



# The Bluejay Bulletin

Newman Grove  
Public Schools

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November, 2009

## Board of Education Meeting Summary November 9, 2009

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Agenda Approved as amended, correcting Action Item 2.3 to Policy #6033.
- Minutes of the October 12th meeting were approved as printed.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
- Claims totaling \$39,631.69 (General Fund) and \$2,907.40 (Building Fund) were approved for payment.
- Curriculum reports were reported by Tom Krause (Ag Education) and Rod Havel (Mathematics).
- Activities Director Tim Rossow presented a report.
- A quote from Love Signs was accepted in the amount of \$787.41 (+\$75 installation) for upgrades to the front lawn marquee.
- The 2008-2009 multicultural report was accepted as presented.
- Policy #6032 (Restraint and Seclusion of Students) was adopted as written.
- The board accepted the resignation of Bill Mimick effective at the end of the first semester. Mr. Mimick has served in the Newman Grove School district for 14.5 years as physical education instructor and coach.
- The job performance evaluation of Superintendent Herb Pokorny will take place following the December 14th regular meeting.
- The 2008-2009 audit report was accepted as presented.
- Long-range planning was discussed. A meeting will be arranged in the near future with Holy Family to discuss plans.
- Heard a report from Principal Beth Nelson: ELL students showing progress, working on 2010-2011 class schedule, curriculum committee meetings being held in November, Language Arts alignment the topic of staff development, second semester art class to be taught by Heather Gates of Holy Family, school pictures, student organizations collecting items for the local food pantry, and upcoming changes in math and science class requirements.
- Heard a report from Superintendent Pokorny: NASB State Conference to be held this week, planning meeting with Holy Family, recent legislative hearings, response letter to St. Edward regarding cooping programs, H1N1 flu vaccinations given, and consensus given for the purchase of new wireless access points from Connecting Point (\$7,500).
- Entered into Executive Session at 9:05 to discuss a situation to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law. Returned to Public Session at 9:57 p.m.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.



## Early Dismissal/No School Announcements

|                                              |                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, November 25                       | Early Dismissal K-12<br>1:30 p.m.                 |
| Thurs-Fri, Nov. 26-27                        | No School K-12                                    |
| Wednesday, December 9                        | 10:00 a.m. Late Start                             |
| Tuesday, December 22                         | No School K-6<br>Early Dismissal 7-12<br>11:15 am |
| Wednesday, December 23—<br>Monday, January 4 | No School K-12                                    |
| Tuesday, January 5                           | School Resumes                                    |
| Friday, January 8                            | No School K-12                                    |

## ELEMENTARY WINTER MUSIC CONCERT



Tuesday— December 8th  
7:00 PM

The evening will be a great  
Holiday Booster!

**K-1st Jammim' in our Jammies**  
**2nd Grade Christmas Toys**  
**3-6th Grade North Pole Star**

Reality TV fans will be amused and entertained as each of Santa's eight reindeer auditions for a panel of important judges including Mrs. Claus, Santa Claus, and (special guest at the North Pole) Steven/Susan Cruelle, played by a student, a local celebrity, or a school administrator. Host Nicky Snowcrest keeps the show rolling, and the "Star Singers" back up each of the featured performers as they sing and dance their way toward the ultimate title of "North Pole Star."





**From the Desk of  
Superintendent/K-6 Principal Herb Pokorny**

**Research reveals discipline that really works.**

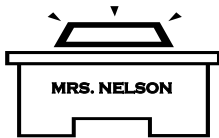
Think about how your parents raised you. What discipline methods did they use? In a study, even if parents didn't agree with how they were disciplined as children, many used these same approaches themselves.

For example, adults who were yelled at as kids were more likely to yell as parents-even if they thought yelling didn't work, according to the research.

In order to discipline well, consider what you believe will work. Experts say certain methods are most effective. For example:

- **Acknowledge good behavior.** What are the most important behaviors for your child to learn? When you see them, take notice. Say, "It's nice that you invited the new girl to sit with you at lunch. I bet that made her feel good."
- **Use natural and logical consequences.** When your child does something inappropriate, choose a natural or logical response, if possible. A natural consequence of forgetting homework is getting a zero. A logical consequence of losing an item is having your child replace it.
- **Plan ahead.** Talk with your child about discipline. Why is it helpful? How does it work? After considering her ideas, list basic rules and consequences. Then follow through with consistency, fairness and respect.

Source: Jennifer Warner, "Parents Flunking Discipline," WebMD, [www.webmd.com/parenting/news/20070110/parents-flunking-discipline](http://www.webmd.com/parenting/news/20070110/parents-flunking-discipline).



**From the Desk of  
Mrs. Beth Nelson, 7-12 Principal**

**"Hot Topic" in Education**

State tests are the 'hot topic' in the schools of Nebraska. The Nebraska State Board of Education is requiring that schools administer a state reading test beginning this year for grades 3-8 & 11<sup>th</sup>. Schools and students are familiar with state tests, as we have been administering statewide writing tests for quite a few years in grades 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> as well as mini standards tests in multiple grade levels.

The new NeSA (Nebraska State Assessment) Reading test will be administered through an online computer based system. Our school is fortunate to have adequate technology to support this testing process. Our students are very familiar with this type of process. The schedule for testing will be posted in future bulletins. All students must participate so an organized schedule will be necessary for our successful completion of state tests.

Next year in addition to reading, we will be required to administer a state math test. If you have a child in grades 3-8 or 11<sup>th</sup>, they will be participating in both a reading and math state test. The state board promises that the same will occur with science in the following year (2011-2012). Yes, there is a lot of testing required. The spring tests are put into place to meet the national requirements set forth in the No Child Left Behind Law (NCLB).

At Newman Grove Public School, we are working very hard in every grade level and content area to assure that your child is being taught the skills and knowledge necessary for being successful in all state tests. You will be hearing more in the future about the curriculum changes being made to better address the student needs for testing.



**COUNSELOR'S**

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**Matt Rudloff**  
K-12 Counselor  
mrudloff@esu8.org

October has come and gone in a flash. This month was very busy with testing. The eighth graders took the EXPLORE tests and sophomores took the PLAN tests. Both tests are developed by ACT and correlate with the actual ACT test that students will take as a junior or senior. The week of October 19<sup>th</sup> was achievement test week. Grades 3, 4, 6, and 9 all tested during this week. The Terra-Nova achievement tests measure a student's learning at that point and time. The results will give teachers and our district a view of how we are doing with our teaching by measuring students learning. The PSAT/NSMQT test was given to juniors who signed up for it last spring. This is a test to qualify for a national merit scholarship. The test is similar to an ACT and gives students testing experience to get ready for the ACT.

Fire Prevention Week was observed during the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>. Students did activities and lessons on fire safety during guidance classes and were also provided fire truck and ambulance rides by the Newman Grove Fire and Rescue department. A special thanks to those firemen and EMT's offering their time to make this opportunity available to our students.

Red Ribbon Week was observed during the last week in October. This week was dedicated to educating students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Activities during this week included: theme days, guidance lessons, poster contests, and decorating the playground fence. Students received red ribbons to help remind them to remain drug free.

As November is upon us, and days seem to get even busier, it is good to take time out during the Thanksgiving holiday to spend with family. Remember to reflect on the things you are thankful for and enjoy the time with family.

**CALENDAR DATES**

|                              |                                        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Senior Careers Class         | Period 4 (Nov 7/14/21)                 |
| ASVAB tests for Juniors      | Wed. Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> Periods 1/2 |
| Senior Class Meeting         | Wed. Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm     |
| THANKSGIVING                 | Thur. Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>            |
| Junior-Senior Parent Meeting | Tues. Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm    |

Northeast Community College will be here with a financial aid presentation and will answer any questions you may have.

Start preparing for the FASFA which will be available January 1st. Free books are available in Mr. Rudloff's office. Feel free to stop by or have your son/daughter stop and pick one up.

**Seniors...it's time to start the admissions process!**

College may still seem far off, but admission deadlines will start hitting this fall. Follow these steps to stay on track:

- 1) **Contact your top college choices NOW** and ask about deadlines and the process for applying for admission, college-based scholarships and financial aid.
- 2) **Apply to your top 3-4 colleges before the deadline.** Along with your application, the colleges will require your high school transcript, class rank, GPA, and ACT score. They may also request a list of your extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, an essay and an interview.
- 3) **Update your Activities Resume.** Because extracurricular activities are an important part of the admissions application, keep them up-to-date.
- 4) **Contact your admissions representative periodically** to stay informed about deadlines and campus activities.
- 5) **Meet with College Representatives.**

**Juniors...start researching colleges!** If you can narrow your choices by the end of your junior year, your senior year will be less stressful.

- 1) **Review College Profiles at EducationQuest.org** for information about Midwest colleges.
- 2) **Use NCIS website** to explore interests and colleges. See information below on user name and password.
- 3) **Meet with college representatives** when they visit our school.

**Plan Your Career with Nebraska Career Information System**

- Check out more than 500 occupations.
- Match occupations to your interests.
- Learn about colleges and universities.
- Discover where to get an apprenticeship or degree.
- Find scholarships and financial aid.

Your access for the 2009-2010 school year is provided by Newman Grove High School. The CIS web-site address is: <http://necis.intocareers.org> . Your user name is 09newmanhs. Your password is: H021209 (Your Password is case sensitive) Enjoy exploring careers through CIS!

Junior High Students have the same opportunity with CIS (612 for CAREERS) via the internet! The Countdown Web site address is: <http://necis.intocareers.org> Your user name is: 09newmanjh. Your password is: J105409 (Your Password is case sensitive). Enjoy exploring careers with Countdown!



### FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

**High Distinction** -- (ALL A - 4.00)  
Grade 7: Emily Strong, Parker Wallin. Grade 8: Megan Nelson, John O'Brien, Billy O'Brien, Brooke Pieke, Alex Wiese. Grade 9: Mikala Farrier, Jason Kaufman, Darienne Pokorny, Toni Rasmussen. Grade 11: Mark O'Brien, Audrey Wondercheck. Grade 12: Tania Arreguin, Jake Kaufman, Katie O'Brien, Olivia Wiese.

**Distinction** -- (AVERAGE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 3.50) Grade 9: Demi Edgell, Braydon Kopejtka, Sage Robak, Rachel Schroeter. Grade 10: Ciera Afrank, Alisha Dunlap, Cheyanne Fowlkes, Bridget Knust, Brooke Nelson, Derek Wallin. Grade 11: Ben Jacobson, Tiffany Jedlicka, Michael Woischnor. Grade 12: Brian Dinh, Matt King, Josh London, Adriana Lopez, Courtney Nelson.

**Honors** -- (AVERAGE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 3.00) Grade 7: Kleo Edgell, Sandra

Estrada-Gonzalez, Garrett Flamme, Sadie Wallin. Grade 8: Taylor Friedrich, Jacob Haase, Carter Johnson, Brett Weinman. Grade 9: Leslie Estrada-Gonzalez, Matt Finkral, Nick Flamme, Brittney Weinman, Josh Wiese. Grade 10: Elisabeth Backhaus, Alysha Bader, Caitlin Bennett, Cristina King, Troy McCuiston, Kendra Nelson, Joan O'Brien, Scott Rasmussen, Lila Wondercheck. Grade 11: Chelsea Benson, Tanner Bollig, Shane Farrier, Tenee' Kopejtka, Samantha Stone, Aubrey Strong. Grade 12: John Lorenzen, Ben Widhalm.

CONGRATULATIONS!



### SENIOR KEY DATES

#### November

- If any schools on your target list offer Early Action/Early Decision, consider the option and complete any paperwork.

#### December

- Some early admission decisions are available, so check with any schools to which you submitted an application.
- The ACT is administered on December 12.
- Complete and mail college applications with January 1 deadlines.
- Prepare for the FAFSA, because it will be available January 1.

#### January 2009

- File the FAFSA as soon after January 2<sup>nd</sup> as possible.
- Registration deadline for the February ACT test date is January 6.



### ATTENTION: JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS

Tuesday, December 15th

6:00 PM

Financial Aid Meeting



Presented by  
Northeast Community College

To help answer questions  
regarding the financial aid process.

Columbus

October

**Congratulations to  
Katie O'Brien  
Teen of the Month**

Elks

2009



## FIRST QUARTER ELEMENTARY AWARDS



**KINDERGARTEN:** Good Citizenship: Elyssa Cuevas, Gustavo Garzoria, Jayson Johnson, Auckadia Potmesil, Madyson Zoucha. Perfect Attendance: Ellie Rankin. Good Attendance: Elyssa Cuevas, Morgann Johnson, Isaac Potmesil, Madyson Zoucha.

**FIRST GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Bethany Borgheiinck, Nadia Garzoria, Emma Montoya, Paige Nelson, Brooklyn Ostrand. Perfect Attendance: Bethany Borgheiinck. Good Attendance: Emma Montoya, Samantha Mueller, Paige Nelson.

**SECOND GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Courtney Fowlkes, Kristian Cuevas, Madison Friedrich, Chris Gottsch, McKenna Haase. Perfect Attendance: Courtney Fowlkes. Good Attendance: Jayme Bollig, Madison Friedrich, Chris Gottsch, Garrett Hansen, Leighann Miller, Hunter Steinbach.

**THIRD GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Haley Buck, Dominik Cuevas, Camille Fowlkes, Ben Gottsch, Tyson Haddix, Sarah Johnson, McKenzie Lloyd, Rickey Ostrand, David Plugge, Jareth Salinas, Brady Sokol. Perfect Attendance: Haley Buck, Camille Fowlkes, Tyson Haddix, Gage Johnson, Rickey Ostrand. Good Attendance: Grant Buck, Cheyanne Cleland, Ben Gottsch, Sarah Johnson, David Plugge, Brady Sokol.

**FOURTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Vanessa Arreguin, Breanna Borgheiinck, Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Rebecca Ostrand, Rebecca Stone. Perfect Attendance: Breanna Borgheiinck, Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Bryton Fowlkes, Michelle Julsen, Caden Ranslem. Good Attendance: Vanessa Arreguin, Dylan Bagley, Keaton McFadden, Cody Nelson, Connor Rankin.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Bridgette Borgheiinck, Leydy Chavez, Mya Donelson, Hannah Haase, Alexis Kopecky, Jacob Potmesil, Kyle Stone, Isiah Weverka-Haddix. Perfect Attendance: Bridgette Borgheiinck, Wyatt Funk, Jacob Potmesil. Good Attendance: Leydy Chavez, Connor Johnson, Alexis Kopecky, Kyle Stone, Isiah Weverka-Haddix.

**SIXTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Esmeralda Arreguin, Steven Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, Will Dyer, Drew Funk, Destiny Johnson, Andy King, Joe O'Brien, Crystal Salinas, William Sanderford, Savannah Wiese, Nolan Wondercheck, Ruben Garcia. Perfect Attendance: Destiny Johnson. Good Attendance: Steven Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, Drew Funk, Andy King, Joe O'Brien, Crystal Salinas, William Sanderford, Nolan Wondercheck.

## FINE ARTS NIGHT

One-Act Play  
Almost the Bride of Dracula



Friday  
November 20  
7:30 PM

Admission:  
\$2.00

High School Auditorium  
Art Display by Art Students

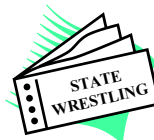
*Dessert Bar following the Play  
Sponsored by the Freshman Class*



### COMPETITION

Conference—November 24—CCC  
District—December 1—Humphrey St. Francis

## STATE WRESTLING QUEST CENTER-OMAHA FEBRUARY 18-20, 2010



Tickets: \$32.00/set

Order your State Wrestling tickets through Larry Boschen.

Orders will be taken until November 21st.

**All orders must be pre-paid!**  
Contact Larry at 447-6430.



## FFA, Agriculture Classes, and Junior High Wrestling

By Tom Krause



With full Ag classes, there is plenty to be seen and experienced by anyone who dares to walk through the door of the Agricultural Education Wing. The classroom got a facelift last spring with new paint on two walls, the aquaculture unit moving out to the shop area, and new cabinetry on the west wall. With a new look, both teacher and students had more room to work within the classroom.

This fall both the classroom and shop areas have been busy. We are continuing to see strong numbers, with a total of 34 students enrolled in 3 classes this fall, and looking at 27 currently enrolled in 4 classes for the spring semester. In the fall courses we have been working on welding skills, and joint designs in Ag Mechanics. In Animal Science we are just starting to get into our core livestock units, after having covered systems, and anatomy/physiology in the first quarter. As for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade exploratory class, we just recently completed our unit in careers, where students learned about the different career areas, and all the choices they have to choose from in their future.

On the FFA side, a group of 5 youth travelled to Butte to compete in the District Land Judging contest. Even though it started to snow & sleet towards the end, they toughed out the storm, so they could learn more about soils, and how to properly utilize the land accordingly. The group did not have any top place finishes, but ended up towards the middle of the pack overall. We also recently started our Annual Fall Fundraiser of fruit, pizza, and snacks. Talk to your favorite local FFA member today to get your order placed.

Lastly, winter sports seasons are gearing up to start in early November. Currently we have OFFICIALLY started Junior High Wrestling. Numbers are low, but we are looking at having 7 face the challenge at meets this year. As usual, the meets will be piled in to a couple weeks time, but the focus is on technique and conditioning for these first couple weeks. We will have some good experience returning from our little kids program, so that will be exciting to see how they do in this next level of competition.

## Bill Mimick Retires

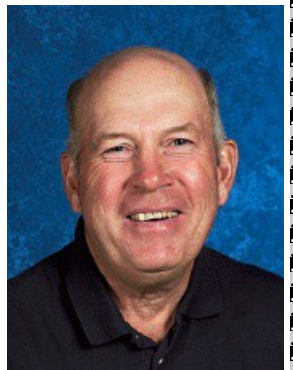
After thirty-five and a half years of teaching, Bill Mimick is going to retire. He started his teaching career at Monroe, going on to Lynch, Spencer/Spencer-Naper, and ending with Newman Grove for the last fourteen and a half years. Bill has touched many young lives with football, track, basketball, driver's education, refereeing, and physical education.

He was head coach of football for 34 years and went to 12 State Playoffs. When he first started coaching there were no State Playoffs yet. During the first five years at Newman Grove, we were ineligible for the playoffs. His record in the playoffs is 13 wins and 11 losses. His team made State Champion in 1988 and to semi-finals in 1991. One of his favorite memories is winning the first playoff game in Newman Grove's history in 2004.

When he first started teaching driver's education it was during the school day. He has now taught it for twenty seven years during the summer. He has had students from many different schools take his classes.

Other sports he was head coach for were 32 years of boys track, 26 years of girls track, 8 years of boys basketball, and 5 years of girls basketball. He has also been junior high coach and assistant coach at different times.

Bill plans on having knee replacement surgery as soon as possible after retirement. After healing, he hopes to still coach, teach driver's education, and substitute. He also plans on visiting family more.



Please join us for a reception for Bill after the boys & girls basketball games on December 11th in the auditorium.





## Technology: It's Ever Changing!

By Michele Schmidt

How do I keep up both knowledgewise and financially??????



That's the question many of us ask ourselves. Our students and teachers are no exception. After purchases this summer, all teachers have access to a laptop to be used in their classroom. Now what?

Well, let's see if some of the programs the students in Multimedia Technology are using will help. First: with digital cameras and/or cell phone cameras being used extensively, many of us want to work on our photos ourselves. What about using an open source software called GIMP, available at [www.gimp.org](http://www.gimp.org), which is on the same line as Photoshop Elements. The great thing is: It is free! So you don't need all those tools, but you still would like to add "bling" to your photos. How about trying the image manipulation website called Picnik found at [www.picnik.com](http://www.picnik.com)?

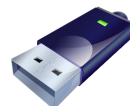
Now the students (or you) are ready to use their photos to prepare posters, newsletters, or a presentation. At school most of our students would go to the Microsoft Office Suite, which includes Publisher and PowerPoint to start this process. What about at home? There is an open source option available for this also. For desktop publishing (posters and newsletters) you might choose Scribus, which is available at [www.scribus.net](http://www.scribus.net). The presentation program can be found in a program called Impress included in the Open Office Suite available from [www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org). Oh, by the way, this suite also includes word processing, database, and spreadsheet programs; and, yes, these are compatible with the Microsoft Office Suite.

Before we go any further, I need to make it clear, these programs are alternatives; but they may not have all the features of the name brand programs.

The multimedia tech students are also learning to use many other programs to add to their project. Here are some for you to explore:

- For audio recording – Audacity – available at <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/windows>
- To convert PowerPoint to a video format – EM PowerPoint Video – available at [www.effectmatrix.com/PowerPoint-Video-Converter/Free-PowerPoint-Video-Converter.htm](http://www.effectmatrix.com/PowerPoint-Video-Converter/Free-PowerPoint-Video-Converter.htm)
- Various video/audio converters – Free Studio Manager – available at [www.dvdvideosoft.com](http://www.dvdvideosoft.com)
- Converting flash video to a useable format – Pazera Free FLV to AVI Converter 1.2 – available at [www.soft32.com/download\\_214178.html](http://www.soft32.com/download_214178.html)
- Create a podcast – PodOMatic – available at [www.podomatic.com](http://www.podomatic.com)
- Create an online comic strip – PikiStrips – available at [www.pikistrips.com](http://www.pikistrips.com)
- Create an online multimedia poster – Glogster – available at [www.glogster.com](http://www.glogster.com)
- Create a speaking image – Blabberize – available at [www.blabberize.com](http://www.blabberize.com)
- Create an online video – Animoto – available at [www.animoto.com](http://www.animoto.com)
- Create a video from photos – PhotoStory – available at [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) and search for PhotoStory
- Capture an image of your screen – 1) Screenhunter – available at [http://download.cnet.com/ScreenHunter-Free/3000-2192\\_4-10063246.html?tag=mncol](http://download.cnet.com/ScreenHunter-Free/3000-2192_4-10063246.html?tag=mncol) 2) Mwsnap – available at [www.snapfiles.com/get/mwsnap.html](http://www.snapfiles.com/get/mwsnap.html)
- Create a PDF file from various file types – Cute PDF Writer – available at [www.cutepdf.com](http://www.cutepdf.com)
- Recording actions from computer screen – Free Screen Recorder – available at [www.freewarezoom.com/archives/free-screen-recorder](http://www.freewarezoom.com/archives/free-screen-recorder)
- Trimming video selection – Free Video Cutter – available at [www.freewarezoom.com/archives/free-video-cutter](http://www.freewarezoom.com/archives/free-video-cutter)
- Creating animated text – 3D Textmaker – available at [www.3Dtextmaker.com](http://www.3Dtextmaker.com)
- An alternate presentation program – Prezi – available at <http://prezi.com>

Now it's your turn. Go out and see what works for you!





# Music Notes



by Tami Texley



## Choral Clinic

On Friday, November 6, 2009 the 8<sup>th</sup> grade music class participated in the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Elkhorn Valley Junior High Choral Clinic. Together with 12 other schools the 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir practiced on Friday afternoon and gave a concert at 5:30 p.m. that night.

The guest clinician was Julie Baker-Anderson. Julie is a 1987 graduate of Wheeler Central High School. She received her Bachelor's degree in music Education from UNL, where she performed with Scarlet and Cream Singers. She currently teaches at Wahoo Middle School and High School where she directs 6-12 grades.

Songs performed by the group choir were: River-song, Route 66, Why We Sing, Bonse Aba and Seize the Day. Schools who participated: Bloomfield, Boone Central, Clearwater, Elkhorn Valley, Elgin Pope John, Humphrey St. Francis, Lindsay Holy Family, Norfolk Catholic, Pierce, Schuyler Community Schools, St Michael's Albion and Wheeler Central.

**Music Boosters  
Soup Supper, Bake Sale,  
and Silent Auction  
(Including 2009 Husker Team  
Volleyball in Case .)**

**Saturday, December 19th**



**During Newman Grove  
vs Elkhorn Valley**

**Girls and Boys  
Basketball Games**

## Swing Choir Performs

The Swing Choir performed at the Steak Feed on Sunday, November 8th. The members are back row (left to right): Lila Wondercheck, Kelly Labenz, Audrey Wondercheck, Jason Kaufman, Joan O'Brien (on shoulders), Jake Kaufman, Bridget Knust, Toni Rasmussen, Tenee' Kopejtko. Front row (left to right): Scott Boettcher, Cheyanne Fowlkes, and Nick Flamme.



## Junior-Senior High Winter Concert



Tuesday, December 15th

7:00 PM, Auditorium



# Meet our Seniors



**COURTNEY NELSON**

Parents:  
Craig & Carla Nelson

Other Family Members:  
Callie Nelson

Favorite Pastime:  
Hanging out with friends and camping!!

Senior Activities:  
Yearbook Editor

Part-time Employment:  
Newman Grove Bowl

Plans After Graduation:  
Got to college somewhere...  
get an awesome education... make the big bucks  
and live happily ever after!!!



**KATIE O'BRIEN**

Parents:  
John & Doris O'Brien

Other Family Members:  
Tom, Ann, Joan, John

Favorite Pastime:  
Hanging out with friends.

Senior Activities:  
Cross Country, Basketball, Track, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA,  
National Honor Society, Student Council,  
Yearbook Editor, Shell Creek Watershed

Part-time Employment:  
City Cafe

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend UNL & Major in Insect Science.



## What makes Mission Bean a truly great coffee?

Newman Grove Music Students are selling Mission Bean Coffee to raise money for their 2011 Music Trip. Students will receive \$3 per bag of coffee beans sold. The other proceeds go to the City Mission in Lincoln, NE to help people in need. The coffee is freshly roasted and bagged in Lincoln, NE.

**Regular  
Decaf  
Hazelnut  
BOLD  
12oz. Bag  
\$8.00**

In a word, "FRESHNESS." It's the key to a great cup of coffee. At Mission Bean, we begin with only the world's finest coffee beans. Then we have them roasted locally and packaged fresh daily. This freshness unlocks the full potential of the bean. It's a difference you can smell the instant you open the bag. And a difference you can definitely taste in every cup. In fact, once you've experienced Mission Bean freshness, we believe it will become your coffee-of-choice.



THE **J** REPORT

**Congrats! All District Team**

District 5 8 Man D-1

**First Team**

- Jake Kaufman-O Guard
- Derek Stone-D Lineman
- Sheldon Boschen-D Back-Linebacker
- Ben Jacobson-D Linebacker

**Second Team**

- Ben Jacobson-O Running Back
- Tanner Bollig- O Guard, D Linebacker
- Troy McCuiston- Quarterback, Punter
- Shane Farrier-O End

**Honorable Mention Team**

- Matt King-D End
- Jesse Johnson- O End



**Lady Jay-Dogs Volleyball**

By Shelley Dunlap

The Newman Grove/Lindsay Lady Jay-dogs Jr. high volleyball team had a successful season. Twenty-nine students participated from both towns. Many games were played as the teams finished with the following records: A team 15-5, B team 8-8, and C team 0-10. Highlights for the year include first and second in the silver tournament at Schuyler for the A and B teams, and second place at both the Clarkson and Ewing tournaments by the A team. The girls improved in the areas of passing, setting, spiking, and overhand serving and learned new rotations. They made new friends. Girls who participated from Newman Grove were Megan Nelson, Brooke Pieke, Emily Strong, Taylor Friedrich, Sadie Wallin, Kleo Edgell, Marisol Hernandez, Shyanne McCuiston, Andrea Lloyd, Brandy Robak, Alaina Rast. The girls from Lindsay were Emily Kurtenbach, Amanda Korus, Kendall Schumacher, Letishia Lindhorst, Ellie Kurtenbach, Bailey Wiese, Laura McPhillips, Cassidy Chohon, Kyra Johnson, Regan Wiese, Catherine Weeder, Renee Frisch, Katelynn Endicott, Anna Wegener, Emily Hemmer, Erika Korus, Alyssa Beller, and Erika Ruhnke. This was an awesome group of girls to work with and we expect many great things from them in the future.

**FOOTBALL SEASON COMES TO AN END** By Coach Bill Mimick

The 2009 football season came to an end in the opening round of the Nebraska State High School Playoffs. It was a cold, rainy, windy night on a muddy football field in Milligan. The Bluejays lost a hard fought battle to a veteran (13 seniors) Exeter-Milligan team 16-30.

The Bluejays defeated Elkhorn Valley 42-6, North Central 53-10, lost to Clearwater-Orchard 14-46 leading up to the playoff game. With only three seniors on this year's roster the 2009 Newman Grove football team overcame injuries and sickness to post their 3rd straight winning season, 3rd straight State Playoff appearance, and developed into a good

football team. The team played together to post the seventh time in the 35 years of State Football Playoffs a Newman Grove team has qualified. In recent years, the Bluejays have been fortunate to make the Nebraska State Football Playoffs six times in the last eight years.

We bid seniors Jake Kaufman, Matt King, and Derek Stone the best in the future. They have gotten to play six years (two junior high, four high school) for the blue and white, and represented their families, school, and community well. Best Wishes!

Good luck to the winter activities and programs at Newman Grove High School!

Pictured are (Left to Right): Derek Stone, Jake Kaufman, Matt King.





# Cross Country

By John Ramaekers

Team photo by Shine Photography.

Pictured below are Newman Grove students left to right: Katie O'Brien, Tom Thompson, April Ramaekers.



Once again the Lindsay Holy Family/Newman Grove Cross Country team brought back hardware from the State Championships at Kearney. The girls team once again earned the runner-up trophy in Class D. Crofton earned their fourth straight State Championship and 14th over all in Cross Country. The girls were led by Andrea Weeder-2nd Individual State Championship. Breanna Korus placed 13th, Natalie Korus finished 20th, and April Ramaekers placed 28th. Also placing for the team were Melanie Fehringer at 88th and Stacy Beller 89th out of 123 runners.

On the boys side, we fell a little short of our goal and finished 3rd behind Ainsworth and Hastings St. Cecilia who won the State meet. Kevin Weeder finished 2nd, Kyle Wegener finished 15th, Kelan Schumacher finished 37th, Shawn Korth finished 52nd, Jerett Sueper finished 56th, and Tommy Thompson finished 111th out of 121 runners.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all who came to our meets this year. Our kids worked very hard to achieve their goals for the year and are very proud to hang another banner in Newman Grove Gym. I would also like to acknowledge Katie O'Brien for all she did in her cross country career. Her smile and positive attitude will be missed greatly next year.

## NEWMAN GROVE FFA FUNDRAISER

Oct. 25th-Nov. 18th



Items that are being sold Include: Fruit Cartons, Fruit Baskets, Godfather's Pizza, and Party Time (cookie dough, meat, cheese, snacks)

Delivery Date: December 12 Contact FFA at 447-6294 Thanks for supporting Newman Grove FFA!



## Lady Jays Volleyball



By Erin Forre

As always the end of the season comes much too quickly. I am extremely proud of all of the girls and the growth they have made over the past few months. The C team finishes strong with a record of 3-2, the JV played many close games to end with a record of 4-8. The Lady Jays Varsity finish with a record of 14-14, good job ladies.

The Lady Jays played with a strong determination and focus in the first round of sub-districts to come out ahead of Elkhorn Valley in three sets. After a hard fought battle the Lady Jays fell to Winside in five sets during the second round of sub-district play. The girls had



a great year and I am very proud of them for what they accomplished. A special thanks to our senior Olivia Wiese for her four years of hard work and dedication.

**For Sale:** The Newman Grove School has approximately 50 plus 1x 6 privacy fence boards for sale. Come and take a look and make an offer. We will take best offer by Friday, November 20, 2010. We reserve the right to accept any or no offer.



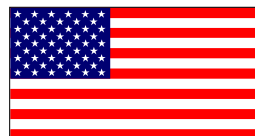
## VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM



The Veterans Day Program was held on November 11th in the gym at Newman Grove Public Schools. The students, staff, and public enjoyed the program prepared by the school and American Legion Post #73.

The American Legion Post #73 opened the program by advancing the colors. Emily Strong sang the National Anthem. The fourth through sixth graders sang "Salute to America," (a patriotic melody) after all recited the pledge of allegiance. Beth Nelson, Principal introduced the speaker Specialist Pete Matson, of the Nebraska National Guard 189th Transportation Company. Specialist Pete Matson has just enlisted for six more years in the National Guard. He talked about his time in Iraq and why he joined the service because of the family tradition. He also thanked the community and people around the country for all the support they give to the people who serve. Band member Emily Strong and Mrs. Tami Texley sounded TAPS and the American Legion Post #73 retired the colors. "We the People" was sung by the 4th through 6th graders to close out the ceremony.

We wish to thank Specialist Pete Matson, American Legion Post #73, Verne Buhl, Charles Borg, Duane Chilson, Ivan Herchenbach, Steve Johnson, Ralph Pieke, Emily Strong, and the Newman Grove Music Program and Mrs. Texley for helping to educate our young people on the contributions veterans have made throughout the years and for helping our students gain an appreciation for what America's veterans have done.





## News from Language Arts and Spanish Classes

By Rhonda Rother



Author Robert C. Gallagher once quipped, "Change is inevitable - except from a vending machine." Throughout history, sages have remarked upon the constancy of change. It is, in fact, one of the few things we can count on in these days of rapidly changing technology. One rather large change for me this year is my schedule. First period finds me with a Spanish One class of 17 students at Lindsay Holy Family. While it took me some time to learn the new systems and procedures of a different school (they have a different grade book and record-keeping program, to give just one example), things have been going very smoothly. Advance planning helped the transition: principals of both Newman Grove and LHF worked together on the school calendars last spring to ensure a "best match" situation for our class schedules. So far, there have been just a few instances of scheduling conflicts.

Another change this year involves our language arts curriculum. As many already know, the State of Nebraska has mandated a new set of standards for language arts. In spite of this new standards document from the state, the basic content of our classes won't change drastically. It is a given that students need to graduate with skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. With these goals in mind, we language arts teachers will continue teaching grammar, literature, vocabulary, writing, and speaking, while incorporating any new goals mentioned in the state standards. Several of these new goals include effective use of the latest technology in communication. Here are a few of them:

- LA 12.4.1.c Practice safe and ethical behaviors when communicating and interacting with others (e.g., safe information to share on-line, appropriate language use, utilize appropriate sites and materials, respect diverse perspectives)
- LA 12.4.1.d Engage in activities with learners from a variety of cultures through electronic means (e.g., podcasts, video chats, distance learning)
- LA 12.4.1.f Gather and share information and opinions as a result of communication with others (e.g., video/audio chat, interview, podcast, multi-media presentations)
- LA 12.4.1.g Use social networks and information tools to gather and share information (e.g., social bookmarking, online collaborative tools, web page/blog)

Podcast, video chats, social bookmarking. Whew! A couple of years ago, I didn't even know what those terms meant. Now I'm challenged to find ways of using these new technologies to teach the essential content of English classes. All those sages were right: change is inevitable. But I also believe that Pauline R. Kezer had a great point when she said, "Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights. "

### Are you teaching your child how to be grateful?

Kids who learn to be grateful are less likely to whine when they don't get what they want. They are easier to be around and get along better with friends and adults. Are you helping your child learn to be thankful? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below to find out:

1. **Does everyone** in your family identify at least one thing for which he is grateful each day?
2. **Do you say "thank you"** often? Do you teach your child to thank everyone, from the bus driver to the cafeteria worker?
3. **Do you focus** on small reasons to be grateful? Do you take time to admire a beautiful sunset?
4. **Do you focus** on things your family can do together instead of thinking about things you can't afford?
5. **Do you and your child** talk about the things you have to be grateful for?



**How well are you doing?** Each *yes* means you are helping your child become more grateful. For each *no* answer, try that idea in the quiz.





# DECEMBER 2009

| Sun | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Wed                                                                                                                 | Thur                                                                                                                             | Fri                                                                                                                                                         | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>1</p> <p>7:15 AM Swing Choir</p> <p>TBD Play Production: Dist D1-3 Contest @ St Francis</p> <p>3:30 PM JHWR: Battle Creek Invite (A)</p> <p>6:30 PM JHGBB: Norfolk Catholic (A) (A &amp; B Teams)</p> | <p>2</p> <p>7:00 AM Cheer Practice</p> <p>3:05 PM Junior Class Meeting</p>                                          | <p>3</p> <p>7:30 AM FFA Officers Mtg</p> <p>3:05 PM Swing Choir</p> <p>3:05 PM Pep Rally</p> <p>4:00 PM G/BBB: Fullerton (H)</p> | <p>4</p> <p>TBD Staff Christmas Party</p> <p>11:55 AM Senior Careers Class</p>                                                                              | <p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM WR: Broken Bow (A)</p> <p>3:30 PM G/BBB: Holy Family (A)</p>                                                                                                       |
| 6   | <p>7</p> <p>7:00 AM Cheer Practice</p> <p>TBD CAPS, COPS, COPEs Tests (Gr 8)</p> <p>6:00 PM JHGBB: Clarkson (at Lindsay) (A &amp; B Teams)</p> <p>6:00 PM SAE Workshop</p>                                                 | <p>8</p> <p>7:15 AM Swing Choir</p> <p>TBD CAPS, COPS, COPEs Tests (Gr 8)</p> <p>6:30 PM FFA Mtg</p> <p>7:00 PM Winter Elementary Concert</p>                                                            | <p>9</p> <p>TBD CAPS, COPS, COPEs Tests (Gr 8)</p> <p>10:00 AM Late Start (staff development)</p>                   | <p>10</p> <p>TBD Play Production: State Contest</p> <p>3:05 PM Swing Choir</p> <p>4:30 PM G/BBB: Clarkson (A)</p>                | <p>11</p> <p>G/BBB Parents Night</p> <p>Retirement Reception following BBB Games</p> <p>11:55 AM Senior Careers Class</p> <p>4:00 PM G/BBB: Aquinas (H)</p> | <p>12</p> <p>ACT Tests</p> <p>9:00 AM WR: West Point invite (A)</p> <p>9:00 AM JHGBB: Battle Creek (A) (A &amp; C Teams)</p> <p>9:00 AM JHGBB: Elkhorn Valley Tourney (A) (B Team)</p> |
| 13  | <p>14</p> <p>7:00 AM Cheer Practice</p> <p>6:00 PM Board of Ed Mtg</p>                                                                                                                                                     | <p>15</p> <p>7:15 AM Swing Choir</p> <p>3:05 PM Senior Class Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Junior-Senior Parent Mtg (Financial Aid)</p> <p>7:00 PM Jr-Sr High Winter Concert</p>                                | <p>16</p> <p>7:00 AM Cheer Practice</p> <p>3:05 PM Honor Society Mtg</p>                                            | <p>17</p> <p>3:30 PM G/BBB: Humphrey (A)</p>                                                                                     | <p>18</p>                                                                                                                                                   | <p>19</p> <p>10:00 AM WR: Pope John Invite (A)</p> <p>3:30 PM G/BBB: Elkhorn Valley (H)</p> <p>4:00 PM Music Boosters Soup Supper</p>                                                  |
| 20  | <p>21</p> <p>7:00 AM Cheer Practice</p> <p>Semester Tests (Gr 7-12)</p> <p>3:05 PM FBLA Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM JHGBB: Leigh (at Lindsay) (B Team)</p> <p>6:00 PM SAE Workshop</p> <p>7:30 PM Biology II Parent Meeting</p> | <p>22</p> <p>End - First Term</p> <p>No School K-6</p> <p>Faculty Workday to 4 pm</p> <p>Semester Tests (Gr 7-12)</p> <p>11:15 AM 7-12 Dismissal</p>                                                     | <p>23</p> <p>Practice Moratorium</p> <p>No School K-12</p> <p>Test Make-up Day</p> <p>Staff Development to Noon</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Practice Moratorium</p>                                                                                             | <p>25</p> <p>Christmas Practice Moratorium</p>                                                                                                              | <p>26</p> <p>Practice Moratorium</p>                                                                                                                                                   |
| 27  | <p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM JVWR: Wisner-Pilger Invite (A)</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>29</p> <p>TBD G/BBB: Heartland Lutheran Holiday Tourney</p>                                                                                                                                           | <p>30</p> <p>TBD G/BBB: Heartland Lutheran Holiday Tourney</p>                                                      | <p>31</p>                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                        |



## NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

*(milk served with each meal; fruit or salad boat available to 7-12)*

| MONDAY                                                                                       | TUESDAY                                                                 | WEDNESDAY                                                                                        | THURSDAY                                                                                                                         | FRIDAY                                                                                                                         |
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| <p>November 23</p> <p>Spaghetti<br/>Corn</p> <p>Garlic Bread</p>                             | <p>November 24</p> <p>Chicken Strips<br/>French Fries</p> <p>Cookie</p> | <p>November 25</p> <p>Turkey /Gravy<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>Dinner Rolls<br/>Pumpkin Dessert</p> | <p>November 26</p> <p><i>NO SCHOOL</i></p>     | <p>November 27</p> <p><i>NO SCHOOL</i></p>  |
| <p>November 30</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken<br/>Cheesy Green Beans</p> <p>Rice Krispie Bar</p>     | <p>December 1</p> <p>Mini Pizza<br/>Corn</p> <p>Vanilla Wafers</p>      | <p>December 2</p> <p>Sub Sandwich<br/>French Fries</p> <p>Cluster Cookie</p>                     | <p>December 3</p> <p>Chicken Fried Steak<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>w/Gravy<br/>Dinner Rolls</p>                                    | <p>December 4</p> <p>Taco Burgers<br/>Lettuce/Salsa</p> <p>Donut</p>                                                           |
| <p>December 7</p> <p>Chicken Sandwich<br/>French Fries</p> <p>Muffin</p>                     | <p>December 8</p> <p>Beef Stew<br/>Pudding</p> <p>Dinner Rolls</p>      | <p>December 9</p> <p>Breaded Beef Patty<br/>Baked Potato</p> <p>Banana Bar</p>                   | <p>December 10</p> <p>Ham &amp; Au Gratin<br/>Potatoes<br/>Corn<br/>Biscuits</p>                                                 | <p>December 11</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo<br/>Green Beans</p> <p>Bread Sticks</p>                                                  |
| <p>December 14</p> <p>Cheeseburger<br/>French Fries</p> <p>Brownie</p>                       | <p>December 15</p> <p>Goulash<br/>Green Beans</p> <p>Garlic Bread</p>   | <p>December 16</p> <p>Pancakes<br/>Ham Patty<br/>Tri-Tators<br/>Juice</p>                        | <p>December 17</p> <p>Turkey Noodle<br/>Casserole<br/>Peas<br/>Dinner Rolls</p>                                                  | <p>December 18</p> <p>Walking Tacos<br/>Lettuce/Salsa</p> <p>Cinnamon Bun</p>                                                  |
| <p>December 21</p> <p>Shepherds Pie<br/>Green Beans<br/>Dinner Rolls<br/>Pumpkin Dessert</p> | <p>December 22</p> <p><i>NO K-6<br/>H.S. DISMISS<br/>11:15 AM</i></p>   | <p>December 23</p> <p><i>NO SCHOOL</i></p>                                                       | <p>December 24</p> <p><i>NO SCHOOL</i></p>  | <p>December 25</p>                        |

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

**Fruit or juice served daily!**



## Newman Grove Schools are collecting Land O Lakes



caps from gallons of milk, orange juice, and chocolate milk. All caps need to be clean and sanitary. The school will receive 5¢ per cap turned in. So please bring in your caps to school.



## SAVE YOUR LABELS



**Box Tops for Education**—Newman Grove Schools continues to collect Box Tops for Education Coupons. The box top coupons are still worth 10¢. Coupons are redeemed for items such as computer software.

**Campbell's Soup Labels**—We redeem these labels for products to be used within the school system. Please send labels to the school or dropped in the box at Barnes Mini Mart. **We will receive a bonus if turned in before Christmas Break!!**



**THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING!**

## WINTER SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

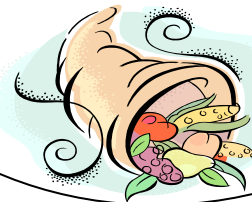


The following radio and television stations will be contacted should it become necessary to cancel school due to inclement weather:

Television: Channel 8 (Lincoln); Channel 11 (Lincoln)  
Website: [www.newman.esu8.org](http://www.newman.esu8.org)  
Satellite: KCAU (Sioux City)

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)

*Happy Thanksgiving  
from the  
Students and Staff  
of the Newman Grove  
Public Schools!*



### 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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