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Board of Education Meeting Summary April 9, 2018

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- The Open Meetings Act was announced.
- The agenda was approved as published.
- Minutes of the March 12th meeting were approved as printed.
- The next meeting of the Board of Education will be May 14th at 7:30 p.m.
- Curriculum report was provided by Mrs. Amen, which included information on new science standards adopted by the Nebraska State Board of Education on September 8, 2017.
- Counselor Matt Rudloff reported on senior scholarship applications, elementary awards, Junior-Senior High honor roll awards, NECC Scholastic Contest, Student of the Month selections, Honors Night and graduation preparation.
- Activities Director Karla Patzel was not present. Her report was attached for review by the board, which included information on district music contest, talent show and spring concert to be held May 1st. Track and golf has started. ESU 8 art show to be held, and FFA and FBLA State Conventions.
- Principal Barnes reported on NSCAS, ACT testing for all juniors, MAPS testing, FFA and FBLA state conventions, recognition of new inductees to the National Honor Society, seniors last day and graduation on May 12th.
- Superintendent Shalikow did not have a report as all of his items of discussion have been added as agenda items.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
- Claims were approved for payment in the amounts of \$30,652.40 (General Fund), \$1,390.00 (Depreciation Fund), and \$278.43 (Building Fund).
- The Class of 2018 was approved for graduation.
- Approved 2018-2019 hot lunch prices of \$2.65-PK through 6th, \$2.75-Jr-Sr High, \$3.55-Adults, and \$1.80-Breakfast, and \$1.30-Jr-Sr High seconds.
- Adopted Athletic and Activity Drug Testing Policy.
- Adopted Revised Policy #5008 - Pregnant and Parenting Students.
- Entered into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss non-certified and substitute pay increases for the 2018-2019 school year. Members returned to public session at 8:18 p.m.
- Approved Non-Certified and Substitute Pay Increases for 2018-2019. Substitute teacher pay rate of \$115.00 (days 1-5); \$150.00 (days 6-10); and \$188.65 (11+ days).
- Reviewed, Approved bids to replace kitchen hood/fire suppression.
- Approve Teacher Contracts and/or Resignations. Acceptance of the resignation of Amy Nelson as Yearbook and English/Elementary Reading, who completes 8 years of service with the school district. Acceptance of the resignation of Kathy Kaufman as elementary secretary, who completes 19 years of service with the school district.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Abbie Pieke on being named a State FFA proficiency finalist in the area of Agriscience-Integrated.
- Those competing in the 2018 Northeast Community College Scholastic Competition. Scoring in the top 10 in their tests were Brady Sokol (3rd/Technical Mathematics), Sarah Johnson (3rd/Anatomy and Physiology), Cheyenne Cleland (6th/Administrative Professional), Mariah Dubas (8th/Medical Terminology), Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez (9th/Personal Finance), Emma Montoya (4th/Algebra I), Cody Nelson (5th/Chemistry), Connor Rankin (8th/Basic Construction), Caden Ranslem (9th/Trigonometry), Rebecca Stone (4th/Parenting/Child Development).
- Students receiving awards in the Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair. Abbie Pieke (3rd-Environmental Science), Rebecca Stone (3rd-Behavioral Science), Abigail Pohlen (3rd-Animal Science). Other participants included: Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez (Environmental Science), Breanna Borgheineck (Environmental Science), Khaidence Schlee (Animal Science), and Elyssa Cuevas (Microbiology).
- Leighann Miller for setting the Newman Grove school record in the discus with a throw of 114'3". The old mark of 113'7.5" was set by Cheryl Chirstensen in 1973.
- Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez for earning Honorable Mention in the Insurance and Risk Management Competition at State FBLA. Evelyn was 10th place out of 90 competitors.
- Our National Honor Society inductees: Levi Krueger, McKenna Haase, and Abigail Pohlen.
- Newman Grove FFA Chapter for receiving the National Chapter Superior Award (Bronze Merit) and a gold merit for their chapter booth.
- Students receiving their State FFA Degrees-Caden Ranslem, Cody Nelson, Levi Krueger, Rebecca Stone, Abbie Pieke, Payton Nelson, and Leah Lindhorst.
- FFA members receiving awards at state: Abbie Pieke-3rd place Integrated Agriscience Proficiency and silver medal Cooperative Speech; Payton Nelson-silver medal Natural Resources speech; Abigail Pohlen-3rd place Animal Systems Agriscience Fair Division; Ag Sales team-11th place (Levi Krueger, Leah Lindhorst, Payton Nelson, Sarah Johnson); Blue ribbons-Levi, Payton, Leah (Ag Sales), Brady Sokol (Ag Mechanics), Abigail Pohlen (Natural Resources), Sarah Johnson and McKenna Haase (Meats); White Ribbons-Connor Rankin (Ag Mechanics), Matthew Rast (Agronomy).
- Our March "Students of the Month": Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez and Abigail Pohlen (Jr-Sr High) and Cole Lyon and Adrienne Morris (Elementary). They are sponsored by Big Iron Auction and the Newman Grove Bowl.



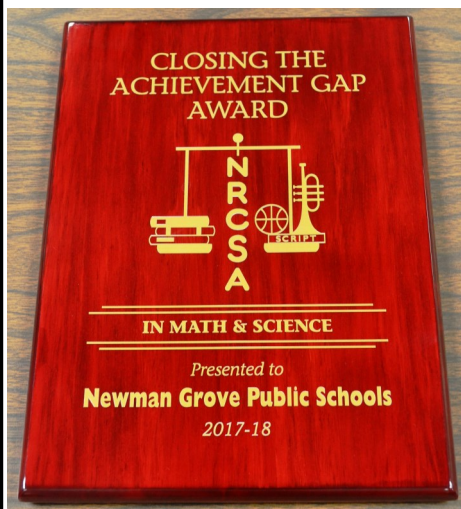
From the Desk of Superintendent Mr. Mikal T. Shalikow

The next couple months is extremely important for the Newman Grove Public Schools and its community. District patrons will be asked to go to the polls on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 and vote on a \$9.5 million bond issue to address the District's urgent needs. It is vital that each patron become well informed on the District's needs including the recent fire marshal report, how this issue will impact our District's future, and how they will be impacted personally. The question has been asked, what will happen if the bond does not pass? In response to this question some preliminary information regarding a 'Plan B' has been researched by the Board. Maximizing the building fund levy at 14 cents to begin saving up to address facility needs and considering a merger with another district are the two most common inquiries. Upon initial estimates of the tax impact of these two options it would appear that the current \$9.5 million bond issue would actually have a less severe impact on the taxpayer while addressing all of our urgent needs and maintaining a school district in our community for years to come. It is believed that this solution to be put in front of the voters on the May Primary is the best solution both fiscally and educationally. There will be detailed information available to district patrons within the next couple of weeks regarding project details and financial impact as well as two town hall meetings held toward the end of April. Be informed, ask questions, and please vote.

In other news the Newman Grove Public School accepted an award at the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Spring Conference held in Kearney. Closing the Achievement Gap is a research project, started in 2014, designed to identify rural community school districts that, by research indicators, have demonstrated success in closing achievement gaps within their student body. Specifically, the Achievement Gap between Free and Reduced and Non Free and Reduced students. The Newman Grove Public Schools was one of four schools who were identified out of the 196 member school and educational service units.

"We need to be very proud of this award and of the accomplishments of our students. The Newman Grove Students closed the gap in both Math and Science. This was done by the hard working teachers and students."

Superintendent Mikal Shalikow, CILT Leader Erin Forre and Amy Nelson Elementary Reading Specialist presented at the NRCSA Spring Conference March 23. "NRCSA invited us to share our best practices for closing the achievement gap. This was an opportunity for us to brag about our wonderful school, and all of the wonderful things our students are accomplishing daily" said Superintendent Shalikow.



Academic and Activities Award Night Tuesday, May 8th

6:30 pm Social

7:00 pm Awards Program





Newman Grove Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is the Newman Grove School Board calling another election to address the current facility needs?

The Newman Grove School Board must still address the many needs that exist in the current facilities to address aging buildings, student safety, educational impact, and long term stability. Following the failed bond election in November 2017, the board worked with their design team to incorporate community feedback to alter the plan in order to put forward a solution that meets most of the District needs at a significantly reduced project cost of \$9.5 million compared to \$12.5 million. These ideas were shared at a public meeting held on January 28, 2018 to get public feedback to help make decisions going forward.

2. How is this proposed solution different from the previous one?

The main differences in the 2 solutions and the estimated reduction in cost is as follows:

\$12.5 million solution

- Free standing preschool/daycare building (with storm shelter) - \$1 million
- Free standing Vo/Agriculture building and Animal Science (with storm shelter) - \$1.5 million
- Renovation of Current 7-12/Demo Existing Elementary - \$2 million
- Update mechanical systems
- Update building envelope (roofing, etc.)
- Remodel office areas into Music/Art rooms
- Two Story Elementary Addition including - \$8 million
- Kindergarten Classroom from 690 sq. ft. to 1300 sq. ft.
- 1st-6th grade classrooms increased in square footage from about 690 sq. ft. per room to 860 sq. ft. per room
- New administrative offices as part of secure entrance on west drop off (new space needed as current space remodeled for music/art)
- Fitness/weight room area
- Renovation of Current 7-12/Demo Existing Elementary

\$9.5 million solution

- No daycare in design/preschool now part of new addition - (-\$1 million)
- Free standing Vocational/Agriculture building (storm shelter) Reduced size - \$1.2 million
- No Animal Science Classroom (-\$300,000)
- Renovation of Current 7-12/Demo Existing Elementary - \$2 million
- Update mechanical systems
- Update building envelope (roofing, etc.)
- Remodel office areas into Music/Art rooms
- ONE Story Elementary Addition - \$6.3 million
- PreK/Kindergarten Classrooms from 690 sq. ft. each to 1200 sq. ft. each
- 1st-4th Grade Classrooms from 690 sq. ft. each to 800 sq. ft. each
- No new 5th-6th grade classroom space/remain in current location in 7-12 building
- Elimination of second story due to changes (-\$1.7 million)
- Eliminates 3 classrooms
- Eliminates stairwells
- Eliminates mechanical systems
- Eliminates restrooms

3. Does this new proposed solution address all the needs of the District?

The new proposed solution still addresses almost all of the needs of the District. This solution does not address the community daycare needs. By slightly paring down some of the class sizes and other useable space this solution still adequately addresses all safety and educational needs in a more minimal way than the previous solution.

4. What is the cost breakdown of the \$9.5 million dollar project?

Renovation & Remodeling Cost - \$2,313,500 (Includes renovation/remodeling of the existing high school building, demolition of the existing elementary school & existing Vo Ag building, professional fees, and general & jurisdictional expenses)

New Vo Ag Building - \$1,210,500 (Includes the Vo Ag Building, sitework, technology equipment, storm shelter premium, professional fees, and general & jurisdictional expenses)

New Addition - \$4,864,000 (Includes the new addition, sitework, technology equipment, storm shelter premium, professional fees, and general & jurisdictional expenses)

Other Expenses - \$1,112,000 (Design & construction contingency (9.0%), project escalation factor (3.0%), and fiscal consultant fees (1.3%))

That all totals up to **\$9,500,000**



5. What is the tax levy impact of this project?

The **NET LEVY IMPACT** on the tax payer would be about 4 cents per \$100 of valuation. The net levy is determined this way:

| | General Fund | Building Fund | Bond Fund | Total |
|--|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
| Newman Grove Current 2017-18 Tax Levy | 0.3233 | 0.0700 | 0.0000 | 0.3933 |
| Projected Levy with \$9.5 million bond issue | 0.3233 | 0.0110 | 0.9900 | 0.4333 |

**The bond issue would address all current building needs so all but about 1 cent in the Building Fund would be moved to the Bond Fund to pay back the \$9.5 million.*

6. Was just remodeling everything we have considered?

It was considered to an extent. The design team determined it would be approximately \$2.3 million to renovate the Jr/Sr High building and approximately \$3.5 million to renovate the nearly 100 year old elementary building. However, it is nearly impossible to provide everything the elementary needs such as an elevator, storm shelter, and required toilet fixtures without further reducing the space which is already limited. This required the potential for renovation and additional expansion which quickly became cost prohibitive and was ruled out. Additionally, a recent visit by the fire marshal to the elementary school has indicated a list of improvements that must be made, including the installation of a sprinkler system which may be cost prohibitive due to wall thickness and other structural obstacles.

7. We have heard air quality discussed at public meetings as a need in both buildings. Can you explain this?

A need for improved air quality was identified in the facility audit completed in the Summer of 2016 by Ayers and Ayers. Almost all buildings that are nearly 100 years old have reduced air quality compared to today's standards. The main reason for this is that older HVAC systems may not have the introduction of certain amounts of outside air (fresh air) built into their systems. This coupled with deterioration and moisture issues create air quality that is not on level with what we would want for today's school buildings. While no 'test' of air quality has been conducted, it is understood that upgraded HVAC systems and ventilation systems for the shop will bring the air quality in the school buildings up to current safety standards for our students, staff, and visitors.

8. Why is lost instructional time due to crossing the street and other concerns such a big issue? Aren't we still meeting minimum required number of instructional hours? Haven't we been doing this for years?

While the time spent crossing the street (up to 4 times per day) of our elementary students is not required to be subtracted from instructional time for state reporting purposes, those educators who are directly impacted by this issue feel strongly that it takes away time from each day when they can be teaching students. While to date our staff has been able to get students across the street safely several times a day, many feel strongly that this is a safety concern that must be addressed. While it is up to each individual to decide how they feel about these issues and whether or not it is important to address, a large majority of educators, parents, and community members feel this is an extremely important issue.

9. I heard the new \$9.5 million proposal reduces classroom space to get it down to one story. I thought our current elementary classrooms were said to be too small.

The reduced square footage being discussed is a reduction from the classroom size in the previous \$12.5 million dollar ballot issue. Making each room not quite as big, but still a great improvement over current classrooms allowed for changes to the design and significant savings. These comparisons are included below:

| Current Elementary | November 14, 2017 Bond Issue | New Proposed Solution (2018) |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| PreK/Kind 690 Sq. Ft. (each) | 1300 Sq. Ft. (each) | 1200 Sq. Ft. (each) |
| 1st-4th Grade 690 Sq. Ft. | 860 Sq. Ft. | 800 Sq. Ft. |

The slightly reduced square footage of the Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade classrooms, plus keeping the 5th -6th graders in their current location in the 7-12 building reduces the square footage enough to eliminate a second story on the elementary addition. All PreK-6th classroom sizes are still a much needed improvement over the 1920's elementary building and are adequate for today's learning styles.

The elimination of the second story in square footage, stairwell construction, mechanical systems, etc. greatly reduce the overall cost of the project.

10. We have heard a lot about fire safety issues in both buildings, especially the elementary school. How have these been identified and by whom?

Several fire safety issues were identified through the facility audit completed in the Summer of 2016. Recently the State Fire Marshal inspected both sites and identified several safety issues that must be addressed and a time frame for doing so. The fire marshal's office released a written report, this report is available to the public on our school website.

11. What happens if the Board decides to run the \$9.5 million bond issue and it fails again?

The Board is confident that by eliminating the preschool/daycare facility and reducing some classroom space to enable the elementary addition to be one story instead of two, they are putting forth the best solution that still meets the majority of the urgent needs and provides the most economical way to do so by issuing 20 year bonds at still historically low interest rates.

Other options that will have to be considered if the voters don't support this issue will more than likely fall short of meeting needs and/or may cost the District and potentially the taxpayer more money in the long run.



MR. BARNES

FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL DARRELL BARNES

April Showers Bring May Flowers!!

The early flowers are blooming, grass is starting to green, could it actually be Spring?? Although the weather is spring-like now the snow is still hiding in places. 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 (Results listed below), 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.

With iPhones and social media being such a part of our society I thought it might be helpful to include this article, so adults could be aware of some of the apps that students are using. It is by April Requard.

10 APPS TEENS ARE USING THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



Calculator%
This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.



Hot or Not
Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.



Omegle
A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.



Burn Book
Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.



Snapchat
This is the way most teens communicate with each other. Sending messages and snaps that disappear within seconds and stories go away after 24 hours. Teens live for a "streak" of communication.



Wishbone
An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.



Whisper
An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.



Kik
Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.



Ask.fm
Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.



Instagram
Many kids are now creating fake accounts "finsta" to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because most kids know parents won't check messages.

FOR MORE INFO: APPSOLUTELYAPRIL.COM

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NECC Scholastic Contest

On Wednesday, March 21st Mr. Rudloff, Ms. Reed, and Mr. Seier took 32 students to Northeast Community College to compete in the annual scholastic contest and quiz bowl. Students competed in various subject areas, ranging from Trigonometry to Welding. This year's quiz bowl team, coached by Mr. Seier, lost a close one in the second round of the single elimination contest after winning their first round. 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 two students place in the top three: Brady Sokol placed 3rd in the Technical Mathematics test and Sarah Johnson placed 3rd in the Anatomy & Physiology test. We had two students who were just one place out of the points in 4th place. We had several students with top 10 finishes as well. Emma Montoya was 4th in Algebra I and Rebecca Stone was 4th in Parenting/Child Development. Cody Nelson placed 5th in Chemistry. Cheyenne Cleland was 6th in the Administrative Professional test. Placing 8th were: Connor Rankin in Basic Construction, Rebecca Stone in Introduction to Psychology, and Mariah Dubas in Medical Terminology. Placing 9th in their tests were: Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez in Personal Finance and Caden Ranslem in Trigonometry. As a team, Newman Grove finished with a tie for 26th place out of 29 schools.

Students participating in contests were: Vanessa Arreguin, Dylan Bagley, Breanna Borgheinck, Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Bryton Fowlkes, Levi Krueger, Keaton McFadden, Riley Montoya, Cody Nelson, Abbie Pieke, Connor Rankin, Caden Ranslem, Rebecca Stone, Cheyenne Cleland, Dominik Cuevas, Tyson Haddix, Sarah Johnson, Brady Sokol, Maddison Steffensmeier, Mariah Dubas, McKenna Haase, Logan Hodges, Leighann Miller, Abigail Pohlen, Bethany Borgheinck, Beau Hawn, Emma Montoya, Aaron Saldana, and Khaidence Schlee.

Quiz bowl members were Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Levi Krueger, Riley Montoya, Cody Nelson, Caden Ranslem, Tyson Haddix, and Brady Sokol.

The 2018 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 Thursday evening, April 12th. Payton Nelson, president of the chapter, welcomed those in attendance. Members Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Cody Nelson, Tyson Haddix, and Caden Ranslem spoke on the Honor Society's traits of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

The evening's guest speaker was Emily Afrank. Emily was born and raised in Newman Grove by her parents Nick and Judy Dohmen. She graduated from Newman Grove High School in 2006. She was involved in a variety of activities, including: Cross Country, Basketball, Track, and FCCLA. She was also the yearbook editor and the NHS president her senior year. After graduating, Emily attended Wayne State College and received her bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Biology in 2009. She continued her education at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and graduated with her doctorate in physical therapy in 2012. Emily is married to Kyle Afrank and has three children; Maverick (6), Ellie (4), and Jayda (1). Emily is now a Pediatric Physical Therapist at the United Methodist hospital in Norfolk. She was awarded Philanthropist of the year in 2016 and was named the Northeast Nebraska person of the year in 2017 for her work on Embrace Park, which is an outdoor playground that is fully accessible to any child regardless of disability. Emily talked about how scholarship, leadership, service, and character have been a part of her life for the last ten years and helped her to achieve the success in both work and home. She told the students that you can't stop when you get a 'no' in life. It just means you have to work harder to get what you want.

Congratulations to the new inductees of the organization: Levi Krueger, son of John & Julie Krueger; McKenna Haase, daughter of Tom & Nancy Haase; Abigail Pohlen, daughter of Michael & Dawn Pohlen. 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; Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, daughter of José Estrada & Maria Gonzalez; Cody Nelson, son of Scott & Kristin Nelson and Becky & Jim Haver; Payton Nelson, daughter of Ross & Amy Nelson; Caden Ranslem, son of Justin & Kim Ranslem; Rebecca Stone, daughter of Chuck & Paula Stone; 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.

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





Lions Club Alumni Tournament

By Gene Wissenburg

The Newman Grove High School combined class team of 2008 and 2009 is this year's champion of the annual Lions Club Alumni Basketball Tournament. This, the 30th Annual Tourney was held the weekend of March 16-17 and nine teams representing graduating years from 1979 through 2017 competed. Members of the Champion 2008-2009 team are: Jordan Fowlkes, Luke Gasper, Tanner Krueger, Clint Leifeld, Travis McCloud, Ryan Nathan, Jordan Nelson, and Darrek Schmidt.

The tournament "masters" this year and the Runners-up in the tournament are the combined classes of 1979 through 1999 and 2001 - 2004. This very competitive team consists of: Tyler Afrank, Ryan Chilson, Ryan King, Craig McWilliams, Jeff McWilliams, Ben Nelson, Ross Nelson, Yancey Nygren, Troy Patzel, Les Rother, Matt Rudloff, and Kelly Schlee.

The third place team is the class of 2000: Derek Benson, Patrick Gerhart, Jesse Kaufman, Josh McCloud, Paul Nelson, Mike McWilliams, and Aaron Ramaekers. The 2000 team won last year's tournament.

The Women's game featured some very competitive basketball. Team members include: Chelsea Benson, Brooke Nelson, Megan Nelson, Angie Rudloff Wemhoff, Kelsey Wallin Moore, Sheena Wallin Banks, Becky Fehringer Wallin, and Shae Wallin Spitz.

The tournament "rookies" this year are the classes of 2104, 2015, 2016, and 2017. 2016 Players include: Esmeralda Arreguin, Steven Arreguin, Will Dyer, Destiny Johnson, Andy King, Joe O'Brien, Savannah Wiese, and Nolan Wondercheck. Combined classes of 2014, 2015, and 2017 are: Jacob Haase, Megan Nelson, John O'Brien, Jacob Potmesil, Parker Wallin, Sadie Wallin, Brett Weinman, and Alex Wiese.

The Newman Grove Lions Club considers the 2018 tournament a very successful one and all proceeds will be used to finance youth baseball and softball uniforms, local community improvement activities, and Lions Club goals for sight and hearing conservation.

Pictured for Class of 2008-2009 in blue shirts (Back l to r) Clint Leifeld, Ryan Nathan, Travis McCloud, Jordan Nelson, Tanner Krueger. (Front l to r) Luke Gasper, Jordan Fowlkes, Darrek Schmidt.

Pictured for 79-99 + 2001-2004 in white/gray shirts (Back l to r) Ryan King, Ross Nelson, Tyler Afrank, Jeff McWilliams, Craig McWilliams. (Front l-r) Troy Patzel, Matt Rudloff, Yancey Nygren, Ryan Chilson, Les Rother, Ben Nelson.



Newman Grove Elementary Track and Field Day

The annual K-5 Track and Field Day will be held on Friday, May 4, 2018, starting at 1p.m. (Rain date: Monday, May 7) 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.



Summer Food Service Program

Summer meals for kids and teens (ages 1-18) may be available at select locations. The meals help ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is out for the summer. There are many open summer meal sites throughout the state of Nebraska. Call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877. Visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks> or <http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/SFSP/index.html> Get updates via Twitter at #NESummerMeals and the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services' Facebook page.



7-12 Students of the Month Sponsored by Big Iron Auctions

Abigail Pohlen – Nominated by Mrs. Sweeter (Ag Ed) “Abby does an outstanding job in our Vet Science and Companion Animal class this semester. She goes above and beyond on all assignments and tasks that are asked of her in class. She is always considerate and helpful to her peers and classmates. In addition to her excellent work in the classroom, Abby has worked extremely hard preparing and prepping for FFA activities throughout the year.”

Evelyn Estrada – Nominated by Mr. Barnes (Principal) “Evelyn Estrada is a solid student in the classroom, is involved in activities, and has a willingness to help anyone. A super example of a great work ethic and a respectful personality. A pleasure to have her be a representative for our school.”

Thanks to Big Iron Auctions for providing \$25 in Newman Grove Bucks to Abigail and Evelyn.



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

Adrianna Morris – nominated by Mrs. Flood (Kindergarten) “Adrianna is always kind to others. She involves children who are lonely, and she is always willing to help others in need. She is one of the first friends to stop working, just to help a friend. She is respectful and follows rules and directions the first time. She works hard in the classroom and focuses on the task at hand. We are so glad Adrianna is in our class and a part of our team.”

Cole Lyon – nominated by Mrs. Hanzel (5th Grade) “Cole works hard in the classroom, is efficient with his time, and is a good leader in peer discussion. He is helpful when others need guidance and is willing to step in without being asked.”

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



First Grade

Mrs. Forre

What are we learning:

Reading/ Writing/ Spelling/ Grammar

- Practice-practice-practice! Blending sounds, learning spelling patterns, using phonemic awareness, applying our new sight words in conversation reading with expression and fluency are just a few areas focus on. Reading is everywhere so we work very hard to have them reading well by the end of first grade. These are skills we use in all content areas so it is very important for their success in school.
- As our reading improves so does our writing. It is fun to see what they can come up with they have great imaginations.

Math

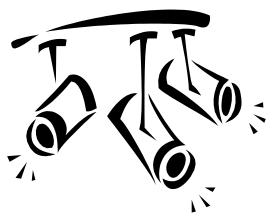
- We are currently studying 2D and 3D shapes and love it. There many real world connections and they love to build and create new shapes. Along with our current topic we are always reviewing addition, subtraction, time, money and other math concepts. The kids enjoy using manipulatives to make math fun. We do problem solving everyday and it is always amazing how they can come up with solutions to their problems.

Science and Social Studies

- We do a lot of hands on and group activities to learn about the world around us.

Some of our favorite activities:

- AR (accelerated reader)
- IXL - language arts and math questions that are related to our standards
- Time puzzles
- Using white boards for spelling practice



Senior Spotlight



**Dylan
Bagley**

Parents:
Tom & Julie Bagley

Favorite Pastime:
Riding dirt bikes and motorcycles

Part-Time Employment:
Complete Pest Elimination & Mowing

Senior Activities:
National Honor Society, FFA, Yearbook,
Shell Creek Watershed

Plans After Graduation:
Attend NECC to major in computer technology and then
continue on to Wayne or somewhere in South Dakota

**Rebecca
Stone**

Parents:
Chuck & Paula Stone

Other Family Members:
Kyle

Favorite Pastime:
Hanging out with friends and family

Part-Time Employment:
Dietary Aide & Certified Nursing Assistant at
Mic-Nebraska Lutheran Home

Senior Activities:
Volleyball, ISR, Shell Creek Watershed, Class Treasurer,
Monarch Butterfly Project, National Honor Society, FFA

Plans After Graduation:
Attend Northeast Community College and major in nursing



**Peyton
Farmer**

Parents:
Patty Weichman
& Homer Farmer

Other Family Members:
Alysha Bader

Favorite Pastime:
Riding dirt bikes, skate boarding, music and tattooing

Part-Time Employment:
LoCo's and Bader/Wiese Farms

Senior Activities:
Participated in the mentor program

Plans After Graduation:
Fulltime employment, continue making music

Newman Grove FFA Annual Banquet and Labor Auction



Please join us on

Friday, May 4th

***Banquet-6:30 PM (Pot Luck Meal)
Labor Auction Fundraiser-8:00 PM***

in the High School Gym

**30 FFA students 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 Con-
ference, and other chapter activities – Contact Advisor Kylie
Sweeter at 402-447-6294 with questions!*



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 8th 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 year's competitions.

Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair (Nebraska City)

Senior Division **Abbie Pieke**- 3rd Place Environmental Science. **Rebecca Stone**- 3rd Place Behavioral Science. **Abby Pohlen**- 3rd Place Animal Science. **Evelyn Estrada**-Participation Environmental Science. **Breanna Borgheiinck**- Participation Environmental Science. **Khaidence Schlee**- Participation Animal Science.

Junior Division **Elyssa Cuevas**- Participation Microbiology

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. 2nd place projects received a red ribbon, and 3rd place projects a white ribbon.

Senior Division **Abbie Pieke**- Blue Ribbon. **Rebecca Stone**- Blue Ribbon. **Abby Pohlen**- Blue Ribbon. **Evelyn Estrada**- Red Ribbon. **Breanna Borgheiinck**- Red Ribbon. **Maddison Steffensmeier**- Red Ribbon. **Dominik Cuevas**- Red Ribbon. **Mariah Dubas**- Red Ribbon. **Khaidence Schlee**- Red Ribbon.

Junior Division **Elyssa Cuevas**- Red Ribbon.

AHEC 8th Grade Science Meet in Norfolk

Elyssa Cuevas was our lone 8th 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. Elyssa has the opportunity to attend the AHEC summer exploration weekend 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.

Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair (Nebraska City)

Northeast Nebraska Regional Science Fair (Hastings College)



Front Row L to R: Khaidence Schlee, Evelyn Estrada, Maddison Steffensmeier, Abby Pohlen
Back Row L to R: Elyssa Cuevas, Breanna Borgheiinck, Dominik Cuevas, Rebecca Stone, Mariah Dubas, Abbie Pieke

Front Row L to R: Elyssa Cuevas, Khaidence Schlee, Abby Pohlen
Back Row L to R: Evelyn Estrada, Rebecca Stone, Mrs. Amen Skylar, Abbie Pieke, Breanna Borgheiinck



Music Notes

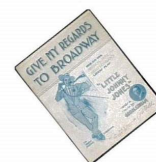


by Tami Texley

Results for Brainard 5th-8th grade Music Contest Vocal & Instrumental

5th grade Gabby Beehn Clarinet Solo - 2
 5th grade Girls Vocal Trio 2- Halie Nelsen-
 Alea Luna-Aleeya Morris
 8th grade Mixed Vocal Duet - 1 -Morgann -Isaac
 6th grade Male Vocal Solo - Ian Salinas-2
 8th grade Male Vocal Solo - Isaac Potmesil-1
 5th grade Girls Vocal Solo - Gabby Beehn - 2
 6th grade Girls Vocal Solo - Cora Patzel - 1
 6th grade Girls Vocal Solo - Carmen Montoya - 1
 8th grade Girls Vocal Solo - Morgann Johnson -2
 5th grade BC Baritone Halie Nelsen- 1
 6th grade Clarinet Solo -Giles Deeder - 1
 5th grade Flute Solo- Aleeya Morris - 1
 5th grade Trombone Duet- Colton Wissenburg &
 Zander Jarecki - 2
 5th/6th grade Trombone Trio-Colton, Zander &
 Bruno Santarosa - 1
 8th grade Trumpet Solo Isaac Potmesil- 2
 6th grade French Horn Solo - Carmen Montoya -2
 5th grade Trombone Solo- Colton Wissenburg - 1
 5th grade Trombone Solo- Zander Jarecki -2
 5th grade Drum Solo- Cole Lyon - 1
 6th grade Drum Solo-Ian Salinas - 2
 7th grade Drum Solo- Darren Petersen - 1
 8th grade Clarinet Solo- Morgann Johnson - 1

BROADWAY BEAT



K-12 Spring Program

Tuesday

May 1, 2018

7 p.m.

N.G. Spectator Gym



Newman Grove Preschool



Planning for the tenth 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 2018-2019 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 20.
- 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. Cassidy Wallin may be reached at 447-6051 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ms. Cassidy 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)





Newman Grove FFA Plant Sales



Dates

Friday, May 4th (FFA Banquet)

Tuesday, May 8th (Awards Night)

May 7th-May 11th (Open Greenhouse)

Time

6:30 PM

6:30 PM

2:15 PM-4:30 PM

For additional hours or questions contact FFA Advisor Mrs. Sweeter- 402-447-6294

Plants Available

Hanging Baskets

Geraniums (Red, White, Pink)

4 pack Begonias

4 pack Impatiens

4 pack Pansies

Coleus

Diasica

Wave Petunias

Portulaca

Sweet Potato Vines

Various Grasses

Succulent Gardens

Students in the NG FFA and
Agriculture Education Classes have
raised all the plants!



All profits will be used for future
greenhouse materials and FFA
leadership conferences

Bring in one of your own pots and the students will help you plant! They will complete the look by choosing a thriller, filler, and spiller. (prices will vary)



Boone Central/Newman Grove High School Track

By Kris Pestel

Wayne State Indoor Invite 3-17-18

Overall, the track team had a pretty good day. Running on an indoor track is much different than an outdoor track, but our kids did a good job with it. What I liked the most was how we competed. We are a very young team with great heart. We have a solid week of practice before we start the outdoor season. We will need to work hard to get ready for it.

Individuals placing in the top six: Paige Nelson (2nd-4x400 Meter Relay, 3rd-Pole Vault), Lauren Hedlund (2nd-55 Meter Dash, 3rd-400 Meter Dash, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay), Marysa Duerksen (2nd-200 Meter Dash, 3rd-55 Meter Hurdles, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay), Bailey Choat (5th-400 Meter Dash), Samantha Weeder (3rd-800 Meter Run, 3rd-High Jump), Jordan Stopak (1st-1600 Meter Run), Autumn Simons (2nd-4x400 Meter Relay), Jonny Lindgren (4th-1600 Meter Run), Bryce Kennedy (6th-4x400 Meter Relay), Ryan Kramer (6th-High Jump), Wyatt Nissen (6th-4x400 Meter Relay), Jessie Sullivan (2nd-Shot Put), Chris Preister (6th-4x400 Meter Relay), Richard Cleveland (6th-4x400 Meter Relay).



Madison Triangular 3-27-18

The weather was good and the kids did great! We are progressing in our workouts which have led to making strides in our performances. We need to continue to work hard and focus on the process of our events and improve our conditioning to reach all of our goals. Leighann Miller was able to set a new Newman Grove school record in the discus throwing 114' 3". The girls and the boys teams both placed second in the meet.

Individuals placing in the top six: Leighann Miller (1st-Discus, 1st-Shot Put), Paige Nelson (4th-Pole Vault, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay), Emma Montoya (3rd-4x400 Meter Relay), Abby Broederson (2nd-Discus), Samantha Weeder (1st-High Jump, 1st-800 Meter Run, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay), Stephanie Wright (2nd-Triple Jump, 6th-Long Jump, 6th-100 Meter Dash), Abigail Huntley (5th-Triple Jump, 4th-1600 Meter Run), Mattie Young (3rd-Long Jump, 5th-100 Meter Dash, 6th-200 Meter Dash), Bailey Choat (4th-Long Jump, 3rd-400 Meter Dash, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay), Ally Staub (6th-Shot Put), Marysa Duerksen (1st-100 Meter Hurdles, 1st-300 Meter Low Hurdles, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay), Lauren Hedlund (1st-100 Meter Dash, 1st-200 Meter Dash, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay), Autumn Simons (1st-400 Meter Dash, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay), Jordan Stopak (2nd-800 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay), Cody Nelson (1st-High Jump, 1st-100 Meter Dash, 2nd-200 Meter Dash, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay), Jessie Sullivan (1st-Discus, 1st-Shot Put), Ryan Kramer (4th-High Jump, 5th-300 Meter Hurdles, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay), Richard Cleveland (5th-Triple Jump, 6th-110 Meter Hurdles, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay), Wyatt Nissen (3rd-Long Jump, 2nd-100 Meter Dash, 3rd-200 Meter Dash, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay), Bryce Kennedy (2nd-Long Jump, 4th-200 Meter Dash, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay), Chris Preister (5th-Pole Vault, 4th-100 Meter Dash, 4th-400 Meter Dash), Riley Ienn (6th-100 Meter Dash, 3rd-4x400 Meter Relay), Scott Wright (5th-1600 Meter Run, 3rd-3200 Meter Run), Jonny Lindgren (1st-800 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay), Seth Wright (3rd-4x400 Meter Relay).

Mansfield Invitational 3-29-18

On March 29th the Boone Central/Newman Grove track and field team hosted the Mansfield Invite in Albion. Our kids competed well and put forth great effort to improve our times and distances.

Individuals placing in the top six: Leighann Miller (1st-Shot Put, 2nd-Discus); Paige Nelson (2nd-Pole Vault, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 3rd-400 Meter Run); Marysa Duerksen (1st-100 Meter Dash, 1st-100 Meter Hurdles, 2nd-300 Meter Hurdles, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay); Lauren Hedlund (2nd-100 Meter Dash, 1st-200 Meter Run, 1st-400 Meter Run, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay); Mattie Young (4th-100 Meter Dash, 4th-200 Meter Run, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 1st-Long Jump); Stephanie Wright (5th-200 Meter Run, 6th-Long Jump, 3rd-Triple Jump); Bailey Choat (2nd-400 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay, 4th-Long Jump); Autumn Simons (2nd-800 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay); Kalli Naber (5th-800 Meter Run); Jordan Stopak (1st-1600 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay); Samantha Weeder (2nd-1600 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay, 2nd-High Jump); Abby Broederson (4th-Shot Put, 3rd-Discus); Anna Hamling (5th-Discus); Cody Nelson (2nd-100 Meter Dash, 3rd-400 Meter Run, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 1st-High Jump); Levi Krueger (4x100 Meter Relay); Wyatt Nissen (3rd-100 Meter Dash, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay, 2nd-Long Jump); Bryce Kennedy (6th-200 Meter Run, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay, 4th-Long Jump); Jonny Lindgren (1st-800 Meter Run, 3rd-1600 Meter Run, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay); Scott Wright (5th-3200 Meter Run, 4th-Pole Vault); Richard Cleveland (4th-110 Meter Hurdles, 6th-300 Meter Hurdles, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay, 5th-Triple Jump); Ryan Kramer (3rd-300 Meter Hurdles); Chris Preister (3rd-Pole Vault); Seth Wright (4th-Pole Vault); Jessie Sullivan (1st-Shot Put, 2nd-Discus); Jon Merten (2nd-Shot Put, 1st-Discus).

Central City Invitational 4-13-18

Our kids once again showed their toughness in competing at the Central City Invite on Friday. We had some good performances in some not so nice weather. The girls were able to have 5 season bests and Leighann Miller broke the Newman Grove discus record again this season. The boys were able to have 9 season bests. Both teams finished 5 in the team scoring. I hope some time this season we are able to have a track meet in some nice weather!!!

Individuals placing in the top six: Leighann Miller (5th-Discus), Lauren Hedlund (4th-100 Meter Dash, 5th-200 Meter Dash, 4th-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-4x400 Meter Relay), Samantha Weeder (3rd-400 Meter Dash, 2nd-800 Meter Run, 4th-4x400 Meter Relay, 2nd-High Jump), Jordan Stopak (1st-1600 Meter Run, 1st-3200 Meter Run), Marysa Duerksen (2nd-300 Meter Hurdles, 4th-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-4x400 Meter Relay), Bailey Choat (4th-4x100 Meter Relay), Mattie Young (4th-4x100 Meter Relay), Autumn Simons (4th-4x400 Meter Relay), Cody Nelson (3rd-100 Meter Dash, 5th-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-4x400 Meter Relay, 3rd-High Jump), Levi Krueger (5th-4x100 Meter Relay), Jonny Lindgren (3rd-1600 Meter Run, 1st-3200 Meter Run, 4th-4x400 Meter Relay), Wyatt Nissen (5th-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-4x400 Meter Relay), Bryce Kennedy (5th-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-4x400 Meter Relay), Scott Wright (4th-Pole Vault), Seth Wright (5th-Pole Vault), Jessie Sullivan (2nd-Shot Put, 1st-Discus), Jon Merten (5th-Shot Put, 2nd-Discus).



Newman Grove FFA Competes at State Convention

By Kylie Sweetter

The Newman Grove FFA Chapter had twenty-four high school students and nine junior high members compete at the State FFA Convention held in Lincoln April 4th-6th. The chapter received the *National Chapter Superior Award* (bronze merit) and a gold merit award for the chapter booth display. Seven senior members received their State Degree, including Payton Nelson, Abbie Pieke, Rebecca Stone, Leah Lindhorst, Caden Ranslem, Levi Krueger, and Cody Nelson. Abbie Pieke earned 3rd place on her Integrated Agriscience Proficiency and earned a silver medal on her Cooperative speech. Payton Nelson also earned a silver medal on her Natural Resources speech. Abby Pohlen earned 3rd place in the Animal Systems Agriscience Fair Division. The Agriculture Sales team finished in 11th place with Leah Lindhorst, Levi Krueger, and Payton Nelson all earning blue ribbons. Brady Sokol earned a blue ribbon and Connor Rankin earned a white ribbon in Agriculture Mechanics. Preston Sueper earned a red ribbon and Matthew Rast earned a white ribbon in Agronomy. Abby Pohlen earned a blue ribbon and Dylan Bagley earned a red ribbon in Natural Resources. Caden Ranslem received a red ribbon in Farm and Business Management. Sarah Johnson and McKenna Haase both earned blue ribbons and Mariah Dubas and Leighann Miller both earned red ribbons in Meats Evaluation. Matthew Rast was selected as a State FFA Chorus member. Andrea Stock and Kayla Sueper served as the chapter's delegates and Cheyenne Cleland served as a courtesy corp member. Junior high FFA members that competed in the quiz bowl competition included Isaac Potmesil, Morgann Johnson, Ellie Rankin, Mara Ranslem, Addy Donelson, Autumn Patzel, Kevin Haase, Lucas Krueger, and David Miller. In addition to competing in events, the members attended several leadership workshops, escape rooms, business sessions, industry tours, and a community service project.

Pictured clockwise: Abigail Pohlen with her Animal Systems Agriscience Fair Display, Leah Lindhorst with the gold merit award with the chapter booth, Abbie Pieke with her parents David and Cindy Pieke with her Integrated Agriscience Proficiency award, and Mrs. Sweetter with the seven seniors who earned their State Degrees (Payton Nelson, Abbie Pieke, Leah Lindhorst, Rebecca Stone, Levi Krueger, Caden Ranslem, Cody Nelson).





Exercise good nutrition

Submitted by Mrs. Wondercheck RN
ESU 8 School Nurse

Eating a well-balanced diet can make a difference in your workout results and how well you exercise.

Food helps supply the nutrients and energy you need for a workout. Keep in mind: When and what you eat depends on the intensity and length of your activity. For example: **Eat before a workout**, especially if you'll be exercising vigorously (e.g., running or strength training) or moderately (e.g., hiking or biking) for 45 to 60 minutes. **For morning exercise**, experts recommend eating breakfast beforehand if your workout is strenuous. For light exercise, such as walking, a snack may suffice. **Consider how you feel when you're exercising** — if you tend to become sluggish or lightheaded, make time to eat something first.

Your muscles perform best when energized with food; carbohydrates can do the job.

How much you eat matters. After a large meal, wait at least 3 hours before exercise; after small meals or snacks, wait at least 1 hour.

Nourish after exercise. To help your muscles recover and to replace their glycogen supply (energy), eat a meal or snack that contains both carbohydrates and protein within 2 hours of your exercise.

Posted by eMazine

Boone Central/Newman Grove Junior High Track

By Michael Volker

Cardinal Invitational 4-10-18



It was a beautiful day for a track meet. The Cardinals have enough kids out this season that we had two teams competing in this meet. There were a total of 10 teams with our two. The 8th Grade girls placed 7th with 17 points and 7th Grade girls got 6th with 33 points. The 8th Grade boys placed 3rd with 101 points and the 7th Grade boys had 12 points and placed 7th.

Individuals placing in the top six: Mara Ranslem (3rd-200 Meter Dash, 5th-400 Meter Run, 6th-4x400 Meter Relay, 3rd-High Jump), Autumn Patzel (6th-800 Meter Run), Morgann Johnson (6th-Pole Vault), Ellie Rankin (6th-Discus), Ashlyn Krohn (6th-200 Meter Run, 2nd-400 Meter Run, 6th-4x400 Meter Relay), Claire Weidner (3rd-400 Meter Run), Sydney Tisthammer (6th-400 Meter Run), Sierra Kravig (3rd-1600 Meter Run, 5th-Pole Vault), Karlie Wies (6th-4x400 Meter Relay), Shalee Grape (4th-Pole Vault), Tristin Hooker (6th-4x400 Meter Relay), Ava Frey (6th-Pole Vault), Ashtyn Hedlund (4th-Discus), David Miller (3rd-Discus), Carson Maricle (3rd-200 Meter Run, 2nd-400 Meter Run, 3rd-100 Meter Hurdles, 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay), Braden Benes (4th-200 Meter Run, 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay), Carsten Bird (5th-400 Meter Run, 1st-800 Meter Run, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay, 5th-High Jump), Alex Christo (4th-400 Meter Run, 6th-800 Meter Run, 6th-4x400 Meter Relay), Gavin Stuhr (4th-100 Meter Hurdles, 6th-100 Meter Dash, 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay), Dustin Andreasen (3rd-195 Meter Hurdles, 1st-4x400 Meter Relay, 2nd-High Jump, 1st-Triple Jump), Ash-ton Schafer (2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-Pole Vault), Cody Maricle (1st-4x400 Meter Relay, 6th-Pole Vault, 3rd-Triple Jump), Colton Simons (6th-4x400 Meter Relay), Colten Ray (6th-4x400 Meter Relay), Calvin Webster (3rd-Pole Vault), Peyton Westerman (6th-4x400 Meter Relay).

FFA Officer Highlight



Cody Nelson

2017-2018 Sentinel

Favorite Ag Class: Animal Science

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

FFA Activities & Contests: Land Judging, Livestock Judging, Farm Business Management, Food Science

Favorite FFA Memory – Going to State FFA and Tanking

How has FFA made a difference in your life? – FFA has taught me many things in almost every part of agriculture. FFA has also taught me to socialize with others better.



Support the school PTO when you shop!

Help support the PTO when shopping by using SchoolMall.com. SchoolMall.com is an online shopping mall that helps you support our school. It's a great way to earn money for our school just by shopping! Instructions:

1. Visit www.SchoolMall.com
2. Select Newman Grove Public School
3. Shop retailers like Walmart, Sears, Gap, Office Depot, Best Buy, Netflix and hundreds more! A portion of your purchase amount will be given to our school.



SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS, PHYSICALS, AND VISION RULES AND REGULATIONS INFORMATION



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN, 7TH 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 7th 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 7TH GRADE

Children are required to have:

- 3 doses of Dtap, DT, or Td vaccine with one given on or after the 4th birthday,
- Tdap booster for 7th 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: May 7, July 2, September 10, November 5 Please call (402) 529-2233 for an appointment.

Norfolk Immunization Clinic: 302 W Phillip Ave., Norfolk -10:00 am-3 pm on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 1:00 pm-6:00 pm on the 4th 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 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 14, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 11. 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 (2017-2018)

Part I: Organization and Finance

General Information:

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| Pre-K through 12 Enrollment (4/10/2018) | 193 |
| Teachers' Experience: | 15.26 years average |
| Administrators' Experience: | 28 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): | 4.00 |
| Secretaries: | 2.00 |
| Bookkeeper/Business Manager: | 1.00 |
| Custodians: | 2.50 |
| Food Service | 2.50 |
| Bus Drivers (Regular & Sp.Ed.): | 4.00 |
| Specialists from ESU #8 | |
| (includes Special Education, Technology, Staff Development, Media, Etc.) | |

Budgeted Revenue Sources:

General Fund:

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|---|-------------|
| Revenue from Local/County Sources: | 91.6% |
| Revenue from State Sources: | 4.8% |
| Revenue from Federal Sources: | 3.6% |
| Reserve, Local, County: | \$1,361,000 |
| Property Taxes: | \$2,094,262 |
| State, Special Education, Grants: | \$159,000 |
| State Aid (net student option funding): | \$22,404 |
| Federal: | \$136,440 |
| Total: | \$3,773,106 |

Budget of Expenditures:

General Fund:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Instruction, Support: | \$2,067,486 |
| Business, Admin., Board of Ed.: | \$615,920 |
| Maintenance/Operation of Plant: | \$259,260 |
| Transportation (Regular/PK): | \$111,000 |
| Federal Title I: | \$53,940 |
| Other Federal Programs: | \$69,000 |
| Special Education (all programs): | \$376,500 |
| Transfer (Hot Lunch Program) | \$20,000 |
| Necessary Cash Reserve/Transfers | \$200,000 |
| Total: | \$3,773,106 |

Levies (calculated to 6 places):

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| General Fund: | 0.323333 |
| Special Building: | 0.050949 |
| Bond Fund (non-affiliate): | 0.000000 |
| Bond Fund (affiliate): | 0.000000 |
| Total District Levy: | 0.374281 |

Valuation - August 20, 2017: \$654,253,477

2017-2018 BUDGET: State Aid for the 2017-2018 fiscal year is \$22,404, a increase of \$22,401 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 2017-2018 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; Ryan Chilson, Secretary; Jeanie McCloud, Treasurer; and Ginger Buhl-Jorgensen and Becky Wallin, 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 Christie Wallin, 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.



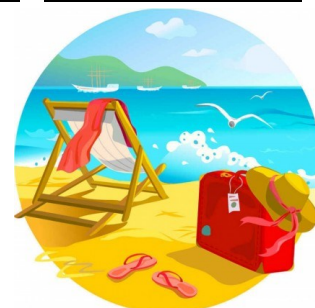
NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS

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

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| April 23 Cereal/Yogurt <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Nuggets Carrots Apple Crisp | April 24 Cherry Frudel <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Quesadilla Mixed Vegetables Pears | April 25 Apple Turnover <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Spaghetti Green Beans Peaches Garlic Bread | April 26 Cheese Omelet Biscuit/Jelly <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Sandwich French Fries Tropical Fruit Cookie | April 27 Mini Waffles <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pizza Corn Applesauce |
| April 30 Cinni Minis <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Hot Dog French Fries Broccoli Mandarin Oranges | May 1 Cream Cheese Bagel <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Strips Green Beans Peaches | May 2 Mini French Toast <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Hamburger Gravy w/Mashed Potatoes Pears Dinner Roll | May 3 Cheese Omelet Biscuits/Jelly <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Carrots/Pineapple Banana Bar | May 4 Long John <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Walking Taco Lettuce/Salsa Fiesta Beans Tropical Fruit |
| May 7 Mini Donuts <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Popcorn Chicken Carrots Pineapple Chocolate Cake | May 8 Apple Churros <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peaches Dinner Roll | May 9 Waffle Sticks <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pulled Pork Sandwich French Fries Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges | May 10 Cinnamon Roll <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Spaghetti Green Beans Pears Garlic Bread | May 11 Cherry Frudel <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pizza Corn Mandarin Oranges |
| May 14 Mini Pancakes <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Carrots Pears | May 15 Apple Frudel <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich French Fries Peas/Tropical Fruit | May 16 Pancake Wraps <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pork Patty Green Beans Peaches Cookie | May 17 Mini French Toast <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Fajitas Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges | May 18 Cook's Choice <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> NO LUNCH EARLY DISMISSAL |

(menus are subject to change without notice)

Summer Time!



MAY 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thr | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 30 | 1 7:15am: CILT Meeting 3:45pm: Auditorium in Use (Soccer - in case of rain) Honor Society Mtg/Officer Elections (lunch) 7:00pm: K-12 Spring Concert | 2 7:00am: Dance Team Practice 3:30pm: High Ability Learners FBLA Mtg/Officer Elections (lunch) DIBELS Testing | 3 9:00am: BGO: Wayne Invitational (A) 4:00pm: TR: Seier Quadrangular (Albion) Grade 4 Field Trip | 4 1:00pm: Elementary Track/Field Day ACT Test Registration Deadline 6:30pm: FFA Banquet/Auction | 5 9:00am: FBLA Highway Cleanup Gym in Use (K Patzel) 9:00-12:00 |
| 6 | 7 2:00pm: JH Track: Central City Invite Elementary Track/Field Day (rain date) Gym in Use (K Patzel) 4:00-8:00 7:00pm: FFA Meeting | 8 10:00am: BGO: Fullerton Invitational (A) Student Council Mtg/Officer Elections (lunch) 6:30pm: Academic/Awards Night | 9 3:30pm: High Ability Learners Grade 5 Field Trip Grade 3 Field Trip NHS CleanUp Day | 10 Gym in Use (K Patzel) 4:00-8:00 Track: District Meet | 11 7:30pm: Baccalaureate Services | 12 2:00pm: Graduation |
| 13 Mother's Day | 14 Gym in Use (K Patzel) 4:00-8:00 Golf: District Meet 7:30pm: Board of Ed Mtg | 15 Gym in Use (K Patzel) 4:00-8:00 Golf: District Meet | 16 3:00pm: Elementary Rockin' Rally | 17 Preschool Last Day Gym in Use (K Patzel) 4:00-8:00 | 18 11:40am: Early Dismissal K-6 11:45am: Early Dismissal 7-11 End of 4th Quarter Track: State Meet (Omaha) Gym in Use (K Patzel) 4:00-8:00 7:00pm: Energize Dance Recital | 19 Track: State Meet (Omaha) Gym in Use (K Patzel) |
| 20 | 21 Possible Snow/Makeup Days 7:00pm: PTO Meeting | 22 Possible Snow/Makeup Days Boys Golf: State Meet (Lincoln) | 23 Boys Golf: State Meet (Lincoln) | 24 | 25 | 26 6:30pm: Alumni Banquet |
| 27 | 28 Memorial Day | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |



END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES



Saturday, April 21

Conference Golf Tournament @ Hartington-9:00 a.m.

Junior High Conference Track Meet @ Battle Creek-9:00 a.m.

Prom-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24

2018-2019 Kindergarten Parent Mtg-6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 27

Kindergarten Early Dismissal-11:30 a.m.

Kindergarten Round-Up-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

High School Conference Track Meet @ Hartington Cedar Catholic – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 1

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

Friday, May 4

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

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

Tuesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 10

District Track Meet @ Boone Central

Friday, May 11

Baccalaureate Services—7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12

Graduation—2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15

District Boys Golf Meet @ Wayne

Thursday, May 17

Last Day Preschool

Friday, May 18

Last Day K-11-Early Dismissal 11:40/11:45 a.m.
Semester Tests/Check Out

Friday & Saturday, May 18 & 19

State Track Meet in Omaha

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 22 & 23

State Boys Golf Tournament in Lincoln

Saturday, May 26

Alumni Banquet—6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead to 2018-2019

Wednesday, August 15: First Day of School!



ALUMNI BANQUET May 26, 2018—6:30 p.m.

Tickets on Sale—\$20.00 per person - Payable in advance only.

Tickets NOT available at the door.

**Tickets available at: Bank of Newman Grove Box 479 or Janet Williamson Box 253
(If ordering by mail, please include self-addressed, stamped envelope.)**

Banquet Questions? Contact Janet Williamson @ 402-447-2284

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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