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Newman Grove Public Schools

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Board of Education Meeting Summary February 13, 2017

- The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Krueger. Members answering roll call were Ryan Chilson, John Krueger, Scott Lyon, Jeanie McCloud and Scott Nelson. Member Tom Haase was absent.
- President Krueger announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the room in accordance with the law.
- The agenda was approved as amended, following the addition of Action Item 3.5 - Accept Board Member Resignation.
- The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday evening, March 13th at 7:30 p.m.
- Members from the Methodist Church were present to discuss the parsonage and a possible school building project.
- Received information from Pat Phelan of the DLR Group regarding three primary approaches to a building project. Advantages and disadvantages of each type was discussed.
- Craig Jones of First National Capital Markets discussed their services which included assistance as a municipal advisor and conducting a bond campaign.
- Elementary faculty presented information on their programs. Discussion centered primarily on the recently adopted reading and math series
- Written reports from Counselor Matt Rudloff and Activities Director Karla Patzel were reviewed.
- Principal Barnes provided information on Boone Central staff visiting to discuss the Envisions reading series, grades 4 and 8 to take the NAEP test on February 15th, juniors preparing for the ACT test, the NeSA test to be given to students in grades 3-8 this spring, student ag education teacher to be here next spring, Parent-Teacher Conference attendance figures, and an assembly scheduled March 8th (Scott Shanle).
- Superintendent Shalikow's reported on NRCSA Conference (March 23-24), School Law conference (March 16th), attendance at the Education Forum in Kearney, appointment of a BC/NG Co-op Committee (Krueger, Nelson and McCloud, board retreat scheduled for February 22nd, change in 2017-18 calendar (Newman Grove to host FFA District Leadership Skills Contest on December 4th), and snow make-up days (will be considered if more days are needed).
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. Bills totaling \$33,203.49 (General Fund) and \$5,179.45 (Depreciation Fund) were approved for payment.
- Approval was given for 2017-2018 ESU #8 contracts for special education services, technology support, nursing services and distance learning services.
- Approved a motion to contract with First National Capital Markets as the district's municipal advisor.
- Accepted the resignation of Tom Haase as a member of the Board of Education, as his family is moving out of the district. Mr. Haase has served eight years on the Board of Education.
- Entered into Executive Session at 10:08 p.m. to discuss a situation to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law. Members returned to public session at 10:22 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- * Mya Donelson and Luis Fillol, Winter Homecoming royalty.
- * The Newman Grove Girls Bowling Team-District D2 Runner Up!
- * Mariah Dubas, our top Livestock Judging Contest individual who finished in 16th place.
- * The wrestling team on earning a 3rd place Conference Tournament finish.
- * Kala Rast, selected to the Class D All State Symphonic Honor Band.
- * Our January "Students of the Month"; Cash Barthel and Darren Petersen (elementary) and Elyssa Cuevas and Kyle Stone (Junior-Senior High). They are sponsored by the Bank of Newman Grove/Gerhart Insurance Agency and the Newman Grove Bowl.
- * The girls bowling team on a third place finish at state. Team members are Bridgette Borgheiinck, Alexis Kopecky, Guadalupe Estrada, Vanessa Arreguin, and Abigail Pohlen.

No School Announcements

Wednesday, Feb. 22 NO SCHOOL PK-12
Friday, March 3 NO SCHOOL PK-12
Friday, March 10 NO SCHOOL PK-12
Friday, April 14 NO SCHOOL PK-12
Monday, April 17 NO SCHOOL PK-12



Winter Homecoming Royalty: Queen Mya Donelson and King Luis Fillol





From the Desk of Superintendent Mikal Shalikow

I would like to thank everyone who attended our community meeting on January 22. The positive response and the overwhelming support of the Newman Grove Public Schools was evident. There were approximately 140 attendees at the meeting, and we collected 95 written surveys. If you did not have the opportunity to fill out a survey, please contact the. The survey asked three specific questions:

1.) Would you support a bond to build a new Elementary Facility?

93 - Yes, 2 - No

2.) For the safety of our students and staff, would you support moving the elementary to conjoin with the current 7-12 facility, this would include relocated central offices to the front of the building? This would prevent PK-6 students crossing Highway 45, for lunch, Physical Education and Music.

86 – Yes, 6 – No, 3 – Did not provide an answer.

3.) Would you support a bond to provide financing for a school based community recreation facility? The community would be allowed to use this facility for a fee, when it is not being used for school activities.

75 – Yes, 13 – No, 5 – Did not provide an answer.

In addition to the specific survey questions, several people included valuable written comments. The board is reviewing these comments and will take them into consideration as they move forward with the planning. In the near future, we will be putting together a team of community members to be on a facilities planning team. If you are interested in being part of this team please contact Superintendent, Mikal Shalikow at mikal-shalikow@ngpublicschools.com or 402.447.6294.

FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL DARRELL BARNES



Sportsmanship at Boone Central/Newman Grove

Good sportsmanship is always a goal of our schools as we participate in the ever tough and competitive Mid-State Conference. It is an expectation of our coaches, athletes, parents, and spectators at all events. Other schools and communities judge us by what they see on the field, the courts, the mats, and in the stands just as we judge other schools. It is imperative that we send a positive message about our schools and communities in the way we act at events throughout the various seasons. Coaches and athletes send the message you want your fans to learn. Parents and spectators send the message you want your children to learn. Good Sportsmanship is a reputation to be earned.

NeSA Testing and the ACT

The next window for the testing of Reading, Math, and Science begins on March 20 with the ending date of May 5. Grades 3-8 will take Math and Reading tests while only grades 5 & 8 will be taking the Science test. These tests will be spread out during the window of testing with most of the testing taking place April 4th-28th.

A change this year is that all Juniors will be taking the ACT test, which measures college preparedness, in place of the NeSA tests. The ACT will be given April 19th. This test score will count and can be sent to colleges just as the tests that are normally given on Saturdays during the year. This test is given at no cost to the parents and has the same rules and regulations as the Saturday ACT tests. At the school we have given all Juniors access to ACT Online Prep which they can access and work on from any device. Please encourage your student to take advantage of this tool to help them gain a good score. Teachers in some classes will also be using this to address parts of the ACT to help prepare our students to do well. Doing well on this test opens the door to some very good scholarships for your students.

In order for your student to be the best prepared we ask that, as parents, you encourage your child to get enough sleep and to eat breakfast so they can be fully rested and mentally prepared for the tests. We appreciate your efforts in helping your students and the school to perform at the highest level possible.

Student Reading

Reading allows us to take trips to places we have never been! Encourage your child to read by setting the example for them, taking them to the library, asking questions about what they have read, asking where they want to 'visit' next with a book.

Consistent reading improves vocabulary and increases fluency. If your child isn't old enough to read take this time to read to them and as they learn have your child read to you. A fun and educational way to bond with your children. Quality time!



COUNSELOR'S

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Matt Rudloff K-12 Counselor mrudloff@esu8.org

FIVE REASONS WHY DEADLINES ARE LIFELINES FOR STUDENTS

Tim Elmore – Growing Leaders – www.growingleaders.com

There is a charming story from years ago about a small frog who fell into a pothole on a busy road. Although he tried, he couldn't jump high enough to hop out. One by one, fellow critters heard him croaking for help as they walked by. Each one promised to find someone bigger than they were to reach down and pull him to safety. An hour later, those critters were in the woods debating who could help, when they saw the little frog hopping toward them.

"Hey, how did you get here? I thought you were stuck in that pothole!" the animals asked.

"I was," replied the frog. "But I was able to hop out."

"But, you're so small. I thought it was impossible."

"Me, too," the frog said. "But I heard a huge truck coming from a distance, and I had to get out!"

For years, this little fable has reminded me of the power of incentive. There are loads of things we think we can't do, until the time comes and we have to. At that point, we often discover the ability was in us the entire time. We just never put it to the test.

And this is especially true for our students.

An All Too Familiar Story

I have very dear friends who learned this recently. Their son, Liam, just graduated from college and moved back home for a season. Liam's dad met with him, man-to-man, and talked about the excitement of launching into his career, into his own apartment (and eventually a home) and learning to provide for himself. In those meetings Liam was visibly eager to set some goals and deadlines for moving out and starting on his own.

That is, until Mom had a conversation with him. While running errands one day, Liam began to share what he and his dad had talked about. Missing the cue that he was excited about this big step, Mom said, "Well, let's just see how things go. You can stay with us as long as you want to, sweetheart."

Those words, while warm and well-intentioned, do not help a boy become a man.

The next thing he knew, Liam was telling dad he needed to stay longer, trying to find the perfect job and the right apartment before "launching." Dad asked about the new plan and discovered Liam wasn't feeling as sure about himself as he had earlier. He was hesitant, less confident and apprehensive that he could do it. While Mom's words were very comforting and nurturing—she did not realize how they stole ambition and incentive from her son.

Five Gifts That Deadlines Provide for Young People

You and I probably both agree that Mom was simply

trying to furnish a "safety net." All parents desire to offer such security to their young adult children. Without a goal to reach and a deadline to meet, however, that "safety net" can become a "hammock," says financial advisor Dave Ramsey. This merciful approach sounds so right; so loving. But real love calls out the best in someone if we know it is there.

When leading teens or young adults, we must remember—deadlines can be lifelines for them. They can be the source of energy for initiative. In fact, deadlines:

- Create incentive and ambition. Given in the right spirit, deadlines can provide a sense of urgency and ambition to get the job done, just like the frog in the story above. It's amazing how resilient we can be when we have to be.
- Force resourcefulness in us. The more resources people have, the less resourceful they tend to become—for all of us. Deadlines can push a young person to be creative as they solve problems for themselves.
- Help us prioritize. When we are forced to make something happen, we quickly discover what our real priorities are. In Liam's case, he learned what he needed and what he didn't need in a new apartment.
- Can generate confidence in us. When a deadline is set for us and there is belief expressed that we can meet it, it's empowering. We can borrow some of their belief and start to feel capable of taking on adult responsibility.

Empower us to focus our life. Deadlines cultivate clarity in our thinking that isn't there when there are loads of options. The human spirit can face all kinds of adversity when focused on what's most important and valuable.

I was 21 years old when I married my wife, Pam. She was 19. We weren't completely privy to all that marriage entails, but we struck out on our own. I finished my senior year of college, while working a full-time job. We both have parents who loved us enough to say—we believe in you. Call if you need us, but enjoy the satisfaction of striking out on your own. In the first two years, we ate mac and cheese a lot, and had two pieces of furniture, and a used table someone gave to us. They were the greatest days of our lives. Our secret? We learned to lean on each other, get the support of a community we established around us and we set goals and deadlines for ourselves. I became a man during that time—self-sufficient and able to self-regulate because Mom and Dad didn't step in.

Instead, deadlines stepped in. Always remember...

- Students learn on a need-to-know basis.
- Students act on a need-to-initiate basis.

Let's help them create deadlines that become lifelines.

Visit Colleges

- Seniors should be in the application, financial aid, and scholarship process of attending colleges they are going to or seriously considering.
- Juniors should visit a college they are interested in.
- College representatives frequently visit Newman Grove High School. Encourage your student to visit with these reps to get a feel for the college they are representing.





EducationQuest Foundation College Planning Bulletin



A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students February 2017

All about scholarships!

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent in art, dance, music, or athletics. Some are based on financial need as determined by the <u>FAFSA</u> (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

It's time to start applying for scholarships. Here's where you can find them:

- <u>ScholarshipQuest</u> at EducationQuest.org features over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a
 profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.
- Your school counselor's office. Visit regularly to check on local and national awards.
- The college you plan to attend. Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and application procedures.
- National search sites such as College Board, Peterson's and Chegg.
- Other resources could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

<u>Click here</u> for more details about scholarships and tips to help you complete a successful application.

Here's a scholarship you can apply for now!

Apply **by March 31** for EducationQuest's *Scavenger Hunt Scholarship*. You might win \$500 toward your college education. Here's how it works:

- If you haven't already, complete a profile in <u>ScholarshipQuest</u> at <u>EducationQuest.org</u>.
- 2. If you're a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you'll see the *EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship* as one of the scholarships that will appear on your results page.
- 3. "Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey.
- EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan.

Juniors: it's time to find the right fit for college!

Here's how to get started:

1. Attend a college fair to meet with representatives from colleges that interest you. Upcoming fairs include:

<u>Lincoln Area College Fair</u> – Sunday, March 19, 1-3 p.m., Southeast Community College <u>Grand Island Area College Fair</u> – Sunday, March 26, 1-3 p.m., Pinnacle Bank Expo Center <u>Scottsbluff Area College Fair</u> – Sunday, April 2, 1-3 p.m., Western Nebraska Community College <u>Omaha Area College Fair</u> – Sunday, April 9, 1-3 p.m., University of Nebraska Omaha Sapp Fieldhouse <u>Tri-State Area College Fair</u> (South Sioux City) – Sunday, April 23, 1-3 p.m., Marina Center

Before you attend, register for a barcode at <u>NebraskaCollegeFairs.org</u>. Print the barcode (or download it to your smartphone) and take it to the fair. College reps will scan it to retrieve your demographic information – and you won't have to complete their information cards.

2. Schedule a campus visit. Your upcoming spring break is a good time to visit schools that interest you. Follow these tips for a successful visit.

February "To Do" List Seniors: ____ If you haven't already, complete the FAFSA. ___ Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA. ___ Apply for scholarships. Juniors: ___ Prepare for the ACT. Here are test-prep resources to consider. __ Register by February 10 for the March 11 SAT. __ Register by March 3 for the April 8 ACT.





Semior Spotlight



Guadalupe Estrada

Parents: Guillermina Mendoza & Heriberto Estrada

> Other Family Members: Marcela Estrada

Favorite Pastime: Go to concerts and making food. Volunteer at the animal shelter.

Senior Activities: Chorus, Bowling, Yearbook

Part-Time Employment: 3 and Out

Plans After Graduation: Attend Wayne State College to pursue a degree in food services or journalism

Jacob Potmesil

Parents: Todd & Jeri Potmesil

Other Family Members: Jonathan, Isaac



Favorite Pastime: Hanging out with friends

Senior Activities: Football, FFA, Drama, Speech

Plans After Graduation: Attend Northeast Community College to study graphic design

Newman Grove Speech 2017

By Amanda Teten

Speech season is well underway for us! There are eight students out for the speech team this year. Our members include: Levi Krueger, Jacob Potmesil, Hannah Haase, Mya Donaldson, Abbie Pieke, Payton Nelson, and Emma Arndts. We have a variety of entries that these students participate in. We have students entered in OID (Oral Interpretation of Drama), Duet Acting, Entertainment, and Informative. Our OID piece is about people taking off in an airplane, some of whom are older and more scared to fly, and a mom and her obnoxious son. Members of the OID team are Levi Krueger, Jacob Potmesil, Hannah Haase, Mya Donaldson, and Abbie Pieke. The duet piece is about a man who thinks he is the first to climb a mountain; however, he discovers he isn't really the first to accomplish this. Our duet acting team is Levi Krueger and Jacob Potmesil. Abbie Pieke and Payton Nelson are doing informative speeches this year. Abbie's speech is over Nebraska Cooperatives, and Payton's informative speech is over the Shell Creek. Our foreign exchange student is doing an entertainment speech on A Walk in the Shoes of a Foreigner. We have attended the Osceola speech meet and the Lindsay Holy Family speech meet. So far, our OID placed 6th place at the Lindsay Holy Family Speech Meet. We look forward to the Newman Grove Invitational (Wednesday February 22, 2017) and the Pope John Speech Meet!

WINTER SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS



The following radio and television stations will be contacted should it become necessary to cancel school due to inclement weather:

Television: Channel 8 or Channel 10/<u>11</u> (Lincoln) Website: www.newman.esu8.org

Radio: 94 Rock (94.7 FM) US 92 (92.7 FM)

WJAG (780 AM) KEXL (106.7 FM) KZEN (100 FM) KKOT (93.5 FM) KLIR (101 FM) KJSK (900 AM) KTTT (1510 AM) KPNO(90.5 FM

NOTE: Newman Grove Preschool will follow the K-12 weather related time changes.

Late Start– NO MORNING Early Out– NO AFTERNOON

Cancelled Preschool will be made up on a Friday.



Busy and Bustling Preschoolers

By Meghan Flood

Preschool is a busy and bustling place this year! With 33 preschoolers in two groups, morning preschool and afternoon preschool, we added an extra paraprofessional. Our preschool staff now includes, Meghan Flood, head teacher, Kathi McIntyre, morning and afternoon para, Mandy Anderson, morning para and Jessica Navrkal, afternoon para. We are having a great year and have grown emotionally, socially and academically!

One of the things we have talked about this year is new year's resolutions. Here are the preschooler's resolutions:

Kelton Jorgensen: My resolution is to get better at wrestling.

Sophia Guthard: My resolution is to make my name for mommy.

Tyler Luetkenhaus: My resolution is to shower on my own.

Ali Chilson: My resolution is making a party hat.

Brooklynn Lauritsen: My resolution is mommy and daddy.

Aria Hall: My resolution is to help mom and dad. Nolan Wheatley: My resolution is to ride my bike. Dominick Widhalm: My resolution is to drive my truck.

Faith Malcom: My resolution is to ride a horse.

Pierce Fehringer: My resolution is to use remote control robots.

Allison Duhachek: My resolution is to ride a horse. Lincoln Thompson: My resolution is to save the world.

Conner Anderson: My resolution is to ride my bike with no training wheels.

Case Sukup: My resolution is to help mom. Lucy Kaufman: My resolution is to zip my coat.

Damon Lauritsen: My resolution is to count to 100.

Adrianna Morris: My resolution is to get dressed all by myself.

Mercy Summers: My resolution is to draw unicorns.

Ashton Malcom: My resolution is to read books better.

Jayahn Wallin: My resolution is to practice screwing wood.

James Matson: My resolution is to write my name better.

Owen Flood: My resolution is to draw volcanoes.

Cash Sweeter: My resolution is to play football.

Natasha Nelson: My resolution is to go to a

Everett Nelson: My resolution is making a game for football players.

Hollie Lauritsen: My resolution is a snow-

Paisley Fritz: My resolution is to drawing dinosaurs.

Jace Forre: My resolution is to write my name better.

Kyler McDaniel: My resolution is to do better.

Zoey Tannehill: My resolution is to write my name better.

Brooklyn Wiese: My resolution is to write my name better.





Mr. Rose's Room

World History is a class of 12 students who have covered numerous countries and are presently studying the Qin Empire of China. We went into depth on their form of government and how they were able to use a differing weights and measure system, a different writing system but yet were able to make an effective set of law codes to govern the people and to build roads and canals that were of high quality. Their skills and system were so well defined they were able to build the Great Wall of China without modern machinery.

It is a great time of year in <u>American Government</u>. These 8 senior students learned first hand about people running for President by listening to the debates and the critiquing that goes on after the debate. We are able to share verbal ideas with one another and then discuss what the duties of the president or senator consist of and the compensation and benefit which each member of government receives. Now with a little more time in preparing for this class by using actual events, we were able to have some great discussions and learning without a lot of paperwork on the student's part. We study current events each week to help students be informed.

The 15 juniors in <u>American History</u> are studying and researching World War I. They study the reason the United States became involved in this war, who was on our side and who was the enemy. Another interesting feature of this war, was the use of trench warfare, which was necessary because of the weapons that were used to fight the war.

The 7th Grade Nebraska History class has 12 students. They have worked on reading maps like the Nebraska map. They had to find towns and distances and other items. We are currently studying the Indians of Nebraska, where they lived, how they lived, and what they lived in. They will be making a teepee or earth lodge and present their Indian tribe of Nebraska.

The 5 students in **World Geography** are currently studying Europe. The online system called Lizardpoint.com is being used to do the map testing for this class. In our studies we seek out how landscapes affected the population and culture of each area of Europe. They have been drawing maps to get a better understanding of the climates and population. They did a project on NAFTA.

FFA Officer Highlight



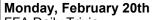
Brady Sokol

2016-2017 Student Advisor Favorite Ag Class: Welding

FFA Activities & Contests: Land Judging, Livestock Judging, Plant Science, Ag Mechanics & Technology **Favorite FFA Memory –** Going to National FFA Convention in 2015 in Louisville, KY, and also going to Indianapolis in 2016.

<u>Advice for Younger FFA Members –</u> Get involved, try most of the contests, practice hard, and try for an FFA office!

Newman Grove FFA Week Activities February 20th-24th, 2017



FFA Daily Trivia Elementary Coloring Contest Business Thank Yous FFA Emblem Hunt

Tuesday, February 21st

FFA Daily Trivia FFA T-Shirt Day Elementary Ag Literacy Lessons

Wednesday, February 22nd - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, February 23rd

FFA Daily Trivia

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast - 7:30 AM in the Ag Room

FFA Official Dress Day

Friday, February 24th

Ag Olympics @ 2:40 PM in the Gym FFA Spirit Day - wear blue and gold!





Music Notes





WSC Honor Band

Newman Grove High School senior, Kala Rast and junior, Riley Montoya took part in the annual Wayne State College Honor Band Festival Saturday, January 28th. After auditioning and being accepted, the two practiced with students from 43 other high schools throughout the day, and played in a final concert that evening.

Grab Your Hat and Read With the Cat



Read Across America Day March 2nd

Post Prom Parent Meeting

Sunday February 26th at 7:00 PM



Heartland Junior High Choir Festival

Selected 7th and 8th graders from Newman Grove Public Schools were among the 450 Junior High Students from 13 Nebraska schools to participate in the 2017 Heartland Junior High Choir Festival held in Henderson, NE.



The girls choir was directed by Patricia Fox, a music teacher in the

Omaha Public School System. Their accompanist was Meg Latta. The boys choir was directed by Jason Frew, the director of High School Vocal Music in Aurora, NE. Their accompanist was Sandra Quiring.

The students spent the afternoon rehearsing with their own choirs and also coming together for a combined Choral piece. A concert for the public was given that evening.



Students participating were: 8th graders...
Bethany Borgheiinck,
Beau Hawn, Emma
Montoya, Paige Nelson
and Leah Rast. 7th graders...Isaac Alvarado,
Elyssa Cuevas, Morgann
Johnson, Taya Morrison
and Isaac Potmesil.

UNK Honor Band and Festival Choir

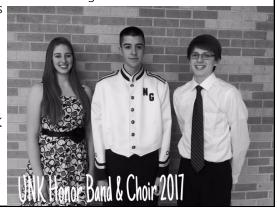
Three Newman Grove High School Students attended the UNK Band and Choral Day in Kearney on Monday, January 23, 2017.

Senior Kala Rast and Sophomore Matthew Rast were selected for the Festival Choir, directed by Ashley West of Holdrege Public Schools.

Junior Riley Montoya was selected for the Honor Band, directed by Dr. Frank Tracz Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Kansas State University.

After a full day of rehearsals, the groups performed a final concert for the public in the Health and Sports Center on UNK campus.

Students were chosen from recorded auditions for consideration for this event.





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

Cash Barthel - Nominated by Mrs. Hudson

"Cash comes to school every day with a positive attitude. He works hard every day. He asks questions and is involved in class discussions. He is a great leader and role model to his Kindergarten friends."

Darren Petersen – Nominated by Mrs. Kaufman

"Darren shows a great attitude every day. He is always eager to do his work and will exert extra effort when working on a task. He participates in every subject and is willing to help friends."

Pictured are: Mrs. Chelsea Kaufman (6th grade teacher), Tim Krueger (owner of NG Bowl), Enjoli Schmitz (employee of NG Bowl), Darren Petersen (6th grade), Cash Barthel (Kindergarten), Mr. Matt Rudloff (Guidance Counselor).



Boys Junior Varsity Cardinals

The boys JV beat Stanton 76 to 43. They then lost a close one against Guardian Angels Central Catholic. The Cards led the whole game till a few minutes left in the fourth quarter in which GACC took the lead and then battled for the win with a 55-51 score. They traveled to Columbus to play Scotus, fell behind in the first quarter and never caught up. The final score was 44-28.

After an even first half against Ord, the JV Cardinals came out and increased their intensity both on offense and defense to win the game 61-33. Next up was a trip to Battle

Creek. The Cards had a one point lead at half and managed to finish with a final score of 51-46. The JV team got off to a fast start in a fast paced game scoring 21 points in the first quarter at Grand Island Northwest, and maintained the lead all game to win 52-40. Ainsworth had low numbers and could only play 2 quarters but pulled out the win 25-20. The JV Cardinals record is now 9-7. Pictured is Caden Ranslem.



7-12 Students of the Month Sponsored by Bank of Newman Grove and Gerhart Insurance

Elyssa Cuevas – Nominated by Mr. Barnes (Principal)

"Elyssa is a student who has an outstanding attitude and is very diligent in her school work. She is involved in activities outside of school and is a shining example of how to grow in a positive manner."

Kyle Stone - Nominated by Mr. Wiemer (English)

"Kyle is working incredibly hard for me, especially to make up the work that he has missed due to absences/appointments. Kyle comes to class with a great attitude every day and not only participates, but leads a lot of our discussions. He is absolutely killing it in my class."

Pictured are: Patrick Gerhart, Christi Wallin, Dennis McCloud, Kyle Stone, Jeff Gerhart, Elyssa Cuevas, Brad Cox, Matt Rudloff.



Dance Team Competition

The Newman Grove Dance team competeted in a competition in Centura on February 5. The girls did well and brought home an Excellent rating. There were 14 teams at the competition. They are: Anselmo Merna, Bellevue East, Centura, Columbus, Doniphan Trumbull, Grand Island, Hastings, Kimball, Lexington, Newman Grove, Northwest, Northwest JV, Pender, St. Cecilia.

L to R Cheyenne Cleland, Maddison Steiffensmeier, Kala Rast, Abby Pohlen, Breanna Borgheiinck, Evelyn Estrada. Their coach is Susan King.







Boone Central/Newman Grove Wrestling

By Dale Bonge



Gibbon Invitational 1/14/17

Team Scores:(1) Ord 192.5, (2) Gibbon 166.0, (3) Kearney Catholic 159.0, (4) Wood River 133.0, (5) Boone Central/Newman Grove 117.5, (6) Thayer Central 110.0, (7) Ravenna 94.0, (8) Franklin 90.0, (8) Mitchell 90.0, (10) Fillmore Central 89.0, (11) Southern Valley 82.0, (12) Elwood 52.0, (13) Grand Island JV 48.0, (14) Harvard 12.0

We competed well getting 5th in a fairly evenly matched 14 team tournament. Seven of our ten varsity wrestlers earned their way to the medal stand.

Ethan and Trey were our only finalists. Ethan way outdid his #7 seed and made his way to the finals with 3 pins including knocking off the #2 and #3 seeds in the process. In the finals he battled to a 3-3 tie at the end of regulation but was taken down in overtime and lost 5-3. Trey made his way to the finals via a pin and an action packed 13-6 win. There he ended up on the opposite end of a similar match.

Jon's only loss came in the semifinals by a tight 4-1 score to the eventual champ. Other than that Jon had 2 pins and a 5-2 win. Garrett placed 4th behind a pair of state rated individuals. He had a pair of wins – one by pin and one by tech fall. His losses were both by regular decision. Tyson fought his way through a pair of come from behind matches to place 4th. In the first of those matches he was behind 2-1 going into the final period, there Tyson turned his opponent for a 3 point near-fall to win 4-2. In the second of those matches Tyson was down 12-4 before he scored a reversal and a pin with 2 seconds left in the match.

One thing that we definitely showed was no matter what the score don't give up. Will was behind 14-0 in the quarterfinals when he reversed his guy and scored a pin. Will went on to place $5^{\rm th}$. Ryan went 3-2 and ended up in a $5^{\rm th}/6^{\rm th}$ place tie due to both wrestlers having met their 5 match limit. Ryan's three wins were all by pin.

Madison Invitational 1/20/17

Team Scores: (1) Columbus Lakeview 155.0, (2) Pender 142.0, (3) Crofton-Bloomfield 140.0, (4) Logan View 137.0, (5) Conestoga 131.0, (6) Boone Central/Newman Grove 118.0, (7) Wakefield 113.0, (8) Norfolk JV 104.0, (9) Wisner-Pilger 102.5, (10) Stanton 84.5, (11) Grand Island JV A-Team 66.0, (12) Madison 60.0, (13) Twin River 56.5, (14) Columbus JV 38.5, (15) Friend 8.0, (16) Grand Island JV B-Team 0.0

Finishing 6th out of a 16 team field wasn't bad, but a few moves here and there in several win-able matches and we end up a few places higher. Again this week our men were very competitive but it seems we paid the price for some of last weeks wins

Cristopher Thiem wrestled the best he has this year. He earned his first varsity win and was very competitive in two of his other matches. Cristopher also earned his first individual high school medal. Jesse was dominating his opponent in the semifinals leading 9-2 in the third period when he made a mistake with the legs in and was put on his back & pinned. That guy went on to win the tournament and Jesse pinned his other three opponents placing 3rd.

Also in the semifinals Ethan came up just a little short. While trailing 5-2 he made a desperation takedown attempt & was countered and got taken down to lose 7-2. That was a case of it was much better to lose by the larger margin and give yourself a chance to win rather than not make an attempt and be content to have a loss that looks closer on paper. Ethan trailed by a score of 4-0 in two of his other matches and came back to win 10-5 in one and by pin in the other. Ethan also placed 3rd. Garrett went 4-1 on the day with his only loss in the semis to the eventual champ. In his

other matches he won two by pin, one by major and one by a 3-2 score.

Jon and Trey each placed 4th. Jon had two pins and a one -point victory. His two losses were both to the same guy, once in overtime and the other by a score of 5-2. Trey had a rough day for him going 2-2. He had some trouble with style match ups in his two losses but this could be helpful in the long haul by using this experience to prepare for finding a way to beat wrestlers who have similar styles.

Ryan had a pair of big wins – one by pin and one by 14 points – and placed 5th. Tyson went 2-3 placing 6th. He picked up two pins and had a pair of close losses. Bryton missed placing but he did pick up a pair of wins to help out the team.

Columbus Scotus Triangular 1/26/17

Columbus Lakeview 36 Boone Central/Newman Grove 39

126: Gage Perry (COLA) over (BCNG) (For.)

132: Alex Ernst (COLA) over (BCNG) (For.)

138: Boston Barcel (COLA) over Ty Groth (BCNG) (Fall 5:06)

145: Drew Schaad (COLA) over Ethan Dozler (BCNG) (Dec 3-0)

152: Garrett Cornwell (BCNG) over Zeth Gerkensmeyer (COLA) (Dec 7-2)

160: Trey Schafer (BCNG) over (COLA) (For.)

170: Brook Behlen (COLA) over Bryton Fowlkes (BCNG) (Dec 7-2)

182: Ryan Thiem (BCNG) over Blake Langmack (COLA) (Fall 4:37)

195: Jesse Osantowski (BCNG) over (COLA) (For.)

220: Jon Merten (BCNG) over (COLA) (For.)

285: Cody Thompson (COLA) over (BCNG) (For.)

106: Will Grape (BCNG) over (COLA) (For.)

113: Christophor Thiem (BCNG) over (COLA) (For.)

120: Joel Lemburg (COLA) over Tyson Haddix (BCNG) (Fall 2:42)

Boone Central/Newman Grove 6 Columbus Scotus 68

132: Jackson Neville (COSC) over (BCNG) (For.)

138: Tyler Brandenburg (COSC) over Ty Groth (BCNG) (TF 16-1 3:43)

145: Layton Mullinix (COSC) over Ethan Dozler (BCNG) (Fall 0:48)

152: River Liebig (COSC) over Garrett Cornwell (BCNG) (Dec 7-3)

160: Dillon Muchmore (COSC) over Trey Schafer (BCNG) (Fall 2:55)

170: Chase Newman (COSC) over Bryton Fowlkes (BCNG) (Fall 1:36)

130) 182: Wren Allen (COSC) over Ryan Thiem (BCNG) (Fall 0:54)

195: Jesse Osantowski (BCNG) over (COSC) (For.)

220: Wyatt Gutzmer (COSC) over Jon Merten (BCNG) (Fall 1:47)

285: Landon Sokol (COSC) over (BCNG) (For.)

106: Daniel Tworak (COSC) over Will Grape (BCNG) (Dec 12-6)

113: Jacpb Weyers (COSC) over Christophor Thiem (BCNG) (Fall 2:48)

120: Colby Gilson (COSC) over Tyson Haddix (BCNG) (Dec 5-3) 126: Brock Clarke (COSC) over (BCNG) (For.)

Lakeview was without several of there wrestlers due to injury, illness and other things. In the dual Garrett made it 3 straight wins in under a week over Gerkensmeyer 7-2. Ryan was leading 14-2 when he pinned his man. Ethan closed the gap on his Lakeview opponent from a week ago. Jesse, Trey, Jon, Will, and Cristopher all won by forfeit.

In the Scotus dual we had several guys in winnable matches but got caught on our backs and pinned or had back points scored against us which cost us the match.

Both of these teams are in our district and this meet should help us prepare and improve against them by then.



Boone Central/Newman Grove Invitational 1/28/17

Team Scores: (1) Aquinas Catholic 184.5, (2) David City 152.5, (3) Kearney 150, (4) Omaha Westside 122, (5) O'Neill 110.5, (6) Elkhorn Valley 100, (7) Boone Central/Newman Grove 96, (8) Malcolm 69, (9) Pierce 67, (10) Ashland-Greenwood 61, (11) Neligh-Oakdale 56.5, (12) Bayard 37, (13) Nebraska Christian 27, (14) Guardian Angels Central Catholic 20, (15) Elgin/Pope John 14.

This year's edition of the Boone Central Invite featured many top ranked teams and wrestlers from all classes. The feature weight of the tournament had to be 182 pounds which had the #1 rated individuals from classes A, B, & C.

Will Grape showed had a solid day placing 4th when seeded 6th. Will pinned the #3 seed in his first match and the #5 seed in his third match. Bryton Fowlkes, unseeded, had a pair of losses to the same guy in placing fourth. Bryton was pinned in the first match but closed the gap to a regular decision loss in the second match.

Garrett Cornwell, Jesse Osantowski, Jon Merten, and Trey Schafer also placed 4th. Jesse went 3-2 on the day placing where he was seeded. Garrett was 3 seconds from making the finals in a 5-4 loss. Both dropped matches in the consolation finals to guys they had beaten earlier in the day. Trey had a rough day period. Jon was competitive in every match in a weight class that had all guys with solid winning records, but managed only one win.

Tyson Haddix showed a lot of courage in placing 5th. He won a match in the ultimate tiebreaker 5-4 and another match 4-1. Ethan Dozler won by a solid 13-2 score in his first match. In his second match, he battled with the #1 rated guy in Class C into the 3rd period where he got his shoulder tweaked pretty bad. Should have pulled him from the tournament then but Ethan wrestled again and hurt it worse. He had to medical forfeit his last match to finish in 6th place. Ryan Thiem placed 7th in the loaded 182 pound bracket. Cristopher Thiem placed 8th.

We did not have our best outing. We did wrestle well at times, but we are going to have to stay more consistent on the positive side as the season winds down.

Mid-State Conference @ Norfolk Catholic 2/4/17

Team Scores: (1) Battle Creek 221, (2) Norfolk Catholic 142, (3) Boone Central/Newman Grove 133.5, (4) O'Neill 131, (5) Crofton 90.5, (6) Pierce 88, (7) Wayne 79, (8) Guardian Angels 32, (9) Hartington CC 30

After a couple of weeks of struggling as a team the guys put together a much improved performance. You are normally going to win some and lose some close matches that could go either way. This week we were on the plus side of that statement after a couple of weeks of being on the negative side. Of our 11 varsity wrestlers none were seeded higher than 3rd. Eight of them medaled and all 8 placed at least one place higher than their seed.

We had no champs but four made their way to the finals and placed second. Garrett Cornwell pinned his first man then avenged a loss from two weeks ago with a 5-1 win in the semifinals. His finals match was close throughout as Garrett, down 3-2, went for a takedown late but was countered and fell by a score of 5-2. Even though his finals match did not go well, Trey Schafer showed that he was getting his groove back with a pair of pins to get there. Bryton Fowlkes made his first finals ever with a 6-2 first round win which he followed up with a pin over the number one seed. After a scoreless first period in the finals Bryton took the lead with an escape in the second period but after some close to scoring scrambles Bryton was taken down and got pinned. Jesse Osantowski's only loss of the day came in the finals at the hands of the #1 rated class C 195 pound wrestler in the state but that was after making the finals with a pair of pins over a couple of solid wrestlers.

Will Grape's only loss of the day was also to a #1 rated wres-

tler in class C in the semifinals. Other than that Will had a pair of pins and a Tech Fall over a wrestler that was 1-1 with Will this season to place third.

Tyson Haddix, Jon Merten & Ethan Dozler all placed 4th. In his first match Tyson won 8-3 over a guy that last week he won in the ultimate tiebreaker. Tyson also had a 12-8 win to get to the medal round. Jon went 2-2 with a pair of pins. His semifinal loss was to defending state champ and #1 rated Hahlback from O'Neill His other loss was a tight 3-1 loss in the consolation finals. Ethan came up just short in an 8-6 loss in his first match. He stormed back through the consolation bracket with a pair of pins and a major decision. A shoulder injury re-tweaking kept him from wrestling in the consolation finals. Ty Groth went 2-2 for the day with a pair of pins. Ryan Thiem also had a pin to help the team.

The third place finish team finish was a big positive. Now the practice season is over and next weekend is district tournament time.

Class B District 1 Tournament 2/11/17

Team Scores: (1) Omaha Skutt Catholic 240, (2) Wahoo/ Cedar Bluffs 149.5, (3) Blair 148.5, (4) Columbus Scotus 120, (5) York 108, (6) Columbus Lakeview 99, (6) Crete 99, (8) Norris 97, (9) Aurora 64, (10) Boone Central/Newman Grove 45, (11) Waverly 33, (12) Omaha Roncalli Catholic 4.

Going into the tournament we had only Garrett Cornwell and Trey Schafer seeded in the top four and 3 other guys seeded in the top 6. Basically that means if things go as predicted, we would qualify two of our wrestlers for state and have 3 others lose out in the heart-break round. That is pretty much the way things played out.

Garrett was our highest placer finishing third. Two of his key wins were "Battle Royals" against Gerkensmeyer from Lakeview. Garrett pulled out a narrow 9-8 win in the quarterfinals in a back & forth match. In the consolation finals the match was even tighter as it went to overtime where Garrett came from behind 3 points to nip him 7-6 in the ultimate tiebreaker. The two have wrestled each other 5 times in the last 4weeks with Garrett winning all five and 3 of the 5 being one point matches. In between those battles Garrett lost in the semifinals to the eventual champ and scored a pin in the heartbreak round to punch his ticket to state.

Trey did not have an "easy" match as in his first contest, the meeting of the 4 & 5 seeds, Trey came from behind 5-3 in the third period to score a takedown & pin to advance to the semifinals. There Trey faced defending state champ & #1 ranked Higgins from Skutt — that did not go well. In his heartbreak round match Trey opened up a 5-0 lead in the first period and followed that with a pin in the second period to earn his first trip to state. In the consolation finals after a scoreless first period Trey got caught on his back and pinned.

Ethan Dozler, Jesse Osantowski, & Jon Merten all came within one win of qualifying.

Ethan fell 10-6 in the quarterfinals before avenging an early season 1 point loss by pinning his man to advance to the heartbreak round. Trailing 4-1 late in that match Ethan chose not to go down without effort and to try a high risk move to give himself a chance to win but was caught on his back & pinned.

Going 2-2 Jesse scored the opening takedown in all of his matches to take an early lead. Two of the matches went well from there with Jesse pinning his opponents. Two of them went the other way

Jon was in three very tight matches with Jon coming out on top in 2 of them. The wins were 2-0 and a 2-1 overtime win. The loss was 2-1 to the eventual runner-up. The rest of the guys competed well but had a rough time in match results.

Classes B&C action at state begins Thursday at 4:00 pm in Omaha. Garrett's first match at state will be against Jayden Wooten of Plattsmouth. Trey will open with Lance Jarrett of Gretna.





Boone Central/Newman Grove 7th Grade Boys Basketball

By Rob Rose

Final

BCNG vs. Neligh-Oakdale 1-19-17

Boone Central Newman Grove played host to Neligh Oakdale at Newman Grove on January 19th. The Cards had a tough time getting going but their defense and teamwork really kicked in the second quarter. The Cards did a great job of help defense but we just have to really start to get a better understanding of double teaming the ball and rotating to help out when the double team happens.

Score:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Neligh Oakdale	2	3	1	4	10
BCNG	4	13	14	9	40

Scorers: Dustin Andreasen 3, Cody Maricle 3, Braden Benes 15, Gavin Dolzer 2, Carsen Maricle 4, Patrick Groeteke 2, Garrett Rasmussen 4, Carsten Bird 7

The young Cards were able to play two extra quarters on this night. The kids did some very nice things and showed that they are learning what we are teaching them. The team is improving and we will keep working on fundamentals.

Neligh Oakdale 7 BCNG 4

Scorers: David Figgner 2, Devon Luettel 2

BCNG vs. Twin River 1-21-17

The young Cards traveled to take on Twin River on the morning of January 21st. The Cards were able to play two complete games so all the kids were able to get ample time. The 7th B game was close the entire game but the kids were able to do some very nice things to come away with a victory. There were 9 kids playing in this game and we had 5 score so that is pretty good. Keep up the good work.

Score:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Twin River B	6	4	2	5	17
BCNG B	6	6	10	4	26

Scorers: David Figgner 12, Harrison Dodds 4, Gavin Stuhr 2, Collin Beierman 6, Jacob Devine 2

The 7th A were able to jump out early in this game and maintained the lead the rest of the game. The kids are really starting to understand the defensive side of the ball and helping each other out. We suited up 10 boys in this game and we had 7 score. That is a great thing to see. They still need to make sure that they are working on their skills outside of practice so that they can continue to get better. Great job kids!

Score:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Twin River A	2	8	2	13	25
BCNG A	14	16	9	6	45

Scorers: Calvin Webster 2, Dustin Andreasen 15, Cody Maricle 4, Braden Benes 2, Carsen Maricle 8, Garrett Rasmussen 6, Carsten Bird 3

BCNG vs. St. Paul 1/26/17

The Cards traveled to St. Paul on the afternoon of January 26th and had a tough time getting anything going. St. Paul was very aggressive and strong and we had a hard time adjusting to it all day. We can look at it as a growing experience and learn from it and move on.

Score:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
St. Paul	6	14	10	6	36
BCNG	4	4	4	4	16

Scorers: Cody Maricle 2, Carsen Maricle 2, Garrett Rasmussen 4, Damien LeCompte 3, Carsten Bird 5

The Cards were able to play an extra quarter at halftime on this night and the kids did a nice job coming away with a victory. The young kids are learning the defense and starting to understand the offense better.

St Paul 4 BCNG 6

Scorers: David Figgner 4, Devon Luettel 2

BCNG vs. Fullerton 2-2-17

The young Cards played host to Fullerton on Thursday night February 2nd, in Newman Grove. The Cards were able to start strong and do a nice job of maintaining the play. They did a nice job of playing defense but again as a coach they have things to work on like dribbling and shooting. They are all young and really eager to learn.

Score:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Fullerton	4	10	5	4	23
BCNG	10	13	10	6	39

Scorers: Dustin Andreasen 6, Cody Maricle 2, Braden Benes 2, Gavin Stuhr 2, Gavin Dozler 1, Carsen Maricle 8, Patrick Groeteke 2 Garrett Rasmussen 4, Carsten Bird 12

The Cards were able to play an extra quarter so that we can get the kids some more playing time. The cards fell short on this night but they were able to do some nice things.

Fullerton 6 BCNG 5



BCNG vs. Central City 2/6/17

The young Cardinals came out firing on all cylinders and kept it going all night. Their defense and defensive help and really getting better as the year is going on. The Cards are really seeing the open person and getting them the ball. They all still have things to work on but they are getting better. What a great night to see 12 players scoring in the game. Great Job.

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Central City	2	8	2	14	26
BCNG	13	10	15	10	52

Scorers: David Figgner 2, Dustin Andreasen 8, Cody Maricle 6, Braden Benes 8, Gavin Stuhr 1, Collin Beierman 4, Gavin Dozler 3, Carsen Maricle 10, Patrick Groeteke 4, Garrett Rasmussen 2, Carsten Bird 2, Ashton Schafer 2

The Cards were able to play two extra quarters on this night. The 7th grade played one and half quarters and we were able to get the 8th grade in for half a quarter. The kids really are improving and are starting to understand what we are teaching them. Great job guys.

Central City 3 BCNG 17

Scorers: Bradley Schindel 2, Calvin Webster 7, David Figgner 2, Gavin Stuhr 4, Patrick Groeteke 2

BCNG vs. O'Neill 2/13/17

The BCNG young Cardinals played host to the O'Neill Eagles. The Cards were able to play a 7th Grade B and 7th Grade A game on this night. The Cards were split into two teams with 9 on each team. The Cards B team played very well defensively and were able to show some great passes after they got steals and made some great shots. They started out strong and were able to maintain the lead for a great win to finish the season. The kids really improved and found a way to win this game. Now the off season has started so we hope that they all put in the time to get .

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
O'Neill	4	2	6	7	19
BCNG-B	8	10	5	5	28

Scorers: Patrick Groeteke 11, Jacob Devine 4, Ashton Schafer 13

The A team had a great game on this night. I was very impressed with how the kids were able to come back from being down at halftime and finished strong. We were able to overcome foul trouble with a few kids and they did a great job. It was fun coaching these kids and I hope that they pick up the ball and work on their skills.

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
O'Neill	8	7	7	2	24
BCNG-A	6	8	10	4	28

Scorers: Dusting Andreasen 7, Cody Maricle 3, Braden Benes 9, Garrett Rasmussen 7, Carsten Bird 2



Boys Freshman Basketball

By Jordan Temme

The Boone Central/Newman Grove freshman hosted Lutheran High Northeast January 23rd in Albion. They had a pretty good squad coming in not losing a game this year. We played a pretty tough first half keeping it within 7 points. LHNE picked it up in the second half proving to be too tough for the Cardinals.

Scoring	: 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
BCNG	10	3	10	5	28
LHNE	12	8	16	12	48

BC/NG Scorers: Chase Thieman 5, Blaine Young 9, Logan Hodges 6, Kayden Olnes 2, Dylan Korth 6

The Cardinal freshman hosted Norfolk Catholic January 26th in Albion. Once again we dug ourselves in a hole in the first half and weren't able to get out of it. We made a nice push in the third quarter but it wasn't enough to overcome the deficit. The cards record is now 1-7.

Scoring	: 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
BCNG	8	8	17	4	37
NC	15	15	14	9	53

BC/NG Scorers: Chase Thieman 6, Jose Clemente 4, Blaine

Young 8, Logan Hodges 12, Kayden Olnes 2, Dylan Korth 4 Pictured is Luis Fillol & Logan Hodges.



School Board Vacancy

We would like to thank Tom Haase for his service as a board member over the last 8 years. Tom has resigned from the school board, as he will be moving out of the district. If you are interested in serving your community as a school board member, please contact Board President John Krueger 402.841.0980. If you have questions about the role of a school board member, please contact Mikal Shalikow, mikal.shalikow@ngpublicschools.com or at school 402.447.6294





Boone Central/Newman Grove 8th Grade Boys Basketball

By Jeff Haves

BCNG vs. Neligh-Oakdale 1/19/17

We started off good this game and built a 16 to 5 halftime lead. We then started to have difficulty scoring. Neligh changed defenses from zone to man-to-man and we had difficulty taking care of the basketball. The game got pretty tight in the second half but we made just enough plays to get the win. We are struggling to make shots right now and we know that is something we need to continue to work at.

Score:	1^{st}	2^{nd}	$3^{\rm rd}$	4^{th}	Final
BCNG	8	8	2	9	27
Neligh	2	3	7	11	23

Scorers: Ryan Kramer 12, Shannon Samuels 11, Zane Niemann 2, Bryce Kennedy 2

BCNG vs. Twin River 1/21/17

We started off well in the first quarter matching Twin River's scores to be down only by 2. In the second quarter, we just couldn't hit the shots we needed to make. The same happened in the third quarter. We could not manage to create many scoring opportunities against Twin River's defense. The team competes hard but offensively we are struggling.

Score:	1^{st}	2^{nd}	$3^{\rm rd}$	4^{th}	Final
BCNG	12	3	9	12	27
Twin River	14	16	16	4	50

Scorers: Ryan Kramer 8, Shannon Samuels 13, Bryce Kennedy 2, Gage Groeteke 4

We also played two extra quarters for the 8th grade team. We got some more time on the court for the team.. There was not much scoring in this game. Twin River was able to outscore us 6 to 2. Caleb Kohl scored our basket.

BCNG vs. St. Paul 1/26/17

St. Paul was a very good team and they really limited our scoring opportunities. We got some good looks at the basket but often rushed our shots. We did not handle their press very well, which led to baskets for them. The team needs to keep working on basketball fundamentals so we can react to situations more quickly. We are playing hard but we don't always see the opening in the opponent's defense until it is too late to make a pass or move.

Score:	1 st	2^{nd}	3^{rd}	4 th	Final
BCNG	4	3	0	7	14
St. Paul	15	20	10	6	51

Scorers: Ryan Kramer 3, Shannon Samuels 7, Gage Groeteke 4

We played an extra quarter at halftime of the $8^{\rm th}$ grade game. We were outscored 12 to 2. Caleb Kohl made our basket.

BCNG vs. Fullerton 2/2/17

It was a tough night for the 8th grade team against Fullerton. We are just really struggling to convert shots into points. We get some good looks but just haven't found the touch to get them in the hoop. Our timing still needs work so we can find the opening when it happens. The team continues to compete hard but we are just not matching our opponents on the offensive end.

Score:	1^{st}	2^{nd}	$3^{\rm rd}$	4^{th}	Final
BCNG	3	5	2	7	17
Fullerton	12	9	12	13	46

Scorers: Ryan Kramer 5, Wade Hendrickson 4, Bradley Schindel 5, Seth Wright 2, Bryce Kennedy 1

BCNG vs. Central City 2/6/17

We started fairly well in this game and had the lead for a short time. Then we started to struggle with Central City's press and pressure defense. The team was able to get a couple more buckets right before half. We just did not score as well the second half and Central City extended their lead. We are doing some good things at times but just can't do it on a consistent basis.

Score:	1 st	2^{nd}	$3^{\rm rd}$	4^{th}	Final
BCNG	5	6	2	4	17
CC	14	10	6	12	42

Scorers: Ryan Kramer 14, Seth Wright 1, Bryce Kennedy 2

BCNG vs. O'Neill 2/13/17

We really struggled offensively throughout this game. We ran a couple plays that got us good looks but could not find our shooting touch. We did a fairly good job on defense. We got lost a few times but worked hard throughout the game. The team keeps trying their best every game but we are finding it hard to score points.

Score:	1 st	2^{nd}	$3^{\rm rd}$	4^{th}	Final
BCNG	2	2	5	6	15
O'Neill	8	5	17	4	34

Scorers: Ryan Kramer 2, Shannon Samuels 5, Seth Wright 1, Bryce Kennedy 7

PTO News

The Newman Grove PTO sponsored "A Sweet Christmas" during the school Christmas program in December. Cookies and other goodies, along with hot chocolate and lemonade were enjoyed by those in attendance. Thank you to all who donated treats for this!

The PTO also provided a light meal and dessert for the teachers during parent teacher conferences on February 1.

Our next meeting is Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7 pm in the FCS room. Everyone is welcome!

The online shopping option is still available, and our school receives a portion of all purchases. Just go to www.SchoolMall.com, select Newman Grove Schools, and shop! Over 400 popular merchants to choose from!

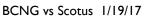






Varsity Girls Basketball

By Andy Imus



Another state rated team in a pretty tough environment. A slow 18-10 first quarter that saw Jenna Kramer and Carsen Grape with two fouls apiece. Karlie and Keiley Tisthammer provided some good minutes off the bench. Halftime saw us down 24-21. The third quarter saw BCNG outscore Scotus 16-11 to take a 37-35 lead into the fourth quarter. Bailey Reigle had a very good game scoring 14 points, but more importantly, she played her best defensive game. Final score of the game was 41-46 with Scotus on top.

BCNG vs Ord 1/20/17

Another game, another state rated team. We were down 25-15 in the second quarter with some bad turnovers that Ord capitalized on. We challenged the girls at halftime to dominate the post area offensively as Ord had some foul trouble, but we also had an advantage there. They did a good job of finding Carsen Grape and she responded well by finishing around the basket. The fourth quarter saw BCNG with a 2 point lead with under a minute to go, only to see Ord hit a 3 point shot to take a 1 point lead with under 20 seconds left. We decided to let them play and not call a timeout because we didn't want Ord's defense to reset. Our guards did a good job of getting a ball reversal to break their press and Bailey Reigle aggressively attacked the rim, her pull up jumper fell short, Carsen rebounded and put it back up, only to miss and get rebounded and put back in by Bailey. Ord's last second three was missed and BCNG picked up the win over a state rated Ord team. I'm proud of all these girls and their desire to improve as a team.

BCNG vs Norfolk Catholic 1/26/17

In a game that never seemed to get any flow, BCNG beat Norfolk Catholic 48-41. Both teams combined to shoot 53 free throws during the game. A slow first half saw the Lady Cards down 21-15. Norfolk Catholic had 16 offensive rebounds, but those were cut down mid 3rd quarter and 4th quarter as we moved back to man defense. The second half saw a 33-20 BCNG advantage for the win. An 11-14 shooting at the free throw line in the 4th quarter helped seal the deal.

BCNG vs Battle Creek 1/27/17

55-46 Boone Central/Newman Grove win that saw a 32-21 second half advantage for the Lady Cards. Our press did some good things as did a change in offensive alignment in the second half. We had good ball movement and stayed on the attack. Shot 9/10 from the free throw line. Three Tessa Hedlund 3 pointers in the third quarter swung the momentum in our favor. A good win verses a solid Battle Creek team.

BCNG vs Norfolk Catholic 1/28/17

Third game in three days saw a 42-33 BCNG win in the play in game of the Mid States Conference Tournament. A quick II-0 run to start the game was the decisive factor. Our girls came ready to play as they took a I3-3 first quarter lead. The second quarter saw BCNG have some mental errors and turnovers that were unforced. We had NC back on their heels, but instead of that knockout punch, we made some mistakes that allowed them back into the game as a 20-18 BCNG lead indicated. A 22-15 BCNG sec-

ond half advantage allowed them to take the win. I thought we came out in the third quarter (II-4) and had NC back on their heels again.

BCNG vs GACC 1/30/17

We played #I seed GACC and lost a close 42-34 game. We had a good first quarter taking an 6-5 lead. We really could have expanded on that lead, but a 3/13 shooting did not help matters. We executed the game plan fairly well, showed good patience offensively and really tried to slow the game down. The second quarter saw GACC outscore BC/NG 18-7 as we hurried shots offensively that led GACC to hit a couple 3's in transition and they were able to establish their post play better to gain some momentum. However, a Tessa Hedlund 3 before the buzzer made the halftime score 15-23 in favor of GACC. A 12-9 third quarter BCNG advantage saw GACC 32 BCNG 27. BCNG was able to cut it to four points in the fourth quarter, but a couple untimely turnovers took away any chance to cut the deficit any closer. We had great looks at the basket, but a 12/50 shooting night didn't do us any favors. We had good execution offensively, just couldn't get the ball in the hoop at times. I was proud of the way our girls competed during this game and a few unfortunate bounces went the other way, or we would have been looking at a different outcome. Tessa Hedlund had a good night of scoring (20pts) on the benefit of hitting 6 three point shots, Jenna Kramer 6pts, and Lauren Hedlund 5 pts.

BCNG vs O'Neill

Lost to O'Neill 39-28 in the consolation game played at Norfolk Catholic. BCNG held a slim 16-15 halftime lead, and a 23-22 lead after 3 quarters. Another night of poor shooting as BCNG shot 10/43 from the field. We had good looks again, but just had a hard time converting close range shots. We also gave up 12 offensive rebounds that resulted in 9 O'Neill second chance points. O'Neill shot 19/23 with a 15/18 fourth quarter performance from the free throw line that ultimately won them the game. O'Neill did a great job of rebounding and staying on the attack and they made us pay. They took away our offensive strengths and that put our offensive flow into a bind. We need to do a better job of hitting our open shots first and foremost, along with improving our skills to be able to capitalize on taking what teams give us. We need to continue to strive for that consistent four quarter game.

BCNG vs Grand Island Northwest

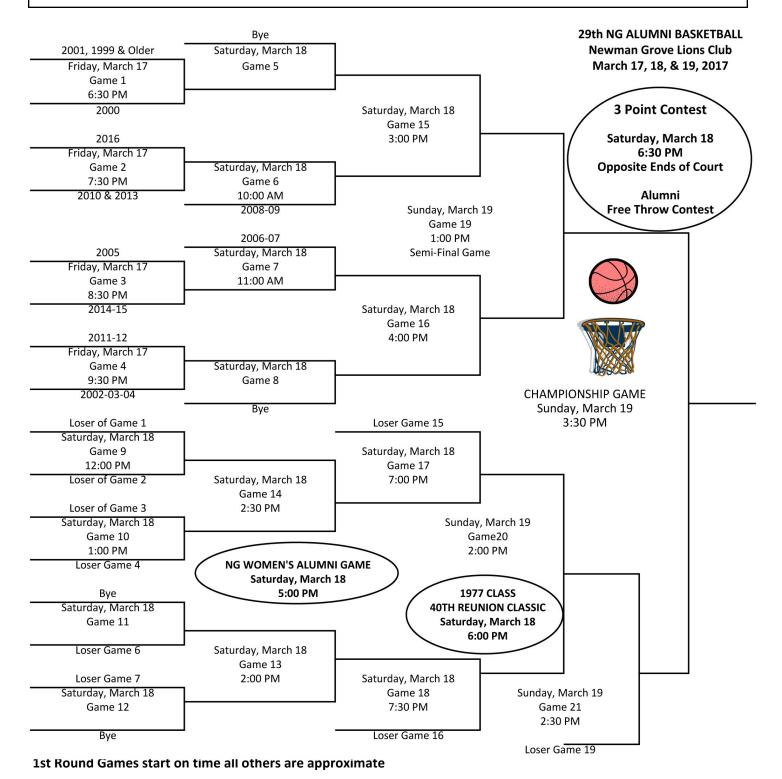
Lost a tough one to GINW 42-20. Took a good 10-5 lead

after the first quarter, but couldn't seem to find the hoop after the first. We had decent looks, just couldn't get it to fall through the hoop. Played well for the most part defensively, had a couple breakdowns in defending screens, but otherwise good effort on that end. We obviously didn't do enough on the offensive end to win this game, but we can't allow it to bother our confidence. We need to become mentally tougher when we face some adversity.

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Pictured is Leighann Miller.





Alumni Players

K-12 Students

Preschool

Adults

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FREE

Admission:

Friday 6-10 PM (approx.)

provided by Newman Huskers 4-H

Saturday from 10 AM- 7 PM (approx.)

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2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Bluejay Foundation Scholarships Celine Dunlap —\$500 Steven Arreguin —\$500

Jennevie (Froistad) O'Reilly Scholarship Celine Dunalp —\$400

> Muller Family Scholarship Steven Arreguin —\$1,000

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Randy Benson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Nolan Wondercheck—\$400

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Gearhart/Foundation/NECC Scholarship Esmeralda Arreguin —\$600

> "Buddy" & Delores Gustafson Family Scholarship William Dyer —\$500

Matthew London Memorial Scholarship William Dyer —\$400

> Bluejay/Community Foundation Career Scholarship Esmeralda Arreguin —\$1,000

Senator Tom Kennedy Memorial Sch Savannah Wiese —\$1,000

Qualset Family Ag Scholarship Andy King, Joe O'Brien and Nolan Wondercheck—\$750

Donavon/Ruth Nelson Family Science Education Scholarship Esmeralda Arreguin —\$500

Dr. Kenneth and Caroline McDonald Eng Foundation

Steven Arreguin —\$3,000 William Dyer —\$3,000

Newman Grove Senior Center Scholarship Crystal Salinas —\$500 Savannah Wiese —\$500

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HISTORY BLUEJAY FOUNDATION

The Bluejay Foundation was established in January, 1991 as a non-profit, tax exempt corporation.

The Foundation's goal is to provide a source for scholarships and other educational programs above and beyond those provided by the regular tax-supported academic programs of Newman Grove Schools.

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MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday Student Council Mtg (lunch)	GBB: State Tourney (Lincoln) 7:00am Dance Team Practice	No School PK-12 GBB: State Tourney (Lincoln) ACT Registration Deadline	4 GBB: State Tourney (Lincoln)
5	6 9:00am 9th Career Day @ NECC	7 7:00am Dance Team Practice 7:15am CILT Team Mtg	8 8:00am Spring Pictures 2:00pm Assembly (Gr 6-12) 3:00pm Assembly (Gr K-5)	BBB: State Tourney (Lincoln) Jr Class Mtg (lunch) 7:00am Dance Team Practice	10 No School PK-12 End of 3rd Quarter Teacher In-Service BBB: State Tourney (Lincoln)	11 BBB: State Tourney (Lincoln)
Speech District Contests (11, 13-16) Daylight Savings Time Begins	John Baylor Test Prep Begins 7:30pm Board of Ed Mtg	FBLA Mtg (lunch) 7:00am Dance Team Practice	15 Senior Class Mtg (lunch)	Speech: District Contest @ Humprhey 7:00am Dance Team Practice	Alumni B-Ball Tourney Senior Careers Class (Per 3) Jr Class Mtg (lunch)	Alumni B-Ball Tourney TR: Wayne State Indoor Invite (A)
Alumni B-Ball Tourney NeSA Testing (Mar 20 - May 6) NRCSA Conf (Kearney) (Mar 23- 24)	7:00pm PTO Meeting 7:30pm FFA Meeting	Jr Class Mtg (lunch) 7:00am Dance Team Practice 7:00pm Pre- Brainard Concert	8:00am NECC Scholastic Contest	UNMC 8th Grade Science Fair (Norfolk) 7:00am Dance Team Practice	Speech: State Championships (Kearney) GNSEF Science Fair @ Nebraska City	Brainard Music Contest GNSEF Science Fair @ Nebraska City Class D Honor Band (UN K) 7:30pm Prom
26 GNSEF Science Fair @ Nebraska City	27 2:00pm Spring Play (to Elem) 7:30pm Spring Play	7:00am Dance Team Practice 3:30pm TR: Madison Triangular (A)	29	30 7:00am Dance Team Practice	Senior Careers Class (Per 6) NJAS Science Fair (Wayne) 1:30pm K-6 "Music in our Schools" Talent Show 7:30pm Nt'l Honor Society Induction Ceremony	

Fruit Cocktail

Pineapple

Garlic Bread

Pumpkin Bar



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
Happy St. Patrick's Day	February 28 Apple Turnover Fresh Fruit & Juice Chicken Strips Tater Tots California Veggies Tropical Fruit	March 1 Mini Waffles Fresh Fruit & Juice Cheese Pizza Green Beans Peaches	March 2 Muffin Fresh Fruit & Juice Chicken & Rice Casserole Peas Dinner Roll Pineapple	March 3 NO SCHOOL
March 6 Cinni Minis Fresh Fruit & Juice Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Pears	March 7 Breakfast Pizza Boat Fresh Fruit & Juice Walking Tacos Corn Fruit Cocktail	March 8 French Toast Sticks Fresh Fruit & Juice Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy/Peas Mandarin Oranges	March 9 Ultimate Breakfast Round Fresh Fruit & Juice Chicken Sandwich Twister Fries Green Beans Pineapple	March 10 NO SCHOOL
March 13 Cereal/Yogurt Fresh Fruit & Juice Pepperoni Pizza Corn Tropical Fruit	March 14 Mini Waffle Fresh Fruit & Juice Ham Patty Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll	March 15 Long John Fresh Fruit & Juice Beef Stew Fruit Cocktail Biscuit/Jelly	March 16 Cheese Omelet Fresh Fruit & Juice Chicken Nuggets Steamed Carrots Peaches	March 17 Apple Frudel Fresh Fruit & Juice Cheese Quesadilla Fiesta Beans Applesauce
March 20 Cinnamon Twist Fresh Fruit & Juice Popcorn Chicken California Veggies Mandarin Oranges	March 21 Apple Churro Fresh Fruit & Juice Hamburger French Fries Mixed Veggies Fruit Cocktail	March 22 Breakfast Sandwich Fresh Fruit & Juice Pizza Cruncher Green Beans Peaches	March 23 Breakfast Sliders Fresh Fruit & Juice Chili Carrot Sticks Pears Cinnamon Roll	March 24 Mini Pancakes Fresh Fruit & Juice Cheese Pizza Corn Tropical Fruit
March 27 Pancake Wraps Fresh Fruit & Juice Crispito/Chz Sauce Refried Beans Broccoli	March 28 Breakfast Round Fresh Fruit & Juice Shred Pork Sandwich Tater Tots Peas Pineapple	March 29 Mini Donuts Fresh Fruit & Juice Flying Saucer Mashed Potatoes Peaches Dinner Poll	March 30 French Toast Sticks Fresh Fruit & Juice Chicken Strips Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	March 31 Bagel/Cream Cheese Fresh Fruit & Juice Meatless Spaghetti Corn Pears Garlia Bread

(menus are subject to change without notice)

Dinner Roll





Winter Homecoming 2017



Winter Homecoming ceremonies were held on Saturday evening, January 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The ceremony began with the introduction of all high school students.

Selected as the 2017 Queen was Mya Donelson, daughter of Alan and Daidrea Donelson. She was robed by Fall Homecoming King Jacob Potmesil, son of Todd and Jeri Potmesil, and was presented a gift and bouquet by candidate Luis Fillol. Other candidates were Alexis Kopecky (attendant), daughter of Ken & Nancy Kopecky, and Bridgette Borgheiinck, daughter of Richard and Arlene Borgheiinck.

The Winter Homecoming King was Luis Fillol, son of Luis and Marisa Fillol Cuadrado and foreign exchange student hosted by Mikal Shalikow. He was presented a gift by candidate Bridgette Borgheiinck. Steven Arreguin and Hannah Haase crowned this year's royalty.

Carpet rollers were Levi Krueger, son of John and Julie Krueger, and Cody Nelson, son of Scott and Kristin Nelson and Becky and Jim Haver. Candle lighters were Vanessa Arreguin, daughter of Jorgé and Martha Arreguin, and Payton Nelson, daughter of Ross and Amy Nelson. The flower girl was Sydney Patzel, daughter of Troy & Karla Patzel. The crown bearer was Griffin Nelson, son of Scott & Kristin Nelson.



A dance followed the coronation ceremonies. Tim Rossow and the FBLA organization were in charge of the Winter Homecoming event.

Royalty Court pictured are back row (1-r): Payton Nelson, Vanessa Arreguin, Hannah Haase, Bridgette Borgheiinck, Alexis Kopecky, King Luis Fillol, Jacob Potmesil, Levi Krueger, Cody Nelson. Front row: Sydney Patzel, Queen Mya Donelson, Griffin Nelson.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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