017-18 student schedules.
- Principal Barnes reported on NeSA testing, ACT test for all juniors, FFA and FBLA state conventions, recognition of new inductees to the National Honor Society, seniors last day and graduation on May 13th.
- Superintendent Shalikow reported on the Rule 10 safety review, elementary teacher assignments for 2017-18 and recent legislative news.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
- Claims were approved for payment in the amounts of \$21,787.34-General Fund and \$792.00-Depreciation Fund.
- The Class of 2017 was approved for graduation.
- Policy #3012 - School Meal Program and Meal Charges was approved following discussion. Policy will be written to include 5 charges, 5 courtesy meals and then no meals served until balance is paid.
- The School Wellness policy was renumbered from #5051 to #5052 and approved as printed.
- Computer and laptop purchases were approved for the Superintendent, Business Manager and Principal.
- Approved upgrading the accounting system to a cloud-based format.
- Approved 2017-2018 hot lunch prices of \$2.65-PK through 6th; \$2.75-Jr-Sr High, \$3.50-Adults, and \$1.80-Breakfast.
- Approved local substitute teacher certificate requests of Abbie Nelson and Kim Ranslem.
- Approved 2017-2018 substitute teacher pay rate of \$110.00 (days 1-5), \$145.00 (days 6-10 for same teacher) and base salary (11+ days for same teacher).
- Adopted Policy #3042 - Construction Manager-at-Risk Contracts. Recent building committee meeting was reviewed.
- Approved the Construction Manager-at-Risk contract delivery system as presented.
- A possible facility master plan was presented for review. Dates were discussed. A specific timeline will be addressed at a later meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding the potential acquisition and purchase price of the Methodist Church property. The board entered into executive session at 9:13 p.m. to discuss the purchase price of the property and returned to public session at 9:28 p.m. Authorization was given to Superintendent Shalikow to act on the district's behalf on the negotiations and possible acquisition of the Methodist Church parsonage property.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- McKenna Haase and Cheyenne Cleland, who received honorable recognition in their categories at the GNSEF Science Fair at Nebraska City.
- Those competing in the NECC Scholastic Contest. Scoring in the top 10 in their tests were Emma Arndts (6th/Algebra II; 9th/Biology), Dylan Bagley (9th/Calculus), Cheyenne Cleland (5th/Library Usage), Mariah Dubas (9th/Computer Literacy), Evelyn Estrada (1st/Spanish II), Guadalupe Estrada (2nd/Food & Nutrition; 5th/Art History), Hannah Haase (4th/Personal Finance), McKenna Haase (9th/Algebra I), Tyson Haddix (2nd/Technical Mathematics), Sarah Johnson (2nd/Medical Terminology), Levi Krueger (10th/Chemistry), David Plugge (5th/Accounting I), Abigail Pohlen (3rd/World History), Jacob Potmesil (5th/Intro to Wellness), Kala Rast (6th/Administrative Professional), Brady Sokol (7th/Small Engines), and Rebecca Stone (1st/Anatomy & Physiology). Newman Grove place 4th in the Class D division of the contest. Job well done!!
- NSAA Winter Academic All-State Recipients: Emma Arndts and Hannah Haase (speech).
- Our National Honor Society inductees: Emma Arndts, Tyson Haddix, Sarah Johnson, Cody Nelson, and Brady Sokol.
- The dance team on bringing home a 1st place trophy in the Hip Hop division of the dance competition in Worthington, Minnesota.
- Our March "Students of the Month": Abbie Piek and Ellie Rankin (Jr-Sr High) and Piper Jarecki and Micah Cuevas (Elementary). They are sponsored by CPE and the Newman Grove Bowl.
- Bethany Borgheijnck who earned 6th place in the Middle School Career Exploration contest at State FBLA.
- State FFA participants: Ag Sales-Mya Donelson and Payton Nelson-Red Ribbons; Agriscience Team (Leighann Miller, McKenna Haase, Emma Arndts, and Abigail Pohlen) - Blue Ribbon; Individually-Emma-Blue, McKenna-Blue, Leighann-Red, Abigail-Red; Agronomy-Kyle Stone-White Ribbon; Natural Resources-Hannah Haase-Blue, Dylan Bagley-White, Tyson Haddix-White; Farm Management-Dylan Bagley-White, Cody Nelson-White; Agriscience Fair-Plant Systems-1st Place-Paige Nelson, Environmental-1st Place Cheyenne Cleland and Sarah Johnson, Food Science-1st Place-Tyson Haddix, Animal Science-2nd Place-Abigail Pohlen. Chapter Booth-3rd Place overall.
- To the following students for placing in the ESU #8 Spring K-8 Art Show: Kindergarten: Jacob Matson-1st Place; 3rd Grade: Serenity Strong-2nd Place; 4th Grade: Aleeya Morris-1st Place; 5th Grade: Mason Nelson-1st Place and José Luna-2nd Place; 6th Grade: Mara Ranslem and Kaison Voelker Tied for 1st Place; and 7th Grade: Taya Morrison-2nd Place.



## FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL DARRELL BARNES



### April Showers Bring May Flowers!!



Trees are budding, the early flowers are blooming, grass is starting to green, could it actually be Spring?? Although the weather is spring-like now the snow and the ice of previous months caused us to miss several days of education and due to all of those days missed the senior class will be attending class until May 12<sup>th</sup> when they will be released at 1:00 p.m.

Students and staff at school are busy with lots of exciting events to finish out the year. Track meets, golf meets, science fairs, FFA & FBLA State Conferences, District Music and music concerts, State testing, Honors Night, and some are even looking forward to Baccalaureate and Graduation.

It has been another exciting year at Newman Grove Schools! I look forward to wrapping things up with our students and staff and sending them on their way to an enjoyable summer in May.

Below is an article from Home and Science Connection

Parent Power: There are many ways you can support your youngster's learning and his school. Try these tips:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your child brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.
- Tell your youngster's teachers if you can help out at school or from home.
- Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time to time, send a thank-you note or an email.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your youngster succeed.
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.

### COUNSELOR'S

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Matt Rudloff, K-12 Counselor  
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### NECC Scholastic Contest



On Wednesday, March 22nd Mr. Rudloff took 25 students to Northeast Community College to compete in the annual scholastic contest and quiz bowl. Students competed in various subject areas, ranging from Calculus to Welding. This year's quiz bowl team lost a close one in the first round of the single elimination contest. The day provided a wide range of activities for the students to participate in while they were waiting to take tests or done taking them. Karaoke, a game room, Selfie station and NECC college booths were some of the activities that entertained the students between contests and the awards ceremony. Medals and points were given out for the top three places in each test. This year we had six students place in the top three: Abigail Pohlen placed 3rd in the World History test. Placing second in their respective tests were Tyson Haddix in Technical Mathematics, Guadalupe Estrada in the Foods & Nutrition, and Sarah Johnson in Medical Terminology. Placing first place in their tests were Rebecca Stone in Anatomy & Physiology and Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez in Spanish II. We had several students with top 10 finishes as well. Hannah Haase was 4th in Personal Finance. Fifth place finishers were Cheyenne Cleland in Library Usage, David Plugge in Accounting I, Guadalupe Estrada in Art History, and Jacob Potmesil in Wellness/Sports/PE. Placing sixth were Kala Rast in Administrative Professional and Emma Arndts in Algebra II. Brady Sokol was seventh in Small Engines. Placing ninth in their tests were: McKenna Haase in Algebra I, Emma Arndts in Biology, Dylan Bagley in Calculus and Mariah Dubas in Computer Literacy. Placing tenth was Levi Krueger in Chemistry. As a team, Newman Grove finished with a tie for 4th place out of 28 schools.

Students participating in contests were: Bridgette Borgheiinck, Mya Donelson, Guadalupe Estrada, Hannah Haase, Alexis Kopecky, Jacob Potmesil, Kala Rast, Dylan Bagley, Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Levi Krueger, Connor Rankin, Caden Ranslem, Rebecca Stone, Emma Arndts, Cheyenne Cleland, Dominik Cuevas, Tyson Haddix, Sarah Johnson, David Plugge, Brady Sokol, Kristian Cuevas, Mariah Dubas, McKenna Haase, and Abigail Pohlen.

Quiz bowl members were Hannah Haase, Mya Donelson, Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Levi Krueger, Caden Ranslem, Rebecca Stone, Sarah Johnson and Tyson Haddix.

The 2017 Scholastic Contest was a very successful day for our students. It was a good experience for all participants as they competed and tested their knowledge in subject areas and had a college like experience going from building to building to find their test rooms.





## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Newman Grove Chapter of the National Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony of new members on Friday evening, March 31st. Hannah Haase, president of the chapter, welcomed those in attendance. Members Mya Donelson, Dylan Bagley, Payton Nelson, and Caden Ranslem spoke on the Honor Society's traits of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

The evening's guest speaker was Tim Wiese. Timothy Wiese was born and raised 4 miles east of Newman Grove. He transferred to Newman Grove Public Schools his 7th grade year and graduated in 2007. Tim participated in many extracurricular activities. After graduating from Newman Grove, he attended Northeast Community College earning his A. A. S. degree in Drafting. He then continued his education and earned his A. S. degree in Pre-Engineering from Northeast. Tim changed majors and attended Wayne State College to earn his B.S. degree in Secondary Education with an endorsement in Mathematics. He is now teaching at Humphrey St. Francis as a math teacher. Tim is also an assistant one-act coach, head robotics coach, sophomore class sponsor, and part of the campus ministry team. His parents are Steve and Melissa Wiese and siblings are Olivia and Alex Wiese.

Congratulations to the new inductees of the organization: Cody Nelson, son of Scott & Kristin Nelson and Becky & Jim Haver; Emma Arndts, foreign exchange student sponsored by Ross & Amy Nelson; Tyson Haddix, son of Tyson & Ginger Jorgensen and Shelly & Chris Duhachek; Sarah Johnson, daughter of Jay & Shirley Johnson; and Brady Sokol, son of Scott & Joan Sokol. Advisor Shelley Dunlap and Principal Darrell Barnes presented the new members with their certificates and membership pins as they signed the member registry.

Current members include Dylan Bagley, son of Tom & Julie Bagley; Mya Donelson, daughter of Alan & Daidrea Donelson; Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, daughter of José Estrada & Maria Gonzalez; Hannah Haase, daughter of Tom & Nancy Haase; Payton Nelson, daughter of Ross & Amy Nelson; Caden Ranslem, son of Justin & Kim Ranslem; and Rebecca Stone, daughter of Chuck & Paula Stone.

The ceremony concluded with the reciting of the pledge and a reception honoring the new members.







## World Affairs Seminar 2017

Education and Social Justice  
Creating Change Around the World

### Wayne Rotary Club Congratulates Five 2017 World Affairs Seminar Scholarship Winners

Students competing in the Regional Nebraska Junior Academy of Sciences at Wayne State College on March 24, 2017 were eligible for a scholarship award of \$500 to attend the 2017 World Affairs Seminar at Carroll University in Waukesha, WI June 24-June 30, 2017. In the interest of promoting peace, understanding, and recognizing future leaders and global citizens, the Wayne Rotary Club began offering this award in 2016 with two students awarded and attending.

This year Wayne Rotary is delighted to announce the scholarship winners and their teachers, are Katie Bathke, Allen HS (Teacher: Marc Bathke), Alyssa Boese, Allen HS (Teacher: Marc Bathke), Cheyenne Cleland, Newman Grove HS (Teacher: Danielle Amen), Sarah Johnson, Newman Grove HS (Teacher: Danielle Amen), and Marcella Jurotich, Wayne HS (Teacher: Lee Brogie).

Since 1977, more than 27,000 World Affairs Seminar (WAS) graduates have learned critical thinking, negotiation skills and the process of learning about new friends from around the world are all part of this incredible experience.

"Peace through Understanding" is the WAS motto. The vision is to build global leaders and citizens through an international seminar with an innovative, rigorous academic program. At WAS open dialogue is encouraged. The focus is current global topics and trends. Students are also provided recreational activities that foster interaction and understanding among participants, staff and speakers." (<http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org/about>). This year's theme will be Education and Social Justice: Creating Change Around the World.

Wayne Rotarians judging potential student delegates awarded scholarships based on scientific merit and interest in learning how to apply skills and abilities to working with people from around the world addressing the critical issues facing the world today and in the future.

L-R: Wayne Rotarian Barbara Engebretsen, Marcella Jurotich, Alyssa Boese, Katie Bathke, Cheyenne Cleland, and Sarah Johnson.





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**LOCATION**  
Central Nebraska  
Community Action  
Partnership  
3378 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, NE

**DATE**  
Mondays, April 3- May 8

**TIME**  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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## FFA Officer Highlight



**Rebecca Stone**

2016-2017 Historian

*Favorite Ag Class: Natural Resources*

**FFA Activities & Contests:** Food Science, Floriculture, Agriscience, Ag Demo, Land Judging.

**FFA Activities & Contests:** Easter Egg Hunt, Can Food Drive, Feed the Farmer, attended Farm Her Conference.

**Favorite FFA Memory –** Eating at our favorite Mexican restaurant with Mrs. Sweeter.

**Advice for Younger FFA Members –** Be committed and always be willing to try new things.





## Fifth Grade Classroom

By Cristina Hanzel

There is a familiar face in the 5th grade classroom this year. My name is Cristina (King) Hanzel, and I am the new 5th grade teacher. Things from this side of the desk are much different; however many things around me remain the same. I am a 2012 graduate of Newman Grove Public Schools. In the past year, I have had the privilege of returning to my hometown as a teacher.

The fifth grade class started the year with 15 students, but reduced to 14 at the end of the first semester. Throughout the year we have discovered that 5th grade is a jump up in the level of content as we are preparing for junior high and beyond. I've had the opportunity to watch this group of kids grow in many different ways.

In September, we attended the 2nd annual My Health, My Choice day. This event is a team effort between the Nebraska Extension and Boone County Health Center. Students attended several sessions to promote healthy choices. Some of these sessions included: tobacco, sugar levels in our drinks, smoothie bikes, germie hands test, emotions through role play, archery, heart rate, etc. The students were joined with several other 5th graders from schools in the area.

As testing season quickly approaches, the kids are preparing to not only take the ELA and math NeSA, but will also be taking the science test for the first time. I've learned quickly that these kids love everything science. We are looking forward to our field trip to Edgerton Explorit Center, in Aurora, where we will get to explore Science at a whole new level.

With just a few weeks of school left, we continue to work towards meeting our goals in preparing to end our 5th grade journey. However, many adventures will await this group in years ahead.

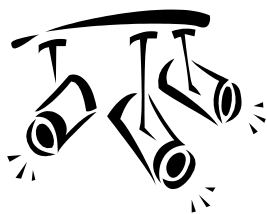


## Jump Rope for Heart 2017

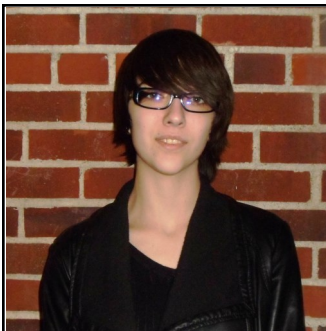
By Eric Albers



Grades 1-6 just completed 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 heart by exercising, eating right and getting enough sleep. On Wednesdays, the grades would perform different activities with jump ropes. As the fundraiser came to a close, students turned in their money raised. At the end of the month, 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 1-6 raised a total of \$1,640.00. American Heart Association sends prizes for the students who raised money. Each year students are really excited when its Jump Rope for Heart month. The 2nd Grade class was the winning class raising \$620.



# Senior Spotlight



## **Bridgette Borgheijnck**

Parents:  
Richard & Arlene Borgheijnck

Other Family Members:  
Breanna, Bethany

Favorite Pastime:  
Listening to music.

Senior Activities:  
Bowling

Plans After Graduation:  
Employment for a few years and then  
go to a trade school.

## **Kyle Stone**

Parents:  
Chuck & Paula Stone

Other Family Members:  
Rebecca



Favorite Pastime:  
Hunting and hanging out with friends

Senior Activities:  
FFA, Spring Play

Plans After Graduation:  
Enroll in Welding Program-RTEC in Yankton, S.D.



## **Justin Herchenbach**

Parents:  
Ivan Herchenbach & Karen  
London

Other Family Members:  
Sabrina

Favorite Pastime:  
Riding dirt bikes

Part-Time Employment:  
News Channel Nebraska

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend Northeast Community College for a  
2 year degree in Sound Engineering.

## **Newman Grove FFA Annual Labor Auction**



Please join us on

***Friday, April 28th  
8:00 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!*





## Newman Grove Preschool



Planning for the ninth year of Newman Grove 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 2017-2018 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 28.
- 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 families are asked to fill out the free/reduced lunch application when the forms come out in the school calendar.

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. Additional transportation home for morning session students and to school for afternoon session students may be provided based on availability of drivers.

Application Process: If you have not already been contacted, parents/guardians are asked to please stop at the Newman Grove Elementary School to pick up the necessary paperwork for their child. Meghan Flood may be reached at 447-6051 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ms. Meghan will require the following items:

- Completed Application Form
- 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)



### 7-12 Students of the Month Sponsored by C.P.E (Complete Pest Elimination)

Abbie Pieke – Nominated by Mrs. Nelson (Yearbook) "Abbie always works hard in yearbook. She is willing to take pictures and spend extra time before school perfecting her work."

Ellie Rankin – Nominated by Mr. Barnes (Principal) "Ellie is someone who almost always has a smile on her face and is willing to help her classmates and teachers. Her attitude is one of a positive spirit and uplifting to others. Just a fun enjoyable student to have in our school!"

Thanks to Tom Bagley, Darren Guthard, and Brent Anderson, owners of Complete Pest Elimination (CPE) for providing \$25 in Newman Grove Bucks to Ellie and Abbie.



### K-6 Students of the Month Sponsored by NG Bowling Alley

Piper Jarecki - Nominated by Mrs. Gaspers (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) "Piper has come a long way in her subjects and works hard in everything she does. She has improved on her reading and reading fluency since the beginning of the year. She is very well organized and is ready to go after each transition. Piper participates in class for each subject. She gets along with all her classmates and includes everyone when they are working together. If she sees a friend struggling on something she will take the time to go over and help them out. We enjoy having Piper in our classroom & she is a big help to all of us."

Micah Cuevas – Nominated by Ms. Teten (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) "Micah is such a nice and caring student who is eager to learn, always tries his best, and gets along well with others. Micah is a good role model for others in the classroom and is a good leader."

Thanks to Tim Krueger, owner of Newman Grove Bowling Alley for sponsoring the Elementary students by providing a free meal for the students, a chosen teacher and their parents.





# Music Notes



by Tami Texley

March we celebrated music in our schools. This is the display in the front entrance way to the high school. The students participated in *Music Trivia* each day.

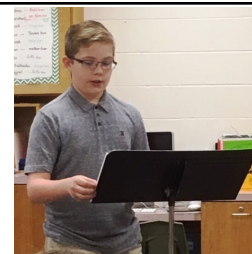


## 5th-8th Grade Students Compete in Brainard

Fourteen Newman Grove Public Schools students participated in the East Butler Elementary/Junior High Music Contest on Saturday, March 25th in Brainard. The students competed in 29 different events throughout the day. Ratings were as follows:

### Superior/Division I Ratings:

Cora Patzel (Vocal Solo), Emma Montoya and Isaac Potmesil (Vocal Duet), Eli Tannehill (Clarinet Solo), Morgann Johnson (Clarinet Solo), Eli Tannehill and Giles Deeder (Clarinet Duet), Bethany Borgheiinck and Leah Rast (Flute Duet), Lucas Krueger (Snare Drum Solo), Ian Salinas (Snare Drum Solo).



### Superior/Division I- Ratings:

Morgann Johnson (Vocal Solo), Carmen Montoya (Vocal Solo), Ian Salinas (Vocal Solo), Leah Rast (Vocal Solo), Giles Deeder (Clarinet Solo), Emma Montoya (Clarinet Solo), Leah Rast (Flute Solo).

### Excellent/Division II+ Ratings:

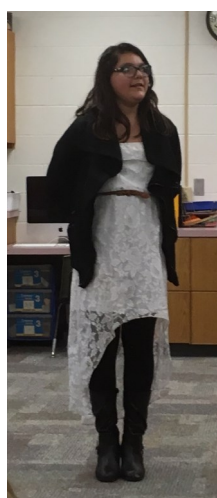
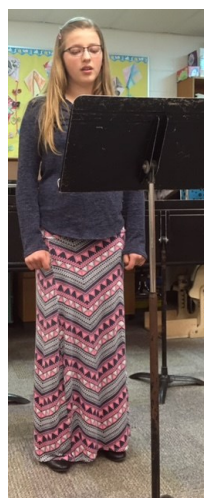
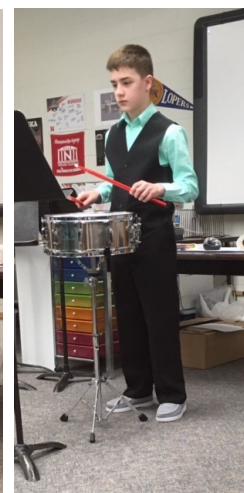
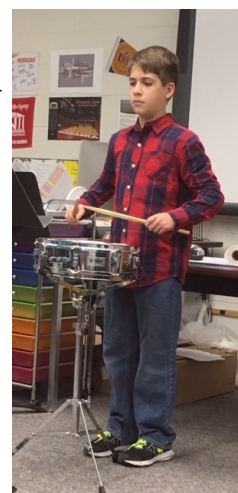
Bethany Borgheiinck (Vocal Solo), Emma Montoya (Vocal Solo), Elyssa Cuevas (Vocal Solo), Isaac Potmesil (Vocal Solo), Leah Rast and Bethany Borgheiinck (Vocal Duet), Emma Montoya and Carmen Montoya (Vocal Duet), Paige Nelson (Snare Drum), Carmen Montoya (French Horn Solo), Kaison Voelker (Alto Saxophone Solo).

### Excellent/Division II Ratings:

Bethany Borgheiinck and Isaac Potmesil (Vocal Duet), Morgann Johnson and Bethany Borgheiinck (Vocal Duet), Morgann Johnson and Elyssa Cuevas (Vocal Duet), Kaison Voelker and Lucas Krueger (Alto Sax and Drum Duet).

### Excellent/Division II- Ratings:

Cora Patzel (Trombone Solo).







## Pop—Goes the Music

K-12 Grade  
Spring Music Program

Thursday, May 4th

7:00 PM



After the concert there will be  
Rootbeer Floats on sale for \$2



## Dance Team Competition

By Susan King

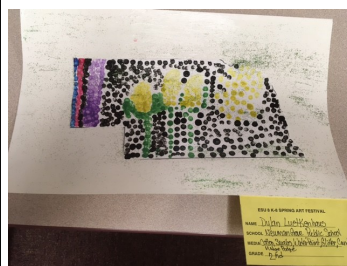
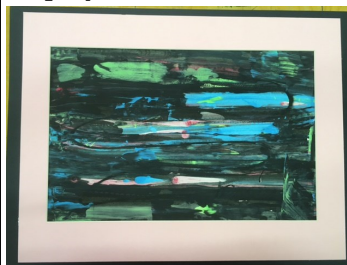
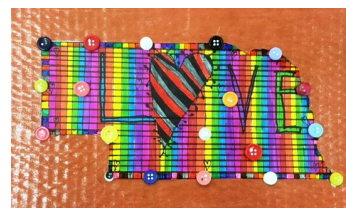
The Newman Grove High School Dance team competed in a dance competition in Worthington, Minnesota on April 1st and brought home the first place trophy in the Hip Hop division. There were nine other teams competing.

L to R: Evelyn Estrada, Breanna Borgheiinck, Maddison Steffensmeier, Coach Susan King, Abigail Pohlen, Kala Rast and Cheyenne Cleland.



## Art Classes

The K-8th grade art show at the ESU 8 was April 7th-11th. We had 24 students art work on display. We had 4 first place, 4 second place and one honorary mention awarded. Pictured are some of the artwork that was on display.



## Murder for Dummies

April 25th 2:00 PM  
(rescheduled)

Open to the Public



Myron (Jacob) and Marge (Emma) have been married for almost ten years. Myron has his books and Marge has her Civic Arts League. Everything is going smoothly until the members of the Arts League decide they should sell Myron's books to pay for some new furniture. Myron's turns to a new book to help him solve this problem. That book? Murder for Dummies. Everything is going according to his plan until an unwanted guest turns up. Then another. And then another. Come April 25th to find out who lives and who dies in this comedic murder-mystery!



Academic and Activities Award Night  
Tuesday, May 9th



6:30 pm Social

7:00 pm Awards Program



## Boone Central/Newman Grove High School Track

By Justin Dewitt



### Wayne State Indoor Invite 3-18-17

Saturday the BC/NG boys and girls track teams participated in the Wayne State College indoor meet. This is a new meet that we added this year, and it is our first indoor meet in many years. We had a few new events like the 55 meter dash and the 4x160 relay. The kids did a nice job and we are looking forward to a good track season.

Individuals placing in the top six: Emma Arndts (4th-4x400 Relay); Layne Hudson (2nd-4x800 Meter Relay); Kelsey Thompson (1st-400 Meter Dash, 3rd-Pole Vault, 4th-4x400 Relay); Karley Zoucha (1st-Shot Put); Jenna Kramer (3rd-High Jump, 4th-4x400 Relay); Lauren Hedlund (6th-200 Meter Dash, 6th-400 Meter Dash); Katie Daniels (5th-800 Meter Run, 2nd-4x800 Meter Relay); Rena Stopak (1st-3200 Meter Run, 2nd-4x800 Meter Relay); Katie Goodwater (4th-3200 Meter Run, 2nd-4x800 Meter Relay); Natalee Luettel (4th-4x400 Meter Relay); Logan Hodges (5th-4x160 Meter Relay); Jessie Sullivan (2nd-Shot Put); Blaine Young (5th-4x160 Meter Relay); Dalton Wagner (3rd-Shot Put); José Mario Clemente (4th-1600 Meter Run); Dylan Korth (5th-4x160 Meter Relay); Cristopher Thiem (5th-4x160 Meter Relay).

### Madison Triangular 3-28-17

The girls and boys track teams competed in the Madison Triangular Tuesday afternoon. The girls team took 1st place and the boys took 2nd. Jessie Sullivan had a great day taking first place in the shot put and discuss and threw a career best in both.

Individuals placing in the top six: Leighann Miller (1st-Discus, 2nd-Shot Put); Karley Zoucha (2nd-Discus, 1st-Shot Put); Jenna Kramer (1st-High Jump, 5th-200 Meter Dash, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay); Anna Hamling (6th-Discus); Stephanie Wright (2nd-Long Jump); Kelsey Thompson (3rd-Pole Vault, 1st-400 Meter Dash, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay); Rena Stopak (1st-4x800 Meter Relay, 1st-1600 Meter Run); Katie Goodwater (1st-4x800 Meter Relay, 1st-3200 Meter Run); Layne Hudson (1st-4x800 Meter Relay); Autumn Farmer (1st-4x800 Meter Relay, 2nd-800 Meter Run); Lauren Hedlund (1st-100 Meter Dash, 1st-200 Meter Dash, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay); Niah Kahlandt (3rd-100 Meter Dash, 2nd-400 Meter Dash); Tessa Hedlund (4th-100 Meter Dash, 6th-200 Meter Dash, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay); Cody Nelson (1st-High Jump, 2nd-100 Meter Dash, 1st-400 Meter Dash, 2nd-200 Meter Dash); Levi Krueger (1st-100 Meter Dash, 5th-400 Meter Dash); Jessie Sullivan (1st-Discus, 1st-Shot Put); Dalton Wagner (2nd-Discus, 2nd-Shot Put); Jon Merten (6th-Discus); Jett Stuhr (3rd-Triple Jump, 4th-Long Jump, 4th-400 Meter Dash, 4th-200 Meter Dash); Dylan Korth (4th-Triple Jump, 3rd-110 Meter Hurdles, 4th-300 Meter Hurdles); Michael Murcek (6th-Long Jump, 6th-Shot Put); Chris Preister (4th-Pole Vault); Blaine Young (4th-100 Meter Dash); Cristopher Thiem (5th-100 Meter Dash, 5th-200 Meter Dash); Scott Wright (5th-3200 Meter Run, 5th-1600 Meter Run); Brian Mock (6th-3200 Meter Run); José Mario Clemente (6th-800 Meter Run, 1st-1600 Meter Run).

### Mansfield Invitational 4-1-17

On April 1st the Boone Central/Newman Grove track and field team hosted the Mansfield Invite in Albion. Our kids competed well in cold weather and put forth great effort to improve our times and distances. Kelsey Thompson had a strong performance improving in the 400 meter dash, pole vault, and 200 meter dash. Jett Stuhr improved his mark in the triple jump by almost 2' and lowered his 200 meter dash time.

Individuals placing in the top six: Emma Arndts (2nd-4x400 Meter Relay); Leighann Miller (2nd-Shot Put, 2nd-Discus); Lauren Hedlund (2nd-100 Meter Dash, 4th-200 Meter Run, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay); Jenna Kramer (5th-100 Meter Dash, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay, 1st-High Jump); Tessa Hedlund (5th-100 Meter Dash, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay); Kelsey Thompson (3rd-200 Meter Run, 2nd-400 Meter Run, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 2nd-Pole Vault); Niah Kahlandt (6th-200 Meter Run, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay); Katie Daniels (1st-800 Meter Run, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay, 1st-4x800 Meter Relay, 2nd-Long Jump); Autumn Farmer (2nd-800 Meter Run, 6th-High Jump); Katie Goodwater (2nd-1600 Meter Run, 1st-4x800 Meter Relay); Rena Stopak (1st-3200 Meter Run, 1st-4x800 Meter Relay); Layne Hudson (1st-4x800 Meter Relay); Natalee Luettel (3rd-Triple Jump); Karley Zoucha (1st-Shot Put, 1st-Discus); Cody Nelson (2nd-100 Meter Dash, 3rd-200 Meter Run, 2nd-High Jump); Levi Krueger (3rd-100 Meter Dash, 5th-200 Meter Run); Logan Hodges (5th-High Jump); Dylan Korth (3rd-110 Meter Hurdles, 4th-300 Meter Hurdles, 5th-Pole Vault, 5th-Triple Jump); Chris Preister (6th-Pole Vault); Michael Murcek (2nd-Long Jump); Jett Stuhr (1st-Triple Jump); Jon Merten (3rd-Shot Put, 4th-Discus); Jessie Sullivan (1st-Shot Put, 1st-Discus); Dalton Wagner (2nd-Shot Put, 2nd-Discus).

### Wayne Invitational 4-3-17

The track team was in action on Monday at the Wayne Blue Devil Invite. The girls finished 4th in team standing and the boys 5th. First place finishers: Kelsey Thompson-400 Meter Dash, Girls 4x100 Relay-Tessa Hedlund, Kelsey Thomson, Lauren Hedlund, Niah Kahlandt, Dalton Wagner-Shot Put, Jessie Sullivan-Discus.

Individuals placing in the top six: Christina Stopak (3rd-4x800 Meter Relay, 4th-3200 Meter Run, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay); Katie Daniels (3rd-4x800 Meter Relay, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay); Katie Goodwater (3rd-4x800 Meter Relay, 6th-3200 Meter Run); Layne Hudson (3rd-4x800 Meter Relay); Lauren Hedlund (2nd-100 Meter Dash, 4th-200 Meter Dash, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay); Kelsey Thompson (1st-400 Meter Dash, 3rd-100 Meter Dash, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 2nd-Pole Vault); Tessa Hedlund (1st-4x100 Meter Relay); Niah Kahlandt (1st-4x100 Meter Relay); Casidy Baumgartner (3rd-4x400 Meter Relay); Jenna Kramer (3rd-High Jump); Karley Zoucha (5th-Shot Put, 4th-Discus); Cody Nelson (4th-200 Meter Dash, 6th-High Jump); Jessie Sullivan (1st-Discus, 2nd-Shot Put); Dalton Wagner (2nd-Discus, 1st-Shot Put).





## 9/10 Ord Invitational 4-10-17

The freshman and sophomores competed in the Ord Track meet April 10th. The girls finished 3rd and the boys finished 5th. Even though it was a cold afternoon, the kids showed lots of improvements. The girls had a total of 10 season bests, and the boys had 6 season best.

Jon Merten and Dalton Rasmussen both had good days in the throws. Jon threw 2 personal bests and won the Discus and the Shot Put. Lauren Hedlund ran well in the 100 and 200 Meter Dashes taking first in both and notching two season bests. Katie Goodwater competed very well winning the 3200 Meter Run and placed 3rd in the 1600 Meter Run. Others placing in the top 4: Stephanie Wright-2nd in the Triple Jump, Leighann Miller-3rd in the Shot Put and Discus, Jett Stuhr-2nd in the Triple Jump, José Mario Clemente-4th in the 1600 Meter Run, Scott Wright-4th in the 3200 Meter Run, Natalee Luettel-4th in the Triple Jump, Emma Arndts-4th in the 400 Meter Dash, 4th place-4x400 Meter Relay Team (Emma Arndts, Lauren Hedlund, Niah Kahlandt, Natalee Luettel).

## Central City Invitational 4-13-17

We had our first really good weather of the season, and it showed. We got a lot of sun burns and even more season bests. Both the boys and girls racked up 13 season bests each.

Leighann Miller and Katie Goodwater won gold medals. Leighann won the Discus and Katie won the 3200 Meter Run. Cody Nelson had a good day improving his marks in the High Jump, 100 Meter Dash, and 400 Meter Run.

Individuals placing in the top six: Levi Krueger (4th-100 Meter Dash); Cody Nelson (3rd-High Jump); Leighann Miller (1st-Discus); Lauren Hedlund (5th-100 Meter Dash, 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay); Kelsey Thompson (6th-100 Meter Dash, 5th-200 Meter Dash, 5th-400 Meter Dash, 4th-Pole Vault); Katie Daniels (6th-800 Meter Run); Christina Stopak (6th-1600 Meter Run, 2nd-3200 Meter Run); Katie Goodwater (1st-3200 Meter Run); Tessa Hedlund (2nd-4x100 Meter Relay); Jenna Kramer (2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 2nd-High Jump); Niah Kahlandt (2nd-4x100 Meter Relay); Scott Wright (6th-3200 Meter Run); Karley Zoucha (6th-Shot Put, 5th-Discus); Dalton Wagner (2nd-Shot Put, 4th-Discus); Jessie Sullivan (3rd-Shot Put, 2nd-Discus).

## Grand Island Northwest Invitational 4-20-17

The BCNG track team competed in the Dave Gee Invitational at Grand Island Northwest High School on Thursday. Our boys throwers had a really strong day filled with lots of new personal best. Jessie Sullivan improved his shot and discus marks, Dalton Wagner improved his discus mark, and Jon Merten improved by over 16' in the discus.

The distance runners have been working hard with Coach Dickey, and they were our other area of strength. José Mario Clemente, Scott Wright, and Katie Goodwater all improved their 1600 Meter times. Scott, Chris Preister, and Katie Goodwater improved their 3200 Meter times. Katie Daniels and Autumn Farmer improved their 800 Meter Dash times.

Overall the girls finished 7th in team standings and the boys finished 8th. Individuals placing in the top eight: Cody Nelson (Tied for 3rd-High Jump, 5th-4x400 Meter Relay); Levi Krueger (5th-4x400 Meter Relay); Jett Stuhr (6th-Triple Jump, 5th-4x400 Meter Relay); José Mario Clemente (5th-4x400 Meter Relay); Jessie Sullivan (3rd-Shot Put, 2nd-Discus); Dalton Wagner (4th-Shot Put, 5th-Discus); Lauren Hedlund (7th-100 Meter Dash, 3rd-4x100 Meter Relay); Katie Daniels (7th-800 Meter Run); Christina Stopak (7th-1600 Meter Run, 6th-3200 Meter Run); Katie Goodwater (8th-3200 Meter Run); Tessa Hedlund (7th-100 Meter Hurdles, 3rd-4x100 Meter Relay); Jenna Kramer (3rd-4x100 Meter Relay, 2nd-High Jump); Niah Kahlandt (3rd-4x100 Meter Relay); Karley Zoucha (7th-Shot Put, 7th-Discus).

Pictured are Emma Arndts (Hurdles), Cody Nelson (High Jump), and Leighann Miller (Shot Put).





## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ready For the Challenge

By Karla Patzel

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders have been working very hard since the first day of school to better themselves not only in the classroom as a student, but also as a member in the community. With the election this year, we talked a lot about what it means to be a good student and a citizen and how to accomplish that goal. It's a big transition year as they are now considered upper elementary and they are asked to do a lot of problem solving and thinking of how to work out not only school work, but daily life lessons. They grow a tremendous amount, and figure out there usually is more than one way to solve a problem. They don't need the answer given to them, but guided in the right direction, though they sometimes want the easy route.

In May, we will be attending our annual field trip to Memorial Stadium, Morrill Hall, and the State Capitol. The students are excited because they have been learning about Nebraska History this year. With Nebraska turning 150 years old this year, we celebrated its birthday within our classroom. Also, we found a great site called "Now You Know Nebraska". It is a daily two minute clip with various fun facts about Nebraska. Did you know Nebraska has an island? The students found that out in one of those clips; ask them about it sometime, they are more than willing to share what they have learned about Nebraska.



## Newman Grove Elementary Track and Field Day

The annual K-5 Track and Field Day will be held on **Friday, May 5, 2017, starting at 1p.m. (Rain date: Monday, May 8)** 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.

## Boone Central/Newman Grove Junior High Track

By Michael Volker

Cardinal Quad 4-3-17



Individuals placing in the top 6: Paige Nelson (4th-200 Meter Dash, 1st (Tied)-Pole Vault); Penelope Dozler (1st-100 Meter Dash, 4th-195 Meter Hurdles); Bailey Choat (4th-100 Meter Dash, 2nd-400 Meter Run, 3rd-4x100 Meter Relay, 5th-Long Jump); Sydney Tisthammer (6th-100 Meter Dash, 6th-200 Meter Dash, 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-Discus); Claire Weidner (2nd-200 Meter Dash, 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 6th-High Jump); Mardee Berger (3rd-200 Meter Dash, 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-Long Jump, 4th-Triple Jump); Autumn Simons (1st-400 Meter Run, 2nd (Tied)-800 Meter Run, 3rd-100 Meter Hurdles, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay); Sam Weeder (1st-800 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay, 1st-High Jump, 2nd-Triple Jump); Jordan Stopak (2nd (Tied)-800 Meter Run, 1st-1600 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay); Lauren Pugh (3rd-1600 Meter Run); Marysa Duerksen (1st-100 Meter Hurdles, 1st-195 Meter Hurdles, 3rd-4x100 Meter Relay, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay); Avery Olnes (4th-100 Meter Hurdles, 2nd-195 Meter Hurdles); Ashtyn Hedlund (2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 3rd-Shot Put, 6th-Discus); Claire Nelson (3rd-4x100 Meter Relay); Kalli Naber (3rd-4x100 Meter Relay); Claire Choat (1st-Shot Put); Abby Brodersen (4th-Shot Put); Wyatt Nissen (1st-100 Meter Dash, 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay, 3rd-Long Jump); Bryce Kennedy (1st-200 Meter Dash, 1st-400 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay, 1st-Long Jump); Carson Maricle (4th-200 Meter Dash, 5th-400 Meter Run, 4th-100 Meter Hurdles, 6th-Long Jump); Richard Cleveland (5th-200 Meter Dash, 3rd-400 Meter Run, 1st-100 Meter Hurdles, 1st-195 Meter Hurdles); Carsten Bird (6th-400 Meter Run, 4th-800 Meter Run, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay, 5th (Tied)-High Jump); Jonny Lindgren (1st-800 Meter Run, 1st-1600 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay); Bradley Schindel (2nd-800 Meter Run, 2nd-1600 Meter Run); Caleb Kohl (6th-800 Meter Run, 5th-1600 Meter Run, 3rd-Pole Vault); Gavin Ienn (4th-1600 Meter Run, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay); Gavin Stuhr (5th-100 Meter Hurdles, 3rd-4x100 Meter Relay); Seth Wright (6th-100 Meter Hurdles, 3rd-195 Meter Hurdles, 2nd (Tied)-Pole Vault); Gage Groetke (5th-195 Meter Hurdles); Ryan Kramer (2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay, 5th (Tied)-High Jump, 3rd-Triple Jump); Jacob Devine (2nd-4x100 Meter Relay); Luke Slizowski (2nd-4x100 Meter Relay); Calvin Webster (3rd-4x100 Meter Relay); Ashton Schafer (3rd-4x100 Meter Relay); Collin Beierman (3rd-4x100 Meter Relay); Braden Benes (3rd-4x400 Meter Relay); Dustin Andreasen (3rd-4x400 Meter Relay); Tyler Beierman (1st-Pole Vault, 5th-Discus); Cole Greek (3rd-Shot Put, 2nd-Discus); Joe Preister (5th-Shot Put); Zane Niemann (6th-Shot Put).





## Independent Science Research

By Danielle Amen



The Newman Grove Independent Science Researchers (ISR) recently competed at three regional science fairs, the Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair in Nebraska City, AHEC 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Meet, and the Northeast Nebraska Regional Science Fair in Wayne. This year there were 10 students who took part in ISR and completed their own science research. Due to such busy schedules not everyone was able to compete at all the science fairs, but they were able to ask questions, complete the scientific process, collect data, and even draw conclusions to their questions, the main reason for their research! Science Fairs can open doors to many opportunities our students have never done before, such as traveling, public speaking, sharing of research, even college scholarships and representing the United States. Below is a list of the awards received at this years competitions.

### Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair (Nebraska City)

**Senior Division:** Cheyenne Cleland- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Honorable Mention Plant Science. McKenna Haase- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Honorable Mention Environmental Science. Abby Pohlen- 6<sup>th</sup> Place Animal Science. Mariah Dubas-Participation Animal Science. Maddison Steffensmeier- Participation Plant Science.

**L to R:** Maddison Steffensmeier, Mariah Dubas, Cheyenne Cleland, McKenna Haase, Abby Pohlen



### Northeast Nebraska Regional Science Fair (Wayne State College)

The top 6 projects from the Junior and Senior divisions qualify to the Nebraska State Science Fair. The top ten projects received a blue ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> place projects received a red ribbon, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place projects a white ribbon.

**Senior Division:** Cheyenne Cleland and Sarah Johnson- Finalist, Blue Ribbon, Alternate to State. Received Wayne Rotary World Affairs Scholarship Award to attend the week long experience June 24-30<sup>th</sup> with other high School students and researchers from around the world taking place in Waukesha, Wisconsin. This year's seminar theme "Education and Social Justice, Creating Change Around the World." Abby Pohlen- Finalist, Blue Ribbon. Evelyn Estrada- Red Ribbon. Maddison Steffensmeier- Red Ribbon. McKenna Haase- White Ribbon. Tyson Haddix- White Ribbon. Mariah Dubas-White Ribbon.

**Junior Division:** Paige Nelson- Red Ribbon. Elyssa Cuevas- White Ribbon.

**Front Row L to R:** Evelyn Estrada, Maddison Steffensmeier, Paige Nelson, Cheyenne Cleland, Sarah Johnson. **Back Row L to R:** Elyssa Cuevas, Abby Pohlen, Tyson Haddix, Mariah Dubas, McKenna Haase.



### AHEC 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Meet in Norfolk

Paige Nelson was our lone 8<sup>th</sup> grade participant from Newman Grove in this year's competition. This meet is unique, as it is not only a science fair but also a health science career exploration day. The students participate in various activities and listen to people who work in the medical field. We are still waiting to hear the results of this meet, which will include the top students from across the state of Nebraska who will get the opportunity to attend a three day camp at UNO.





## Newman Grove FFA Competes at State Convention

By Kylie Sweetter

On Wednesday, April 5th, 30 Newman Grove FFA members headed to Lincoln to compete at the State FFA Convention. Students participated in numerous contests, attended sessions, toured Lincoln businesses, and UNL campus. Individuals that earned ribbons and awards are as follow:

Ag Sales - Mya Donelson and Payton Nelson - Red Ribbons  
 Agriscience Team (Leighann Miller, McKenna Haase, Emma Arndts, and Abby Pohlen) - Blue Ribbon  
 Agriscience Individuals - Emma Arndts - Blue, McKenna Haase - Blue, Leighann Miller - Red, Abby Pohlen - Red  
 Agronomy - Kyle Stone - White Ribbon  
 Natural Resources - Hannah Haase - Blue, Dylan Bagley - White, Tyson Haddix - White  
 Farm Management - Dylan Bagley - White, Cody Nelson - White  
 Agriscience Fair - Plant Systems - 1st place Paige Nelson, Environmental - 1st Place Cheyenne Cleland & Sarah Johnson, Food Science - 1st place Tyson Haddix, Animal Systems - 2nd Place Abby Pohlen

The chapter received the Feed Nebraska award for community service activities and earned 3rd place in the chapter booth competition.







## Measles Cases

Mrs. Wondercheck RN  
ESU 8 School Nurse

A case of measles has been identified last month in Douglas County and now in Lincoln County. Three additional persons are being tested due to measles-like symptoms.

**What are the signs and symptoms of Measles?** The signs and symptoms of measles generally begin about 7-14 days after exposure. A typical case of measles begins with mild to moderate fever, cough, runny nose, red watery eyes and a sore throat. Two or three days after the symptoms begin, tiny white spots, called Koplick's spots, may appear inside the mouth. Three to five days after the start of symptoms a red or reddish-brown rash appears. The rash usually begins on the face at the hairline and spreads downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs and feet.

**Measles is very contagious.** Measles spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It is so contagious that if one person has it, 9 out of 10 people around him or her will also become infected if they are not protected. Your child can get measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been, even up to two hours after that person has left. An infected person can spread measles to others even before knowing he/she has the disease—from four days before developing the measles rash through four days afterward.

**The best protection** against measles is measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. MMR vaccine provides long-lasting protection against all strains of measles. **Your child needs two doses of MMR vaccine for best protection: The first dose at 12 through 15 months of age The second dose 4 through 6 years of age.**



## Newman Grove PTO



The online shopping option is still available, and our school receives a portion of all purchases. Just go to [www.SchoolMall.com](http://www.SchoolMall.com), and shop! Over 400 popular merchants to choose from!

Pictured are some of the students with items that were gifted to the classes from shopping at the SchoolMall.



## Math

Braxton Staack



Math can be a very difficult class for a lot of students. Memorizing rules, theorems and operations as well as how to apply those can be very stressful. I can't tell you how often I hear from student's the line that "I'm just not good at math", "when will I ever use this?" or "this is too hard!". I believe as adults we should challenge our younger generations while giving them the support they need. I found a really neat paragraph online that shows the importance of challenging material within a learning environment.

*In general, a growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and 'smartness' can also be learned and that the brain grows from experience and effort. The opposite, a fixed mindset, is the idea that you are smart, or you are not. In math, that translates into "some people are good at math, and some are not." Did you know that praising efforts rather than intelligence or results can impact your child's ability to persevere in challenges?! The goal is to have children thrive on challenges and see failures, not as a sign of low intelligence, but as a learning opportunity. Brain research tells us that making mistakes actually wires more connections into the brain! When a person has a growth mindset, they accept challenges, see their efforts as worthwhile, and are open to learning from mistakes. Students with a growth mindset achieve at higher levels than those with fixed mindsets. How can you help? Some simple ways:*

- Adding "yet" when they claim they are "not good at this" (Respond: "You are not good at this yet.")
- Ask questions that focus on their effort and choices and get them to reflect on satisfaction of that effort (e.g. What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today?)

*Model this yourself as you share about your day*  
*This article was off of [http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas\\_for\\_school\\_leaders.html](http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas_for_school_leaders.html).*

I understand as parents helping your child with homework that you haven't seen in many years is also a new learning experience for yourself. Today more than any other time prior, there are multiple online resources that allow descriptive demonstration of mathematical concepts. A few that are really easy to use are online videos (youtube), math.com (presents tutoring throughout K-12) and my personal preference, Khanacademy.com. Every-one of these resources can help you assist your child in giving them the support they need. It is our responsibility once again to promote challenging material to help develop our students/children. Let's drive home the message that failure is an excellent learning opportunity to find growth!



## SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS, PHYSICALS, AND VISION RULES AND REGULATIONS INFORMATION



### HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN, 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE OR FROM OUT-OF-STATE

#### PHYSICAL AND VISUAL EXAMS

These can be done any time between now and the first day of school

- Kindergarten or new students transferring from out-of-state are required to have a physical and visual exam.
- All 7<sup>th</sup> Graders are required to have a physical exam and immunization.
- Please have the physical form and record of immunizations returned to the school by the first day of school or sooner if possible.

#### IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN AND 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Children are required to have:

- 3 doses of Dtap, DT, or Td vaccine with one given on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday,
- Tdap booster for 7<sup>th</sup> grade (must contain pertussis booster)
- 3 doses of Polio vaccine,
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month,
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, and
- 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine given on or after 12 months of age. Written document including year of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted.

Nebraska State Law states that students **will not** be admitted to school without the minimum immunizations listed here. Waivers will be allowed if your doctor states the child cannot receive a specific immunization. This will have to be on a written form provided by the school and signed by the physician.

#### VISION

Students entering school for the first time, including kindergarten and transfer students from out of state, will be required to provide proof of a vision evaluation taken within six months prior to the student's entrance.

The vision evaluation is required to test for amblyopia (lazy eye) and strabismus (misalignment of the eyes), which are two of the most common vision disorders in young children, as well as internal and external eye health and visual acuity. A certificate or form stating results of the evaluation must be signed by an optometrist, physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse.

### IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SCHEDULE

**Madison Immunization Clinic:** Madison Medical Clinic, 222 S. Main Street 1:00pm-5:00pm: March 6, May 1, July 3, September 11, November 6 – 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Please call (402) 529-2233 for an appointment.

**Norfolk Immunization Clinic:** 302 W Phillip Ave., Norfolk -10:00 am-3 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1:00 pm-6:00 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Please call (402) 529-2233 for appointments. **They provide immunizations to both VFC eligible children and those who are privately insured.**

**Boone Community Immunization Clinic:** at the Casey building on the fairgrounds in Albion: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14, and December 12. Time is 10am-2 pm. Call (402) 564-1124 ext. 230 for appointments. **They take ONLY Medicaid and uninsured. Insurance patients get their shots at the medical clinic.**





## RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION (2016-2017)

### Part I: Organization and Finance

#### General Information:

Pre-K through 12 Enrollment (3/22/2017)	190
Teachers' Experience:	13.8 years average
Administrators' Experience:	26.0 years average
Master's Degrees (or BA+36 equivalent)	12
Total Staff (based on full-time status):	
Administration	2.00
Teachers (including SpEd, Title I):	21.00
Counselor	1.00
Aides (Regular, SpEd, Title I, ESL, Preschool):	3.00
Secretaries:	2.00
Bookkeeper/Business Manager:	1.00
Custodians:	2.50
Food Service	3.00
Bus Drivers (Regular & Sp.Ed.):	4.00
Specialists from ESU #8 (includes Special Education, Technology, Staff Development, Media, Etc.)	

#### Budgeted Revenue Sources:

##### General Fund:

Revenue from Local/County Sources:	92.0%
Revenue from State Sources:	4.1%
Revenue from Federal Sources:	3.9%
Reserve, Local, County:	\$1,356,000
Property Taxes:	\$2,060,518
State, Special Education, Grants:	\$151,000
State Aid (net student option funding):	\$3
Federal:	\$144,519
Total:	\$3,712,040

#### Budget of Expenditures:

##### General Fund:

Instruction, Support:	\$2,015,767
Business, Admin., Board of Ed.:	\$577,620
Maintenance/Operation of Plant:	\$259,260
Transportation (Regular/PK):	\$103,000
Federal Title I:	\$47,910
Other Federal Programs:	\$65,583
Special Education (all programs):	\$332,900
Transfer (Hot Lunch Program)	\$35,000
Necessary Cash Reserve/Transfers	\$275,000
Total:	\$3,712,040

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

General Fund:	0.316902
Special Building:	0.029221
Bond Fund (non-affiliate):	0.000000
Bond Fund (affiliate):	0.000000
Total District Levy:	0.346123

**Valuation - August 20, 2016:** \$656,774,569

**2016-2017 BUDGET:** State Aid for the 2016-2017 fiscal year is \$3, a decrease of \$12,824 from the previous year.

**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 2016-2017 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 John Krueger, President; Scott Nelson, Vice-President; Scott Lyon, Secretary; Jeanie McCloud, Treasurer; and Ryan Chilson and Ginger Buhl-Jorgensen, 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; John Krueger, 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 Bluejay Foundation Board of Directors.



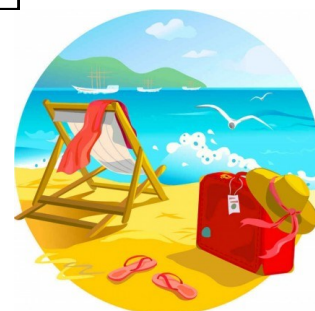
# NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS

(A variety of low fat & fat free milks offered with each meal; salad bar available to 7-12 students)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>April 24</b> Cereal/Yogurt <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Quesadilla Refried Beans Applesauce Cake	<b>April 25</b> Waffle Sticks <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> BBQ Rib Sandwich Green Beans Peaches	<b>April 26</b> Mini Donuts <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Hamburger Gravy w/Mashed Potatoes Peas Pears Dinner Roll	<b>April 27</b> Muffin <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Corn Cantaloupe	<b>April 28</b> Pancake Wrap <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Fajita Rice Broccoli Tropical Fruit
<b>May 1</b> Cinni Minis <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Nuggets California Veggies Peaches	<b>May 2</b> Cream Cheese/Bagel <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Sloppy Joes Tater Tots Pineapple	<b>May 3</b> Waffle Sticks <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Flying Saucers Broccoli Strawberries	<b>May 4</b> Ultimate Breakfast Round <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Meatball Subs WG Sun Chips Applesauce Cookie	<b>May 5</b> Long John <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Softshell Taco Fiesta Beans Tropical Fruit
<b>May 8</b> Cereal/Banana Bread <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Pears	<b>May 9</b> Cheese Omelet <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Quesadilla Corn Grapes	<b>May 10</b> Apple Turnover <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Pineapple Dinner Roll	<b>May 11</b> French Toast Sticks <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Pork Patty Sandwich French Fries Peas Watermelon	<b>May 12</b> Churros <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Pizza Green Beans Fruit Cocktail
<b>May 15</b> Mini Donuts <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Pizza Crunchers Corn Mandarin Oranges	<b>May 16</b> Muffin <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Sandwich French Fries Applesauce	<b>May 17</b> Cook's Choice <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u>  Cook's Choice	<b>May 18</b> Cook's Choice <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u>  Cook's Choice	

(menus are subject to change without notice)

Summer  
Time!





# MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>DIBELS Testing</p> <p>4:00pm JHTR: Central City Triangular (A)</p> <p>4:30pm BGO: Spalding Academy Triangular (A)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Kindergarten Field Trip (Albion)</p> <p>Grade 4 Field Trip</p> <p>7:00am Dance Team Practice</p> <p>7:15am CILT Team Mtg</p> <p>4:00pm TR: Seier Quad @ Albion</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NFI Honor Society Mtg/Officer Elections</p> <p>Grade 2 Field Trip (Grand Island)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00am Dance Team Practice</p> <p>9:00am BGO: Wayne Invite (A)</p> <p>7:00pm K-12 Spring Concert</p>	<p>5</p> <p>ACT Registration Deadline</p> <p>Pass/No Pass Deadline (Jrs/Srs)</p> <p>1:00pm Elementary Field Day</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am FBLA Highway Cleanup</p>
7	<p>8</p> <p>Elementary Field Day (rain date)</p> <p>6:30pm Kindergarten Round-up Parent Meeting</p> <p>7:30pm Board of Ed Mtg</p> <p>7:30pm FFA Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>PK Activity (Family Picnic)</p> <p>7:00am Dance Team Practice</p> <p>10:00am BGO: Fullerton Invite (A)</p> <p>6:30pm 7-12 Academic &amp; Activity Awards Night</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Grade 3 Field Trip</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Track: District Meet @ Wayne</p> <p>PreSchool Last Day</p> <p>7:00am Dance Team Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Kindergarten Round-Up</p> <p>Seniors Last Day</p> <p>7:30pm Baccalaureate Services</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2:00pm Graduation</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>BGO: District Meet</p> <p>Student Council Mtg (officer election/lunch)</p> <p>7:00pm PTO Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm deGrasse Tyson Program (Omaha)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>BGO: District Meet</p> <p>7:00am Dance Team Practice</p> <p>6:00pm Band Instrument Show (to 7 pm)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Students Last Day (K-11)</p> <p>Dance Recital</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Track: State Meet (Omaha)</p> <p>Teacher In-Service</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Track: State Meet (Omaha)</p> <p>Gym Rental (McCloud)</p>
21	<p>22</p> <p>Teacher In-Service</p> <p>FFA COLT Conference</p>	<p>23</p> <p>BGO: State Meet (Lincoln)</p> <p>FFA COLT Conference</p>	<p>24</p> <p>BGO: State Meet (Lincoln)</p> <p>Watershed Project Training Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Beaver Creek Project</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Shell Creek Project</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30pm Alumni Banquet</p>
28	<p>29</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>Biology II Trip (Niobrara)</p> <p>NNNC Summer Technology Institute (Norfolk)</p>			



## END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES



### **Tuesday, April 25**

Spring Play (Elementary/Public Performance)-  
2:00 p.m.

### **Friday, April 28**

FFA Banquet/Labor Auction- 6:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, April 29**

High School Conference Track Meet @ Wayne –  
10:00 a.m.

### **Thursday, May 4**

K-12 Spring Concert-7:00 p.m.

### **Friday, May 5**

K-6 Field Day-1:00 p.m.

### **Monday, May 8**

2017-2018 Kindergarten Parent Mtg-6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, May 9**

PK Family Picnic  
7-12 Grade Academic & Activity Awards Program  
- 6:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, May 11**

Preschool Last Day  
District Track Meet @ Wayne

### **Friday, May 12**

Kindergarten Round-Up  
Baccalaureate Services—7:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, May 13**

Graduation—2:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, May 16**

District Boys Golf Meet @ Wayne

### **Thursday, May 18**

Last Day K-11  
Semester Tests/Check Out

### **Friday & Saturday, May 19 & 20**

State Track Meet in Omaha

### **Tuesday & Wednesday, May 23 & 24**

State Boys Golf Tournament in Lincoln

### **Saturday, May 27**

Alumni Banquet—6:30 p.m.

### **Looking Ahead to 2017-2018**

Thursday, August 17: First Day of School!



## ALUMNI BANQUET May 27, 2017—6:30 p.m.

Tickets on Sale—\$15.00 per person

(Deadline to Order: May 19th)

Tickets available at: Newman Grove Schools and Bank of Newman Grove

Banquet Questions? Contact Janet Williamson @ 402-447-6294 or [janet.williamson@ngpublicschools.com](mailto:janet.williamson@ngpublicschools.com)

## MISSION STATEMENT

Newman Grove Public School District is committed to providing a safe environment where all students can develop academically. Students will be provided opportunities to acquire skills needed to accomplish their goals and to develop their potential as life-long learners, which will allow students to participate in and contribute to society.

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