



# The Bluejay Bulletin

## Newman Grove Public Schools

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February, 2018

### Board of Education Meeting Summary February 12, 2018

- The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Krueger. Members answering roll call were Ryan Chilson, Ginger Buhl-Jorgensen, John Krueger, Jeanie McCloud, Scott Nelson, Becky Wallin.
- President Krueger announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the room in accordance with the law.
- The agenda was approved as published; minutes of the of the January 8, 2018 meeting were approved as printed.
- The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 12th at 7:30 p.m.
- Elementary faculty presented information on their programs. The focus was primarily on the use and positive results from extra intervention implemented in the lower elementary grades.
- Monthly reports were provided by Matt Rudloff (Counselor) and Karla Patzel (Activities Director). Mr. Rudloff also introduced his student teacher for the semester, Felicia Reed.
- Principal Barnes provided information on parent/teacher conferences and up-coming NSCAS and ACT testing, reminding the importance of having students get a good night's sleep beforehand.
- Superintendent Shalikow's reported on the NRCSA Spring Conference (March 22-23), Superintendent Education Forum (February 21-22), results from the NDE external review team's visit on February 6th (excellent report), and a visit by the Fire Marshal on January 31, 2018. A written report from the Fire Marshal has been received and will be made public.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. Bills totaling \$32,982.26 (General Fund), \$1,390.00 (Depreciation Fund), and \$566.15 (Building Fund). It was also decided to let the maturing CD's #464 and 567 renew.
- Adoption and approval of a resolution calling for a special election to be held in the District regarding the issuance by the District of its general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$9,500,000 to finance additions to and renovations of the District's school facilities.
- Approval was given for 2018-2019 ESU8 contracts (Distance Learning, Nursing Services, Special Education, and Technology Services).
- Approve NETA for Instructional Staff In-Service 2019.
- The 2018-2019 academic school year calendar was approved as presented.
- Approved the 2018-2019 contract for Principal Darrell Barnes.
- Approved the 2018-2019 contract amendment for Superintendent Mikal Shalikow.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- The Senior Class for being the Champions of the Fall and Winter Pep Rally Class Competitions.
- Abbie Pieke and Riley Montoya –Homecoming Royalty!
- Dance team for their 3rd place finish in the Arlington Dance Competition.
- Boys Varsity Basketball team on their 2nd place finish in the Conference Tournament.
- Abbie Pieke who earned a 1st place gold at FFA Districts on her Agri-Science Proficiency.
- Participants placing at the Conference Wrestling Tournament: Champions-Garrett Cornwell and Jon Merten, 2nd Place-Trey Schafer, and 4th Place-Dalton Rasmussen.
- State Wrestling Qualifiers. District Placing: Jon Merten 1st, Trey Schafer 2nd, Will Grape 2nd and Garrett Cornwell 3rd. Team Placed 7th.

### No School Announcements

Wednesday, Feb. 21	NO SCHOOL PK-12
Friday, March 2	NO SCHOOL PK-12
Friday, March 9	NO SCHOOL PK-12
Friday, March 30	NO SCHOOL PK-12
Monday, April 2	NO SCHOOL PK-12

## KING & QUEEN



Winter Homecoming Royalty:  
Queen Abbie Pieke and King Riley Montoya  
Flower Girl Adrianna Morris and  
Crown Bearer Cash Sweetser



## From the Desk of Superintendent Mikal Shalikow

In response to phone calls, text messages, and emails from a media contact, the Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal - Sean Lindgren and Deputy State Fire Marshal - Todd Brehm conducted a Fire and Life Safety inspection of our educational facilities. During this inspection, they uncovered several Life Safety Code and Fire Code deficiencies. Some of the major deficiencies included the lack of fire barrier separation for stairways, the lack of fire barrier separation of hazardous areas, lack of proper rescue windows in classrooms where required, inadequate fire alarm devices, improper electrical wiring uses, and lack of means of egress signage and emergency lighting. These violations would need to include installation of fire sprinkler systems in the 7-12 building as well as the entire elementary school.

The work of correcting many of the smaller issues has already been completed. There are several items that will require the district to spend significant dollars to correct. A plan of correction will be provided as directed by the Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal. The board did pass a resolution on February 12, 2018 to bring the \$9.5 million bond to public vote at the May primaries. If the bond passes, most all of the larger Life Safety Code violations would be addressed.

We have had several calls from concerned parents about taking learning materials, student artwork and other student projects off the walls in the Elementary. Paragraph 10.2.5.3 of NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code®, limits bulletin boards, posters, and paper attached directly to the walls to not more than 20 percent of the wall area. Teachers have been working hard at complying with this Life Safety Code, and unfortunately this is why students art work and teacher decorations have been removed.

There are several things that will need to be done prior to starting school in 2018-2019. The school board has not had a lot of time to discuss options or formulate a plan. It will be extremely difficult to hold school in the current elementary building in its existing condition. The report specifically states "Student occupancy shall not be approved in the lower level classrooms for the 2018-2019 school year if the existing conditions remain." The board will be working diligently over the next couple of months to formulate a plan of action to address these needs.

A copy of the Fire Marshal report is available on the district's website, under the facilities tab. If you should have any questions or concerns please contact Superintendent, Mikal Shalikow.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL DARRELL BARNES



### NSCAS Summative Testing and the ACT

The next window for the testing of English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science begins on March 19 with the ending date of April 27. Grades 3-8 will take Math and ELA tests while 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 in April.

All Juniors or third year high school students will be taking the ACT test, which measures college preparedness, in place of the NSCAS tests. The ACT will be given April 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 those students taking the ACT access to ACT Online Prep which they can 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. A score of 27 or higher on any ACT test taken will also get your name posted on the ACT board at the school.**

In order for your student to be prepared for these tests, 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 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. Reading is a fun and educational way to bond with your children. Quality time!

### One Meal A Day

Did you know that children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior? Many years ago, in my sociology class the students were asked to get their families to sit and eat together at least one meal a day. The students reported that it increased communication between kids and parents. The events of the day were discussed and led to more interest in what was going on in each other's lives. The vast majority of students worked on trying to continue having that one meal together. It's worth a try!



## COUNSELOR'S

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**Matt Rudloff**  
K-12 Counselor  
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## **FIVE REASONS WHY DEADLINES ARE LIFELINES FOR STUDENTS**

Tim Elmore – Growing Leaders – [www.growingleaders.com](http://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.

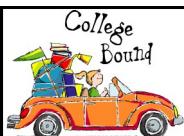
I was 21 years old when I married my wife, Pam. She was 19. We weren't completely privy to all that marriage entails, but we struck out on our own. I finished my senior year of college, while working a full-time job. We both have parents who loved us enough to say—we believe in you. Call if you need 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 2018



### What you need to know about...scholarships!

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent. Some are based on financial need as determined by the results of your [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Here's where you can find scholarships:

- [ScholarshipQuest](#) 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.

[Click here](#) for more details about scholarships and tips to help you complete a successful application.

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- [Facebook](#) drawing when we hit **7,000** followers
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- [Instagram](#) drawing when we hit **1,000** followers

EducationQuest will continue to award \$500 *Get Social Scholarships* each time we reach an additional 500 followers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. [Click here](#) for more details.

### 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:

- \_\_\_ Start preparing for the ACT. Here are [test-prep resources](#) to consider.
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by February 9 for the March 10 SAT.
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by March 9 for the April 14 ACT.

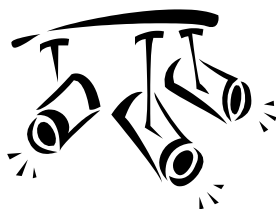
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# Senior Spotlight



**Evelyn  
Estrada-Gonzalez**

Parents:  
José Estrada & Maria Gonzalez

Other Family Members:  
Leslie, Mariely

Favorite Pastime:  
Drawing while listening to my favorite music

Senior Activities:  
FBLA, FFA, Student Council, Dance, Band, Bowling  
National Honor Society, Shell Creek Watershed

Part-Time Employment:  
3 and Out

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend UNL and major in psychology

**Bryton  
Fowlkes**

Parents:  
Dan & Sheila Fowlkes

Other Family Members:  
Jordan

Favorite Pastime:  
Hanging out with friends, driving around and sleeping

Senior Activities:  
Wrestling, FFA, Golf

Part-Time Employment:  
Fowlkes Farm

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend a 2 Year College for Welding



**Cody  
Nelson**

Parents:  
Scott & Kristin Nelson and  
Becky & Jim Haver

Other Family Members:  
James & Brynn Haver,  
Griffin, Everett, Bennett, Emmarie Nelson

Favorite Pastime:  
Hanging out with my teammates after  
football or basketball games.

Senior Activities:  
Football, FFA, Basketball, National Honor Society,  
Student Council, Shell Creek Watershed, Track

Part-Time Employment:  
Nelson Farms & Work for Mr. Shalikow

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend UNK to play football and pursue a degree in  
Physics or Chemistry

**Abbie  
Pieke**

Parents:  
David & Cindy Pieke

Other Family Members:  
Brittany, Brooke,  
Lynzee, Chris, Harper & Ellie Nelson

Favorite Pastime:  
Going to the lake with my friends - classmates

Senior Activities:  
FFA, Yearbook, ISR, Monarch Project, Class President,  
Shell Creek Watershed, Know Your Well Project

Part-Time Employment:  
Dietary Aide at Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend a 2 Year College and then transfer to UNL  
for Agriculture Education with a minor in Agronomy





## Third Grade News

By: Emily Niewohner

Greetings from third grade! This year, we have 17 students in our class and we have been so busy learning new things!

Some major concepts that we are learning in third grade include multiplication and cursive. Our class started out learning the basics behind multiplication and now we are working towards mastering our multiplication facts through Rocket Math and other practice.

Throughout the school year,



we've had some fun events take place. In August, we were able to experience the solar eclipse, which was so cool and unforgettable! In September, we went to Olson Nature Preserve and also celebrated Grandparents Day. We had such a fun time riding on top of the fire truck and in the ambulance in October. In November, we had our first "brownie point" party, which the students earned for their good behavior! The students did an excellent job at their Christmas music program in December. And we had a blast during our holiday parties!

We look forward to all of the fun learning and activities that will take place in third grade during the second half of the school year. :)

The picture to the left is us posing with our ugly Christmas sweaters.



## Did You Know?

The Newman Grove FFA Chapter is celebrating National FFA Week from February 17th-24th. This week embraces more than 90 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future.

Agriculture Education includes three components, the Classroom/Laboratory, FFA, and Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE). A program has to have **ALL** three components!

The Newman Grove FFA chapter is the oldest and longest running FFA chapter in the state of Nebraska! The chapter charter was signed in March of 1929 by Leslie M. Applegate, the first National FFA President.

Our chapter has **53** FFA members, including students in 7th through 12th grades. Of those **53** students **12** of our members are from Lindsay Holy Family.

Our chapter is competitive - competing against 8000 members and 184 chapters in Nebraska! This year our chapter has already received numerous awards including...

- Qualifying a team for the state land judging contest - 3rd place finish at districts
- Winning two district Leadership Development Event contests including Natural Resources speaking and Cooperative speaking
- Finishing in 2nd place in the The Climate Corporation's Corn Disease Image Contest
- One student selected to participate in the State FFA Chorus
- One 1st place gold award at district proficiency reviews in Agriscience Research - Environmental Service Systems/Natural Resources
- Seven FFA members that will receive their State Degree in April at the Nebraska State FFA Convention



## Social Studies Classes

By Rob Rose



Each class is doing CNN 10 everyday. This is listening to current news stories for ten minutes. They all need to write about one of the topics explaining what the topic was about and their opinion on the topic and why they think it is hurting us or helping us as America.

**World History** is a class of 3 students. We 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 their 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 year in **American Government**. The 14 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 were 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 benefits each member of government receives. With a little more time in prep work for this class and using actual events, we are able to have some great discussions and learning without a lot of paperwork on the students part. We are doing current events each week to get them to know what is going on in our world today.

Seven juniors in **American History** are studying and re-searching World War I. They study the reasons 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 7<sup>th</sup> **Grade Nebraska History** class has 12 students. They have worked on reading maps like the Nebraska state map. They had to find towns and distances and other items. We have studied the Indians of Nebraska, like where they lived, how they lived and what did they lived in. They made a teepee or earth lodge and presented their Indian tribe of Nebraska. We have started with Europe and are now on North and South Korea. We do maps and Lizardpoint to study the countries.

The two students in **World Geography** are currently studying US and Canada. 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 affect the populations and cultures of US and Canada. They have been drawing maps to get a better understanding of the climates and population. They did a project on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

## FFA Officer Highlight



**Tyson Haddix**

2017-2018 Student Advisor

Favorite Ag Class: Advanced Projects

**FFA Activities & Contests:** Land Judging, Live-stock Judging, Job Interview, P2C Conference, Vet Science, National Convention, Activate/ Leverage Conference, Ag Mechanics, Natural Resources, LDE's and CDE's Districts, and State Convention

**Favorite FFA Memory –** My favorite FFA memory was going to National Convention with my friends and accidentally texting something to the wrong group chat.

**How has FFA made a difference in your life?** FFA has given me opportunity to meet so many new and interesting people through contests and conferences. The conferences have helped me to be a responsible, honest, and hard-working person in the real world. The contests have taught me that you have to work hard to get to the next level.

## Newman Grove FFA Week Activities

February 19th-23rd, 2018

### Monday, February 19th

FFA Daily Trivia and Emblem Hide Game Starts  
Agriculture Hat Day  
Elementary Coloring Contest

### Tuesday, February 20th

Teacher/Staff Breakfast - 7:30 AM  
Official Dress Day  
Business Appreciation Day

### Wednesday, February 21st - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, February 22nd  
Elementary Agricultural Literacy Day  
FFA T-Shirt Day

### Friday, February 23rd

Ag Olympics 2:30 PM in the High School Gym  
Kiss the Pig Contest  
Farmer Friday (Dress like a farmer/rancher)







# Music Notes



by Tami Texley

## Wayne State Honor Choir Festival

On Friday, February 2, 2018 Wayne State College hosted the annual Honor Choir Festival. It was held in the Peterson Fine Arts Building and the Rice Auditorium.

This event brought together some of the best high school voices in the region for an exciting day of music-making. The mixed choir was conducted by Matthew Armstrong and the women's choir was conducted by Tracy Anderson, choral director at Wayne High School.

Participating from Newman Grove High School were: Junior, Matthew Rast, Freshmen, Emma Montoya and Bethany Borgheiinck. Their director is Mrs. Tami Texley.



## Heartland Middle School Honor Choir

On Friday, January 26th nine 6th–8th grade students traveled to Henderson for the 2018 Heartland Middle School Honor Choir Festival. Mr. Adam Reimer was Director for the day and has been teaching vocal music at Bellevue West High School since 2006, and graduated from West in 1998. He received his undergraduate and Masters degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. At West, Mr. Reimer helps direct the eight different choirs in the program, including West High Singers, Freshmen Chorus, and Concert Choir. He also serves as an advisor and directs Project 424 and Boyz Noyz. Pictured below is the Newman Grove boy participants - Darren Petersen, Isaac Potmesil, Isaac Alvarado, and Director Mr. Adam Reimer in back and Ian Salinas and Giles Deeder in front. Above is the top (l-r): Carmen Montoya, Ellie Rankin, Elyssa Cuevas and Taya Morrison.



## Students Participate in the 73rd Annual Boone Central Choral Clinic

Newman Grove High School Choral Students participated in the 73rd annual Boone Central Choral Clinic held on Monday, January 15, 2018 in Albion, NE. They joined twelve other area schools to practice during the day with guest conductor, David Sackschewsky, and presented a concert at 5:30 p.m. the same evening. Accompanist for the day and concert was Jill Nore. Whitney Paulson directed the Boone Central High School Band.

David Sackschewsky is the Director of Choirs at Northwest High School in Grand Island, Nebraska. There are seven ensembles that represent the Northwest High School Music Departments. Serving over 300 students. He and his wife, Julie are founders of the Great Plains Children's Choir, a 30 voice children's choir in central Nebraska.

Song selections were: We Are the Music Makers by Patti Drennan, Inscription of Hope by Stroope, Take Me to the Water by Rollo Dilworth and Battle Hymn of the Republic arr. By Roy Ringwald. The Boone Central High School band and Choir Directors joined the students on Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Participating schools for 2018 were: Battle Creek, Boone Central, Clearwater, Columbus Lakeview, Elgin Public, Humphrey St. Francis, Newman Grove, Orchard, Pope John XXIII, Spalding Academy, St. Edward, Twin River and Wheeler Central.

Pictured: Left to Right...Freshmen Bethany Borgheiinck and Emma Montoya







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

Jacob Matson – nominated by Mrs. Forre (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) who said,

“Jacob is a friendly student, who is willing to help any classmate out. He has worked very hard since the beginning of school and is doing an outstanding job with his reading. He is always happy and moves to any activity with a good attitude.”

Trent Patzel – nominated by Mrs. Kaufman (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) who said,

“Trent has shown great leadership while working in groups and offers his assistance to others when they are struggling. He puts in a lot of effort in class and takes pride in his work.”

Special thanks goes out to NG Bowling Alley Manager Tim Krueger who provided free meals to elementary students, parents and teachers. Pictured (l-r): Trent Patzel, Tim Krueger, and Jacob Matson.



## 7-12 Students of the Month Sponsored by Sheila's Shear Design

Mara Ranslem – nominated by Mr. Wiemer (English) who said,

“Mara is a sharp student who always does her best to go above and beyond. She often times is the first to offer answers to difficult questions, even if she is unsure about her answer. Doing this helps drive class discussions. Mara also exemplifies the best things teachers look for in students. She is driven, considerate, positive, friendly, and a true asset to any classroom.”

Dylan Bagley – nominated by Mr. Barnes (Principal) who said,

“Dylan does so much to help out the school. A key factor in nominating him is his willingness to take responsibility for operating the STRIV system which allows the school to broadcast certain events. The fact that Dylan has taken upper level classes via distance learning shows a strong work ethic and a sense of responsibility!”

Special thanks goes out to our sponsor Sheila's Shear Design who provided Dylan and Mara \$25 in Newman Grove Bucks. Pictured (l-r): Mara Ranslem, Sheila Fowlkes and Dylan Bagley



## 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 10/11 (Lincoln)  
Website: [www.newman.esu8.org](http://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.

## NDE External Review

By Erin Forre



On Tuesday, February 06, 2018 we had our NDE External Visit. The External team included Holly Herzberg - Hampton, Darin Hahne - Elkhorn Valley, Karla

Kush - Madison, Mary McKeon - Stanton, Stephanie Petersen - Leigh. These visits happen every 5 years. The visit is required under Rule 10 for state accreditation and they check to see that each district is using a Continuous Improvement Cycle to better the needs of their students. They review the school improvement process. Our school improvement goal for this cycle was- **“All students will increase their vocabulary across all academic areas which will assist students in improving their Nebraska state assessment scores in mathematics, reading, writing and science.”** During this cycle we choose a goal, determine ways to better improve instruction to meet the goal, provide resources for staff, and implement teaching and learning strategies. We closely monitor the testing data and make data based decisions. We had a very exceptional review! This confirms we are providing our students an outstanding education. Next year we will begin another cycle and choose a new goal.



## Boone Central/Newman Grove Wrestling

By Dale Bonge



### Gibbon Invitational 1/13/18

Team Scores: (1) Ord 206.0, (2) Wood River 147.0, (3) Gibbon 135.0, (4) BCNG 130.5, (5) Kearney Catholic 126.0, (6) Mitchell 107.0, (7) Southern Valley 95.0, (8) Fillmore Central 87.0, (9) Thayer Central 85.5, (10) Elwood 67.0, (11) Franklin 61.5, (12) Grand Island JV 59.0, (13) Harvard 53.0, (14) Ravenna 36.0

This meet went almost exactly as predicted by the seeding meeting for us. Eight medalists with two Champs in Jon Merten & Trey Schafer. Jon pinned his first two opponents and edged by in his finals match 4-3. Jon was close to scoring several times more in the finals, which showed that with a little more work on his technique, Jon will score in similar situations down the stretch. Trey was dominant in collecting his title with three first period pins.

Following a major decision and a pair of pins Garrett Cornwell came up just short in very competitive finals match losing 7-4 to earn second place. Dalton Rasmussen had a decent outing collecting two pins and earning 4<sup>th</sup> place. Tyson Haddix and Will Grape both earned 5<sup>th</sup> place. Will had a major decision, a tech fall and a pin. Tyson had a pin and a major. Cole Greek and Aaron Saldana each earned their first HS medals placing 6<sup>th</sup>. Aaron had a pair of pins and Cole also collected a pin. Wade Hendrickson earned his first varsity win of the year.

We ended just 4.5 points out of third place.

### Aquinas Dual 1/18/18

Aquinas 69 - BCNG 6

195: Tad Naiberk (AQCA) over (BCNG) (For.)

220: Sam Wisnieski (AQCA) over Cole Greek (BCNG) (Fall 1:35)

285: Dalton Rasmussen (BCNG) over Anthony Buresh (AQCA) (Fall 0:40)

106: Zach Zitek (AQCA) over Will Grape (BCNG) (TF 15-0 5:20)

113: Noah Scott (AQCA) over (BCNG) (For.)

120: Ben Shonka (AQCA) over Aaron Saldana (BCNG) (Fall 4:26)

126: Lance Dybdal (AQCA) over Tyson Haddix (BCNG) (Dec 8-2)

132: Creighton Redler (AQCA) over Wade Hendrickson (BCNG) (Fall 1:27)

138: Logan Helgoth (AQCA) over (BCNG) (For.)

145: Nathan Junck (AQCA) over Landin Pribnow (BCNG) (Fall 1:53)

152: Joe Kindler (AQCA) over (BCNG) (For.)

160: Kyle Petree (AQCA) over Garrett Cornwell (BCNG) (Dec 7-4)

170: Michael Coufal (AQCA) over Trey Schafer (BCNG) (MD 12-3)

182: Joseph Reimers (AQCA) over (BCNG) (For.)

JV

145 - Coy Meyenburg (AQUA) over Christopher Preister (BCNG) (Fall 1:17)

#6 rated Aquinas showed why they are highly rated in our dual. They have 5 state rated wrestlers. Dalton Rasmussen prevented the shutout with a pin over his opponent. Garrett had tied his #3 rated Petree 4-4 at the end of the second period. In the third period Garrett nearly reversed Petree to his back but ended up on his back instead giving up 3 back points. Tyson, and Trey lost by decision.

### Madison Invitational 1/19/18

Team Scores: (1) Columbus Lakeview 239.5, (2) Logan View 168.0, (3) BCNG 139.5, (4) Wakefield 131.0, (5) Grand Island Gold 123.5, (6) Conestoga 95.5, (7) Crofton/Bloomfield 92.5, (8) Twin River 87, (9) Norfolk 85, (10) Grand Island Purple 73, (11) Madison 59, (12) Stanton 56, (13) Pender 45, (14) Wisner-Pilger 28, (15) Friend 14

Most of our inexperienced wrestlers had a rough meet, but

our more experienced wrestlers plus Dalton Rasmussen had their best meet of the year thus far. Six total medalists with 5 in the finals - 3 champs - 2 runner-ups, and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher.

Unseeded Will Grape had an awesome day with 3 pins en route to the finals. There he fell behind 4-0 in the first period but battled his way back with 5 unanswered points and held on for a 5-4 win. This was Will's first high school tournament championship. Garrett Cornwell came from the third seed to win his title. He started with a pin and a tech fall then had a great match against the #2 seed winning 10-3. He then survived in the finals with a takedown in sudden victory overtime to secure his second tournament title of the year.

Jon Merten was our only #1 seed and earned his 5<sup>th</sup> championship of the year in spite of not feeling the best. His semifinal match pushed him to the limit but Jon persevered with an overtime escape in the ultimate tie-breaker. Jon won his other matches by pin. Coming from the #5 seed Trey Schafer knocked off the #4 and #1 seeds in close matches to make the finals. The #1 seed is also rated 3<sup>rd</sup> in state. There he had another close match but came up just short dropping by a 7-4 score.

Dalton Rasmussen had a break-out week making his first finals. His finals opponent had pinned Dalton in the first period earlier in the year. Though he did not win Dalton pushed the match into overtime coming up just short in a 9-8 loss.

Seeded 5<sup>th</sup> Tyson Haddix also had a good day recording two pins, one on the #4 seed. He also topped the #3 seed by 7 points on his way to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. His only loss came to the eventual champ and Tyson was also the only man to go the distance with him. Chris Preister was our only other wrestler to record a win on the day.

### Boone Central Triangular 1/26/18

Injuries & illness have not been kind to us this year. We really miss having Ethan Dozler, Bryton Fowlkes and Joe Scofield in the line-up. With those guys I believe we beat Scotus - but Lakeview is another story. Lakeview has as good of a team as they have ever had. They have a few really good wrestlers and put a solid man to the mat at every weight.

Scotus 48 - BCNG 35

Lakeview 67 - BCNG 9

### Boone Central/Newman Grove Invitational 1/27/18

Team Scores: (1) Aquinas Catholic 184, (2) David City 175.5, (3) Kearney 167, (4) Omaha Westside 129, (5) Elkhorn Valley 120, (6) Pierce 95, (7) Malcom 86.5, (8) O'Neill 75, (9) BCNG 68.5, (10) GACC 63.5, (11) Neligh-Oakdale 62.5, (12) Ashland-Greenwood 62, (12) Bayard 62, (14) Nebraska Christian 20

It was a rough week for our guys. We did not wrestle poorly, but we did not rise to the occasion like we did last week. Our tournament was tough as it featured 27 state rated wrestlers with all four classes represented in the rankings and three top ten rated teams. On the positive side we ended up plus one on our seeds to our actual placements. On the negative side we ended up on the short end of a lot of close matches.

Will Grape's weight class was loaded with talent. Will was seeded 9<sup>th</sup> and placed 8<sup>th</sup> and just missed out on 7<sup>th</sup> coming up just short in an overtime loss in his last match. Tyson Haddix had a solid day and placed 5<sup>th</sup> from a #6 seed. Garrett Cornwell tweaked his shoulder in his first match, which affected him throughout the day and caused him to forfeit his last match. Trey Schafer placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in a very competitive bracket. Jon Merten just missed making the finals in an overtime loss. The #3 state rated guy bested Jon for the bronze medal 3-1. Jon is just a hair away from winning the whole thing. Dalton Rasmussen continues his rapid improvement going





3-1 and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> with his only loss being by a close 4-2 score.

In the JV division Cole Greek was our lone champion, with Aaron Saldana, Wade Hendrickson, TJ Weber, and Richard Cleveland all placing second. Landin Pribnow placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Mid-State Conference @ Norfolk Catholic 2/3/18**

Team Scores: (1) Battle Creek 227, (2) Wayne 140.5, (3) Crofton 137, (4) Pierce 134, (5) Norfolk Catholic 90, (6) Boone Central/Newman Grove 88, (7) Hartington CC 77.5, (8) O'Neill 64, (9) GACC 36.5

We did not place as high as we would have liked as a team, nor place as many guys as we would have liked, but on the positive side we had more than one conference champ for the first time since 2009. Due to injuries we were competing without Will Grape and Bryton Fowlkes, which with them in the line-up we are likely in the hunt for second place.

Garrett Cornwell had an awesome day and brought his level up a notch or two. He pinned his first man and controlled a tough semifinal opponent. In the finals Garrett faced Shaw from O'Neill who had been rated #1 at this weight in class "B" and is currently ranked #4. It was a battle from the get-go with the first period ending knotted at 0-0. In the second period Shaw chose bottom and Garrett rode him out to send it to the final period still scoreless. Garrett scored the first point of the match with an escape and followed that with a takedown to take a 3-0 lead. Shaw scored an escape but Garrett answered with another takedown and a ride out for a 5-1 win. Garrett's title against such a quality opponent was impressive enough to have him voted the outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

Jon Merten cruised through his first two matches with first period pins. In the finals Jon's opponent came in with a solid 22-6 record but Jon was dominant scoring 4 takedowns en-route to a 13-3 lead before recording another pin. Jon had been struggling all year in "pulling the trigger" on his shots. For this meet we can say "problem cured".

Trey Schafer had a solid meet pinning his way to the finals. There Trey got caught in a bad position and fell behind 5-0 early in the match to state rated Moles from Crofton. The always dangerous Trey pressed the action the rest of the match but could not get the gap fully closed and ended with a 6-3 loss. Dalton Rasmussen had both a good and bad day. The good included tying the school record set by Eric Frey 20 years ago at the same tournament for fastest pin of 7 seconds. Others on the good were being competitive in both of his other two matches. The bad was not finishing off those two matches. As long as something can be learned from those two losses that can help in the future, they can actually be beneficial.

Tyson Haddix also had a good & bad day with 3 wins & 2 losses. He had a bad loss to a guy he had hammered last week. His best match was actually a 2-1 loss to Muhs from Wayne, who ended up in third, and had beaten Tyson 8-3 earlier in the year. Aaron Saldana scored a pair of pins going 2-2 and scoring 6 points for the team. TJ Weber also had a win to help the team score.

## **Class B District 1 Tournament 2/10/18**

Team Scores: (1) Omaha Skutt Catholic 209, (2) Plattsmouth 164, (3) Columbus Lakeview 143, (4) Seward 139, (5) York 126.5, (6) Crete 100.5, (7) BCNG 81, (8) Columbus Scotus 73, (9) Ralston 63, (10) Boys Town 51.5, (11) Omaha Concordia 33, (12) Omaha Roncalli Catholic 0

We had 4 of our guys seeded in the top 4 – they all came through and earned a trip to the state tournament in Omaha. Three of the four made it to the finals. The rest of the guys competed hard, but it was not to be for them.

Jon Merten became our first district champion after a 10 year dry spell. He did it coming from the third seed. He was leading in his

first match 10-3 when his opponent was injured and could not continue, giving Jon a win by injury default. In the semifinals after a scoreless first period Jon earned a second period escape and a late takedown to take a 3-0 lead. The score held as Jon rode out his man in the third period to advance him to the finals and a guaranteed trip to state. Jon had been extremely nervous in his first two matches and it showed a bit in how he wrestled. In the finals, with a trip to state already in hand and his anxiety level down, Jon opened up and wrestled his best match of the tournament scoring a first period pin to earn his title.

Trey Schafer pinned his first two guys to advance to the semi's. His opponent there was Behlen from Lakeview who had pressed Trey into overtime a couple of weeks ago in our dual. Different day, different story – Trey opened up his attack and it resulted in a win by major decision for him. In the finals Trey faced defending State Champ and nationally ranked Higgins from Skutt. We found out first hand why, as Higgins scored a tech fall on Trey.

Our last finalist was Will Grape. In his first match Will found himself on his back – nearly pinned – shortly after the beginning of the match. He barely avoided being pinned, scored a reversal, and turned the tables pinning his opponent with little time left in the first period. In the semifinals Will was taken down, scored a reversal to tie the score, then was reversed again near the end of the first period to fall behind 4-2. In the second period Will got a concussion when he was slammed to the mat and was unable to continue. The result was Will wins the match due to being injured and unable to continue due to an illegal slam. We would much rather have had the situation not happened, Will not get injured and lose the match. We fully believe had Will just lost the match he would have wrestled his way back and earned a trip to state anyway. Even though he qualified for state, the concussion he received will not allow him to wrestle.

Garrett Cornwell wrestled well the whole tournament with a pin, 2 majors, and a regular decision on the plus side and his only loss to former medalist VanDyke from Skutt. The first period score was 4-4, the last period each guy scored 2 points but the big difference in his loss was a late second period takedown and back points against Garrett. In the third place match Garrett beat the #5 state rated man with a late takedown to break a 1-1 deadlock.

Other matches of note include Aaron Saldana's wild 19-15 loss. Dalton Rasmussen had a pair of one point losses, one of them in the ultimate tie breaker. In his first meet since early January due to a shoulder injury Bryton Fowlkes gave a valiant effort in both of his matches. The last one in particular where he lead 6-2 going into the third period, there the shoulder came into play and he got turned and pinned as a result.

We are excited for the qualifiers and look forward to competing in the state tournament. Pictured is senior Bryton Fowlkes.







## Boone Central/Newman Grove 7th Grade Boys Basketball

By Rob Rose & Samuel McCormick



### BCNG vs. Neligh 1-18-18

The young Cards traveled to Neligh on January 18th and started out so much better on defense and had great chances to score but had trouble putting it in the basket early. Then the boys relaxed and the confidence started to rise and the defense really picked up and the ball started to fall. Nice win boys now let's get ready to get back to work.

Score	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Neligh	2	5	2	3	12
BCNG	7	4	15	11	37

Scorers: Alex Christo 9, Jack Roberts 6, Peyton Westerman 4, Colton Ray 1, Whalen Rother 2, Kaison Voelker 8, Kevin Haase 2, Elijah Dozler 1, David Miller 4

The Cards were able to play an extra 10 min quarter that was 7th and 8th grade combined. The Cards played pretty well in the extra quarter but had trouble scoring even though they had their chances. They did come away with a victory.

Neligh	2
BCNG	4

Scoring: Emmanuel Hernandez 2, Devon Luettel 2

### BCNG vs. Twin River 1-20-18 7<sup>th</sup> Grade B team

The young Cards played host to Twin River on Saturday, January 20th. The Cards were able to play four games on this day so there was a lot of playing time for all the kids. The first game the kids showed some great improvement and it was really enjoyable seeing the kids have success. Keep up the hard work.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Twin River	2	1	0	3	6
BCNG	8	9	2	6	25

Scorers: Brighten Bader 2, Gabe Huntley 2, Lucas Krueger 9, Sam Grape 4, Elijah Dozler 2, Graham Kahlandt 6

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade A team

The second game of the day the team's defense really got them jump started and were able to run the floor and get some easy baskets. Then they started to work the ball around and get it inside and use our height to our advantage. It all came down to their defense on this day. Very nice job by the team.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Twin River	6	2	4	8	20
BCNG	11	15	20	3	49

Scorers: Alex Cristo 15, Jack Roberts 6, Peyton Westerman 4, Whalen Rother 6, Kaison Voelker 4, David Miller 14

### BCNG vs. St. Paul 1/25/18

The young Cards played host to St Paul and was looking for their third win of the season. The Cards jumped out early in the 1st quarter and were able to maintain the lead the rest of the game. The boys are getting better each day but we still need to work on our help defense and moving the ball on offense from one side to another.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
St Paul	2	8	6	3	19
BCNG	9	9	7	6	31

Scorers: Alex Christo 10, Jack Roberts 4, Peyton Westerman 6, Whalen Rother 1, Kaison Voelker 3, David Miller 7

We were able to play an extra quarter on this night and it was a defensive battle. They all played good defense but we came up a little short.

### BCNG vs. Lakeview 1-29-18 7<sup>th</sup> Grade B team

The young Cards played host to Columbus Lakeview on Monday night in Newman Grove. The boys were able to play 4 games on this night so we started out the night with the 7B game. The Cards started out strong in the first quarter and then the defense left them and lost in a close game. The coaches are proud of how much they have improved this season both offensively and defensively. Keep up the hard work boys.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Lakeview	1	14	7	6	28
BCNG	4	7	9	4	24

Scorers: Colten Ray 4, Elijah Dolzer 12, Brighten Bader 3, Lucas Krueger 2, Owen Dodds 3

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade A team

The second game on the docket was the 7A game. The boys are really starting to get the offense and the help defense which as coaches we can not be more proud of them. The growth is really coming and when things come together their confidence comes and you have more success. Keep up the hard work.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Lakeview	8	4	10	2	24
BCNG	9	11	19	8	47

Scorers: Alex Christo 27, Peyton Westerman 2, Jaxon Schafer 2, Whalen Rother 2, Kaison Voelker 5, Kevin Haase 5, David Miller 4



## BCNG vs. Elkhorn Valley 1/30/18

The young Cards traveled to Tilden on Tuesday, January 30th to play in a newly scheduled game. The Cards came out flat on this night and we really struggled on the offensive and defensive side of the ball. The boys showed some tough defense in the second half and were able to pull away and get a nice win on the road.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Tilden	11	4	0	5	20
BCNG	10	11	5	6	32

Scorers: Alex Cristo 12, Jack Roberts 2, Colten Ray 2, Jaxon Schafer 1, Kaison Voelker 8, David Miller 7

On this night we were able to play two extra quarters to make sure everyone had some playing time. They played pretty well but just could not put the ball into the basket. The defense was pretty good but we really struggled at the offensive end.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Final
Tilden	4	5	9
BCNG	2	2	4

Scorers: Elijah Dozler 2, Lucas Krueger 2

## BCNG vs. Central City 2/5/18

The BCNG Cards traveled to Central City on February 5th. The Cards started out really slow in the first quarter but really picked it up with our defense in the second quarter to open the game up. The Cards need to remember if your shots are not dropping your defense will be there for you. It was a nice win for the boys. Keep up the hard work.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Central City	5	2	4	7	18
BCNG	2	14	5	10	31

Scorers: Alex Christo 8, Jack Roberts 4, Kaison Voelker 12, David Miller 7

The Cards were able to play two extra quarters on this night and the boys really did a nice a job. The defense is really improving and running the offense. The boys are showing great improvement everyday and as coaches that is all we can ask for.

Score	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Final
Central City	2	1	3
BCNG	4	6	10

Scorers: Sam Grape 6, Elijah Dozler 2, Owen Dodds 2

## BCNG vs. O'Neill 2/12/18

The young 7th grade Cards traveled to O'Neill on Monday night to play in their last regular season game of the 2018 season. The Cards improved to 7-2 on the season and showed some nice improvement all season. The Cards started the game with good defense and their offense started to roll right along. Nice job boys they will play in a tournament this Saturday in Albion.

Score	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
O'Neill	8	5	9	8	30
BCNG	11	14	18	4	47

Scorers: Alex Christo 13, Jack Roberts 6, Peyton Westerman 3, Jaxon Schafer 4, Kaison Voelker 4, David Miller 17

The Cards were able to play an extra quarter on this night. The Cards came up a little short but did some nice things. The defense was pretty good. We just have to work on our offense. Keep up the hard work.

O'Neill	4
BCNG	3

Scorers: Lucas Krueger 2, Sam Grape 1

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## Boys Junior Varsity Cardinals



The Boone Central/Newman Grove Junior Varsity team started to really put things together in January. They had five straight wins against Stanton (55-46), Guardian Angels Central Catholic (46-36), Columbus Scotus (59-47), Ord (44-28) and Battle Creek was won in overtime with a score of 44-42. Next up they hosted Elkhorn Mount Michael at Newman Grove. The Cardinals started strong in the first quarter and went neck to neck with them in the second and third quarters but couldn't finish it. They ended up with a 55-52 loss. February 6th the Grand Island Northwest Vikings came to Albion and dominated the Cardinals 60-38.

The Junior Varsity team's last game of the season was on February 16th in Crofton. The Cardinals only played three quarters but came away with the win 38-31. They finished the season with a 9-8.



## Boone Central/Newman Grove 8th Grade Boys Basketball

By Jeff Hayes



BCNG vs. Neligh 1/18/18

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team started very strong again against Neligh. They have really come together as a team and it shows. They put a great deal of pressure on Neligh and made it hard for them to handle the ball. We are executing our offense very well and a constant is, we play hard on defense.

Score	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Neligh	2	3	6	5	16
BCNG	18	17	11	9	55

Scorers: Ashton Schafer 1, Dustin Andreasen 8, Cody Maricle 9, Patrick Groeteke 3, Braden Benes 5, Calvin Webster 2, Garrett Rasmussen 2, Carson Maricle 6, Carsten Bird 11, Jacob Devine 2, Gavin Dozler 4, Isaac Potmesil 2

BCNG vs. Twin River 1/20/18

In the first game for the 8th graders we came out with the press and it helped us get things started. The team did a nice job of moving the ball around on offense against the zone and got some nice shots and looks inside to the post players, creating easy baskets. Keep up the hard work and lets get to work next week to improve our game.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Twin River	4	4	4	7	19
BCNG	11	16	15	6	48

Scorers: Gavin Dozler 10, Collin Beierman 9, Patrick Groeteke 8, Gavin Stuhr 5, David Figgner 16

8<sup>th</sup> Grade A team

The final game of the day the kids played with a high level on both sides of the ball on this morning. Twin River had been hurt with sickness all week so some of the kids were slow and still feeling the sickness but they played hard. The Cards were able to play great pressure defense and hit some nice shots to get the game opened up. When you play good defense it really helps build confidence in your offense. Keep up the hard work and lets get ready for Thursday.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Twin River	2	3	4	4	13
BCNG	24	13	19	7	63

Scorers: Ashton Schafer 5, Dustin Andreasen 8, Cody Maricle 10, Braden Benes 14, Calvin Webster 10, Garrett Rasmussen 11, Carson Maricle 2, Carsten Bird 3

BCNG vs. St. Paul 1/25/18

We knew this would be a tough game from playing St. Paul last year. Every player was giving maximum effort. We just tried to play too fast and that led to a lot of mistakes on our part. We definitely did a good job on the offensive boards getting second shots. In the end we just didn't create enough on offense to match their score. I was very pleased with the overall team effort.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
BCNG	6	3	6	6	21
St. Paul	8	8	11	4	31

Scorers: Ashton Schafer 2, Dustin Andreasen 6, Braden Benes 5, Garrett Rasmussen 4, Carsten Bird 3, Jacob Devine 1

We played an extra quarter as well and outscored St. Paul 10-0. The team kept the pressure on St. Paul and caused them to turn the ball over many times.

Scorers: Collin Beierman 2, Gavin Dozler 2, Gavin Stuhr 4, David Figgner 2

BCNG vs. Lakeview 1/29/18

8<sup>th</sup> Grade B team

This was a very competitive game for our team. It was close throughout but we just couldn't find enough offense in the fourth quarter. We definitely had opportunities to score in the fourth quarter but couldn't convert shots or free throws.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
BCNG	10	9	7	2	28
Lakeview	12	6	8	8	34

Scorers: Jacob Devine 6, Harrison Dodds 2, Gavin Dozler 1, Collin Beierman 7, Patrick Groeteke 2, Isaac Potmesil 2, David Figgner 8

8<sup>th</sup> Grade A team

This was a good win for the team. We have been struggling with our offense lately and we found our rhythm in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Our continued pressure on defense makes it hard for teams to get consistent good looks at the basket. When we are executing on offense we are a tough team to beat.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
BCNG	9	5	18	7	39
Lakeview	4	11	4	6	25

Scorers: Dustin Andreasen 10, Braden Benes 8, Calvin Webster 2, Garrett Rasmussen 3, Carsten Bird 16

BCNG vs. Fullerton 2/1/18

Fullerton only had enough boys to play one game so the 8<sup>th</sup> grade went up against them. Our defense proved to be too much for them to handle. The team has really become very good at helping each other on defense. We make it very difficult for teams to get open looks at the basket. On offense we struggled at times to convert shots into baskets. Our shooting touch seemed off tonight but still managed to find ways to score.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
BCNG	9	13	11	11	44
Fullerton	2	0	4	3	9

Scorers: Dustin Andreasen 6, Cody Maricle 8, Patrick Groeteke 3, Braden Benes 7, Garrett Rasmussen 2, Carsten Bird 8, Harrison Dodds 3, David Figgner 7





## BCNG vs. Central City 2/5/18

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team had another good effort against Central City. Our defensive effort continues to be what we hang our hat on. We use a lot of pressure to create turnovers. We are finding many ways to score and we share the ball better each game. We are coming to the end of the season and we want to continue to play to the best of our ability.

Score:	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
BCNG	5	18	11	9	43
CC	3	2	3	10	18

Scorers: Dustin Andreasen 9, Cody Maricle 2, Braden Benes 15, Gavin Stuhr 2, Calvin Webster 2, Garrett Rasmussen 6, Carson Maricle 1, Harrison Dodds 3, David Figgner 3

We also played an extra half of basketball. The boys really did a good job and won 23 to 2. We moved the ball well and created many turnovers with good pressure defense.

Scorers: Collin Beierman 4, Patrick Groetke 2, Jacob Devine 2, Harrison Dodds 4, David Figgner 4, Damian LeCompte 2, Devon Luettel 5

## BCNG vs. O'Neill 2/12/18

The BCNG 8th grade boys traveled to O'Neill elementary to play their last game of the regular season. The boys really trusted in the offense and got many wide open layups. Fortunately, they converted most of these, but still need to work on making a higher percentage of layups. They came out on top 45-27 and really put the pressure on defensively with their press. We also played an extra quarter and came out on top 7-4. We still need to work on moving our feet defensively and helping each other. The boys' final contests will be in Albion on Saturday the 17th.

Score	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
BCNG	14	7	16	8	45
O'Neill	11	5	1	10	27

Scorers: Braden Benes 11, Carsten Bird 11, Garrett Rasmussen 7, Dustin Andreasen 6, Calvin Webster 4, Carson Maricle 2, Cody Maricle 2, Gavin Stuhr 2

Extra Quarter Scorers: Devon Luettel 3, Gavin Stuhr 2, Patrick Groetke 2



## Dance Team Competition

By Susan King

The Newman Grove Dance Team competed at the Centura Dance competition and brought home third place in the Pom division. There were eleven other schools present. They also competed in the Arlington competition and again brought home third place in the Pom division. The challenge at Arlington was we only had four girls as the others were sick. The four that did perform did a very nice job.

L to R Evelyn Estrada, Abigail Pohlen, Leah Rast, Breanna Borgheiinck, Bethany Borgheiinck, Cheyenne Cleland. Their coach is Susan King.



## Boone Central/Newman Grove Boys Varsity Basketball



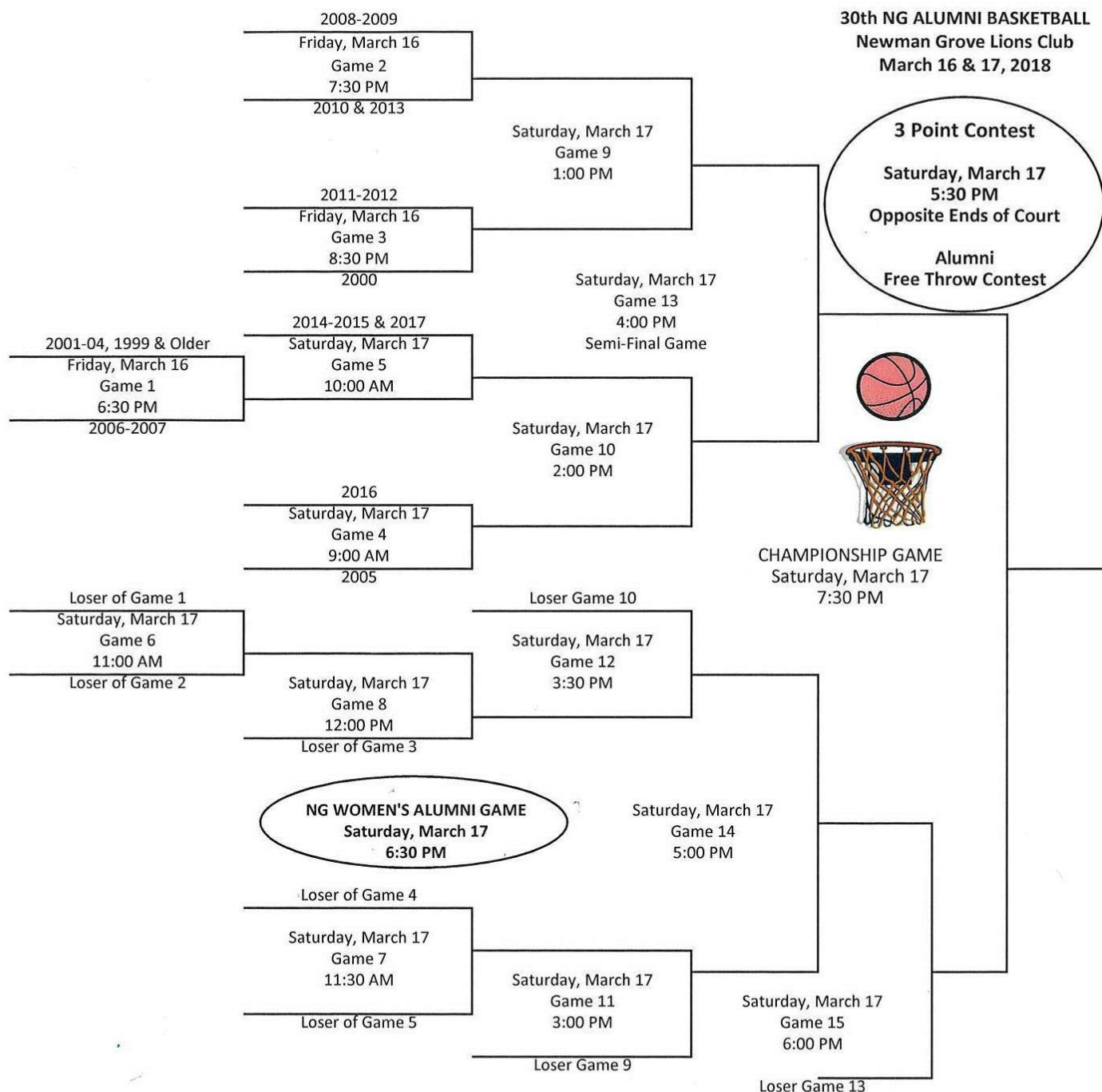
Boone Central/Newman Grove hosted Battle Creek at Newman Grove on January 26th with the Braves taking early control of the game with a 41-18 halftime lead. The Cardinals shooting percentage was 38 from 2-point range and 8 percent from 3-point range. The final score was 77-51.

The next night they returned to Newman Grove to face Elkhorn Mt. Michael after weather postponed the game earlier in the week. The Cardinals were able to limit Mt. Michael inside the paint the first half to a 31-28 lead at halftime. BC/NG tallied 7 points in the third quarter as the Cardinals closed the gap to one, then added another 7 to spark a 20-8 run over the final eight minutes. Senior Caden Ranslem's 3-point field goal and five points were also keys to the strong finish. The Cardinals defeated Mt. Michael 57-42.

The Mid-States Conference began January 30th with Boone Central/Newman Grove getting a 61-48 victory over Pierce. In the semi-final match they faced Norfolk Catholic and came away with a 60-30 victory over the Knights. Saturday night the Cardinals were tied 38-38 at the end of the third quarter against Battle Creek in the championship game. Unfortunately, for the Cardinals, it was the Braves that made the plays and shots in that final quarter, outscoring BC/NG 17-10 for a 55-48 victory.

February 6th the Grand Island Northwest Vikings visited Albion for a closely contested game. Northwest had a 20-17 halftime lead, with BC/NG battling back to lead 32-30 at the end of the third quarter. The battle continued in the final quarter and came down to the last seconds. Dylan Gentrup sank one of two free throws to give the Cardinals a 48-47 lead, but a Viking got through the defenders for a layup with 2.5 seconds to play. One of the Cardinals got a shot off at half court, but the shot would not fall. Final score of the game was 49-48.

Saturday, February 10th the Cardinals hosted the Ainsworth Bulldogs. BC/NG started strong but the Bulldogs battled back and cut the lead in the third quarter. The Cardinals took charge after that and beat the Bulldogs 70-47. Cody Nelson paced the victory with 19 points, 6 rebounds, 7 assists and 2 steals. The Cardinals record stands at 15-7 for the season so far.



1st Round Games start on time all others are approximate

Concessions will be  
provided by Newman Huskers 4-H  
Friday 6-9 PM (approx.)  
Saturday from 9 AM- 7 PM (approx.)

Admission:

Alumni Players	\$6
Adults	\$6
K-12 Students	\$1
Preschool	FREE



# Bluejay Foundation

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## 2017 Annual Summary

### 2017 Scholarship Recipients

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Bluejay Foundation Scholarships

Mya Donelson ~ \$500

Jacob Potmesil ~ \$500

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Jennevie (Froistad) O'Reilly Scholarship

Guadalupe Estrada ~ \$400

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Muller Family Scholarship

Mya Donelson ~ \$1000

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Pauline Engelka Scholarship

Justin Herchenbach ~ \$400

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Randy Benson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Haase ~ \$400

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Gearhart Foundation/NECC Scholarship

Kala Rast ~ \$650

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"Buddy" & Delores Gustafson

Family Scholarship

Mya Donelson ~ \$500

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Matthew London Memorial Scholarship

Jacob Potmesil ~ \$400

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Bluejay/Community Foundation

Career Scholarship

Jacob Potmesil ~ \$1000

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Senator Tom Kennedy Memorial

Hannah Haase ~ \$1000

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Qualset Family Ag Scholarship

Hannah Haase ~ \$500

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Dr. Kenneth and Caroline McDonald Eng  
Foundation

Hannah Haase ~ \$3000

Alexis Kopecky ~ \$3000

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Newman Grove Senior Center Scholar-  
ship

Alexis Kopecky ~ \$500

Kyle Stone ~ \$500

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R. Craig Nelsen Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Haase ~ \$500

### 2017 MEMORIALS

The Bluejay Foundation Board of  
Directors gratefully acknowledges gifts given in  
memory of the following:

Pam (Benson) Mowinkel

J Paul McIntosh

Elva Nelson

Verna Belle Nelson

Katherine Becher

Gary Duhachek

### OTHER GIFTS/REVENUE

Donations/Memorials to the  
Scholarship Funds by Friends/Family

Janet Williamson

Lindsay Manufacturing

Memorabilia Sales

Fundraisers:

Alumni Golf Tournament \$990

### Funds Spent

Scholarship Payments: \$11,350

College Tuition/Books: \$1,417.92

Golf Tournament Expenses: \$460

### 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 scholar-  
ships and other educational  
programs above and beyond  
those provided by the regular  
tax-supported academic pro-  
grams of Newman Grove  
Schools.

### 2017

#### Board of Directors

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### ~ ~ CONTRIBUTION ~ ~

To make a contribution to the Foundation, complete and mail the following to:  
Bluejay Foundation; PO Box 370; Newman Grove, NE 68758

My gift is as follows:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Equipment  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Improvements  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
				GBB: State Tournament (Lincoln)  Jr Class Mtg (lunch)  <b>6:00pm:</b> Youth Wrestling Practice	No School PK-12  GBB: State Tournament (Lincoln)	GBB: State Tournament (Lincoln)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice  <b>9:00am:</b> 9th Grade Career Day @ NECC	<b>7:15am:</b> CILT Meeting  <b>6:00pm:</b> Youth Wrestling Practice	<b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice  <b>3:00pm:</b> Elementary Rockin' Rally	End of 3rd Quarter  BBB: State Tournament (Lincoln)  <b>6:00pm:</b> Youth Wrestling Practice	No School PK-12  Teacher In-Service  BBB: State Tournament (Lincoln)  ACT Test Registration Deadline	BBB: State Tournament (Lincoln)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Savings Time Begins  Speech District Contests (Mar 10- 16)  <b>7:00pm:</b> Wrestling Banquet	<b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice  <b>9:00am:</b> 8th Grade Career Day (NECC)  <b>7:30pm:</b> Board of Ed Mtg	<b>6:00pm:</b> Youth Wrestling Practice	<b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice  <b>3:30pm:</b> High Achievement Learners  Student Council Meeting (lunch)	<b>6:00pm:</b> Youth Wrestling Practice	<b>1:30pm:</b> K-6 "Music in our Schools" Talent Show  FFA Activate/Leverage Conf @ Kearney  Senior Careers Class (Per 3)  Alumni Basketball Tourney	St. Patrick's Day  FFA Activate/Leverage Conf @ Kearney  Alumni Basketball Tourney  TR: Wayne State Invite (A)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Alumni Basketball Tourney  State General Assessment Window (March 19 - April 27)	<b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice  John Baylor Test Prep Begins  <b>7:00pm:</b> FFA Meeting  <b>7:00pm:</b> PTO Meeting	FBLA Meeting (lunch)	<b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice  <b>8:00am:</b> NECC Scholastic Contest  <b>3:30pm:</b> High Achievement Learners	<b>12:00pm:</b> UNL Representative  Honor Society Meeting (lunch)  <b>7:00pm:</b> Pre- Brainard Contest Concert	Speech: State Contest (Kearney)  GNSEF Science Fair (Nebr City)	GNSEF Science Fair (Nebr City)  Brainard Music Contest
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
GNSEF Science Fair (Nebr City)	<b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice  <b>7:30pm:</b> Fine Arts Night (Play/Speech/Art)	<b>3:30pm:</b> TR: Madison Triangular (A)  Jr Class Mtg (lunch)	<b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice  Senior Class Mtg (lunch)	<b>10:00am:</b> TR: Mansfield Invitational (Albion)  <b>10:00am:</b> BGO: Norfolk Catholic Invite (A)  Senior Careers Class (Per 6)	No School PK-12  Good Friday	



# NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>February 27</b> Pancake Wrap <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Lasagna Peas Peaches Breadstick	<b>February 28</b> Mini Cinnamon Rolls <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes Gravy/Pears Dinner Roll	<b>March 1</b> Banana Muffin <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Turkey Sub Sandwich WG Chips Corn Tropical Fruit	<b>March 2</b>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
<b>March 5</b> Mini Donuts <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Mini Corn Dogs Peas Peaches	<b>March 6</b> French Toast Sticks <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> BBQ Rib Sandwich French Fries Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	<b>March 7</b> Cherry Frudel <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chili Soup Applesauce Cinnamon Roll	<b>March 8</b> Cream Cheese Bagel <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Strips Green Beans Mac N Cheese Tropical Fruit	<b>March 9</b>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
<b>March 12</b> Pancake Wrap <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Pineapple Brownie	<b>March 13</b> Cheese Omelet Biscuit/Jelly <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Sub Sandwich WG Chips Green Beans/Peaches	<b>March 14</b> Mini Chocolate Chip French Toast <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Alfredo Carrots/Pears Breadstick	<b>March 15</b> Banana Bread Slice Yogurt <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Pancakes/Sausage Tri Tator Mandarin Oranges	<b>March 16</b> Mini Cinnamon Rolls <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Cheese Quesadilla Fiesta Beans Applesauce
<b>March 19</b> Cereal Yogurt <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Popcorn Chicken Mixed Veggies Pineapple	<b>March 20</b> Long John <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Flying Saucer Carrots Peaches Dinner Roll	<b>March 21</b> Apple Churros <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Hamburger French Fries Peas Mandarin Oranges	<b>March 22</b> Breakfast Sandwich <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Spaghetti Green Beans Pears Garlic Bread	<b>March 23</b> Mini Waffles <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Cheese Pizza Corn Cookie Tropical Fruit
<b>March 26</b> WG Poptart <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Pizza Quesadilla Green Beans Applesauce Cake	<b>March 27</b> Mini Pancakes <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Drumsticks Mashed Potatoes Gravy/Pears Dinner Roll	<b>March 28</b> Cinni Minis <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich French Fries Peas/Peaches	<b>March 29</b> Blueberry Muffin <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Softshell Taco Fiesta Beans Mandarin Oranges	<b>March 30</b>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>

**(menus are subject to change without notice)**



# Winter Homecoming 2018



Winter Homecoming ceremonies were held on Saturday evening, January 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The ceremony began with the introduction of all high school students.

Selected as the 2018 Queen was Abbie Pieke, daughter of David and Cindy Pieke. She was robed by last year's Fall Homecoming King Jacob Potmesil, son of Todd and Jeri Potmesil. Other candidates were Payton Nelson (attendant), daughter of Ross & Amy Nelson, and Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, daughter of José Estrada and Maria Gonzalez.

The Winter Homecoming King was Riley Montoya, son of José and Amy Montoya. He was crowned by last year's queen Mya Donelson, daughter of Alan and Daidrea Donelson. Other candidates were Cody Nelson (attendant), son of Scott and Kristin Nelson and Becky and Jim Haver, and Bryton Fowlkes, son of Dan and Sheila Fowlkes.

Carpet rollers were Tyson Haddix, son of Tyson and Ginger Jorgensen and Shelly and Chris Duhachek, and Brady Sokol, son of Scott and Joan Sokol. Candle lighters were Sarah Johnson, daughter of Jay and Shirley Johnson, and Maddison Steffensmeier, daughter of Keri Dreger. The flower girl was Adrianna Morris, daughter of Dan and Andrea Morris. The crown bearer was Cash Sweeter, son of Jared and Kylie Sweeter.

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 (l-r): Sarah Johnson, Maddison Steffensmeier, Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Payton Nelson, King Riley Montoya, Cody Nelson, Bryton Fowlkes, Brady Sokol, Tyson Haddix. Front row: Adrianna Morris, Queen Abbie Pieke, Cash Sweeter.



## 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.