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Public Schools

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### Board of Education Meeting October 8, 2018

- ♦ Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m.
- ♦ The agenda was approved as published. Minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed.
- ♦ The next meeting will be held on November 12th at 7:30 p.m.
- ♦ Mrs. Amen, together with 3 students, presented a small video to the board on their Colorado trip this summer, thanking them for this opportunity.
- ♦ Kylie Sweeter presented her curriculum and activity report on Ag Education and FFA.
- ♦ Karla Patzel, together with Trent Patzel, presented information and demonstrations of the HAL (High-Ability Learner) program.
- ♦ Monthly reports were provided by Counselor Theresa Schmedding and Activities Director Tim Rossow.
- ♦ Principal Barnes presented information on attendance at Parent/Teacher Conferences, up-coming Professional Development Day, and Veteran's Day program on November 12, 2018 at 1:15 p.m.
- ♦ Superintendent Shalikow discussed with the board the Annual State Education Conference, along with discussion on construction progress.
- ♦ The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented; claims were approved for payment in the amounts of \$65,766.68 (General Fund), \$1,390.00 (Depreciation Fund), and \$76,491.57 (Building Fund).
- ♦ Approved reorganization of Board of Negotiations Committee.
- ♦ Approved a guarantee max price on Ag Facility.
- ♦ Discussed Elementary Addition. Approved Option E on Elementary Addition Corridor.
- ♦ Discussed Cafeteria Bleachers/Flooring. Motion passed to remove lift/elevator.
- ♦ Approved Materials Testing/Special Inspections Contract of new Vo-Ag Building by CTS.
- ♦ Approved New Athletic Trainer Contract.
- ♦ Discussed the Playground Design. Action tabled until more information is received.
- ♦ Approved an amendment to the BC/NG Cooperative Agreement.
- ♦ The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

## 2018 FALL HOMECOMING



Queen Maddison Steffensmeier and  
King Brady Sokol

### Trunk or Treat on Main Street

**Wednesday  
October 31, 2018**



**Meet at the Gazebo at  
3:45 PM to walk  
together as a group**

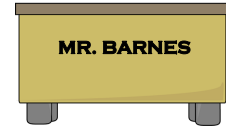
**ALL ARE INVITED  
to a  
Community Soup Supper**

**at NG Community Center**

**5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.**



From the Desk of  
Mr. Darrell Barnes, PK-12 Principal



It feels like fall has arrived with the cooler weather, the rain showers, the falling leaves, and Parent-Teachers Conferences completed. We here at Newman Grove were delighted to see that the percentage of parents attending was up from previous years and want to thank those that attended. Fall MAP testing is complete and the staff will be going over those results to help us improve things in our classrooms.

We are thankful that we have businesses in the community that are sponsoring our Student(s) of the Month as we need to recognize all the positives about our students and celebrate those successes. We will also continue to have our Rockin' Rallies at the end of each 9 weeks for our elementary, to recognize the accomplishments of those students! Keep encouraging your student(s) to read and don't be afraid to model that reading for them and of course reading to the younger ones! It all helps.

Your Support is Much Appreciated!

Enjoy the fall and get ready for the winter! Snowmen, snow angels, and snow shoveling!

# Trick-or-Treat for Food Pantry

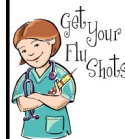


Sunday, October 21st  
Approx. 6:30 – 7:30 pm



FFA, FBLA and National Honor Society school organizations will be dressed in their best Halloween costumes collecting items. If we are not able to get to your house to pick up these items, we will have a box in the office at school, so please drop them off there any time the following week. Spooks and goblins will be around, so please be generous in supporting the local food pantry!

**Food items to have on hand:** Canned fruits and meats, soap & shampoo, tomato products, ketchup, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, toilet tissue, soup, cereal, salad dressing, sugar, flour, cooking oil, juice, and breakfast items such as syrup, pancake mix, oatmeal, etc.



## Fall Illnesses

Submitted by Teresa  
Wondercheck RN  
ESU #8 School Nurse

A reminder that the influenza (flu) is showing up in the area and now is a very good time to be getting your flu shot. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body, so make plans to get vaccinated early in fall, before flu season begins. CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October. Getting vaccinated later, however, can still be beneficial and vaccination should continue to be offered throughout flu season, even into January or later. Everyone 6 months and older is recommended for annual influenza vaccination.



## COUNSELOR'S

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Theresa Schmedding  
K-12 Counselor

theresa.schmedding@ngpublicschools.com

### College Visits

Encourage and take your son or daughter on a college visit. Juniors get one college visit day in which they will not be counted absent and seniors have three college visit days. Just send a note to Donna or Ms. Schmedding on where your child will be visiting.

### FAFSA

The FAFSA now opens up on October 1. For parents that have Seniors interested in attending college, it is imperative that you complete this form to help with college tuition. The sooner that you fill it out, the more money you will receive. Once you create you FAFSA ID, you will then go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> to finish filling out the FAFSA.

The first step is creating the FSA ID. The FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID) is a username and password you create to access the FAFSA and federal student loan websites. It will also serve as your signature for the FAFSA and federal student loans.

**Follow these steps to get your FSA ID.** If you're a dependent student, you and a parent will each need one.

1. Go to **fsaid.ed.gov** before you start your FAFSA.
  - Provide your email address and create a username and password. Print this page.

*Both you and a parent will need active email accounts. Don't use a high school email account.*

2. Enter personal information.
  - Name, Social Security number, date of birth
  - Mailing address, email address, mobile phone number
3. Answer challenge questions. Select answers that are easy to remember and won't change over time.
4. Submit your FSA ID information and verify your email address and mobile phone number with the assigned security code.

### Scholarship List

An updated list of scholarships is available in the counseling office for students to pick up and on our school web-site.



The Seven Cities Bike tour passed through Newman Grove and graciously awarded four scholarships to the Newman Grove seniors. The seniors selected were: (left to right) Cheyenne Cleland, Sarah Johnson, Brady Sokol, Dominik Cue-



## CHILD FIND

School districts are required to identify children in need of special education services each year. Services needed for children may be arranged within the district or by contraction with another district agency.

According to state and federal statutes, handicapped children are those children with handicaps in any of the following areas: vision, hearing, physical development, or intellectual.

Children eligible for services through school districts include children from birth through age 21. Programs for preschool children may range from programs for parents (in-home training for infant to age three) to programs at a center or school (ages 3-5).

*Please contact the Newman Grove Schools if:*

- a) you suspect your child may be handicapped and you would like to secure an evaluation for your child or
- b) your child has been diagnosed as handicapped and is eligible for services.



## Fall Greetings from Room 105

By Theresa Krueger Spec. Ed. Inst./Services Coordinator



The 2018-19 school year is off to a fast and furious start. It's been quick with first quarter almost done, so, the old saying that the older you get the faster time goes is so true - most days, I just get here and it's already time to go home, so needless to say, my days fly! School has been interesting this year so far with lots of activity – our 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 12th grade students are keeping me plenty busy.

Some of my responsibilities are to provide support to the students with classroom assignments/tests and consult with teachers on how to best meet the needs of students that struggle. We try to make sure assignments are current, work on the current or late homework, work on long-term projects, go through and organize materials frequently, and study for tests. Teachers are more than willing to do what is needed in order for each student to be successful (modify assignments, extend due dates, allow them to work/test with me, have different requirements, etc.), but students also need to do their part, being responsible and accountable, to actually do the homework assignments, and not expect us to hold their hand/do it for them.

I do have a few individual classes where students work on goals in the areas of English, Reading, and Math. For English classes, I have students focus on writing skills, reading/completing project over book of choice, reading literature stories and completing questions/activities, filling out a variety of forms, finding out employee/employer characteristics/expectations, getting along with co-workers, figuring out what to do with spare time, getting involved in the community, exploring areas of interests to get ideas on what to do after graduation, writing a resume, different ways to find employment, employer/employee characteristics/expectations, - just a few areas that are covered. For Math classes, students work on learning basic skills (add, subtract, multiply, divide, whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percents), figuring area and perimeter, basic Algebra and Geometry skills/concepts, money, time, measurement, interest, banking, budgeting, shopping, financing, etc. Juniors and seniors focus more on building skills that will be needed when they graduate and are on their own (budgeting, taxes, housing, shopping, paying bills, savings, planning for retirement, making large purchases, cooking, etc.). We also work with Vocational Rehabilitation Services in Norfolk, which is an adult agency that can continue providing services for students after graduation if the student/family choose to work with them.

A change for me this year is working more with elementary students. I am in the first grade room every morning helping students with math skills for about 25 minutes, then provide reading interventions for a few 2nd, 4th, and 5th graders. We use Reading Mastery with 2nd graders and Corrective Reading with 4th and 5th. Students are given a pre-test to determine which level they need to be working on. Each lesson is scripted and the same procedure is used daily. There is vocabulary practice, oral reading, questions for each section of the story, workbook page to complete for each story, mastery test every ten lessons, and periodic reading timings. Since intervention time is about 25 minutes/day, we might get one lesson done, but there are times when two days are needed.

Another responsibility I have is Special Services Coordinator. This involves arranging for testing that needs to be done in any of the special needs areas, which could consist of speech/language, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychological evaluation, functional behavior assessment, functional vision assessment, emotional disturbance assessment, deaf/hard of hearing assessment, contacting different agencies for records/information, etc. (just to name a few). When evaluations are done, meetings are scheduled to discuss results with parents/teachers/evaluators/administration and to determine future educational planning. If a student qualifies for special education and parents choose to use the services, an Individual Educational Plan is written that will best meet his/her needs and the decision for placement is made by the team. So, if you feel your child is struggling more than he/she should be and not making the expected progress, please be talking to teachers to find out what can be done at home to help or if further steps need to be taken.





## Boone Central/Newman Grove Softball 2018

By Danielle Amen



The Boone Central/Newman Grove Lady Cardinals softball season drew to a close October 6th, when they were defeated in the District Final game to powerhouse Wayne Blue Devils. It was a bittersweet ending to a successful year for the Cardinal softball team, they went 22-13 on the season and earned District Runner-up Honors, the most successful season in the last 5 years for the squad. It was an enjoyable season watching the girls work together and the hunger to reach their goals was great to see. Pictured is junior, Leighann Miller and the team with the their runner-up trophy.



### Newman Grove FFA Fundraiser

**Selling fruit, meat, cheese, cookie dough, snacks, and butter braids**

*Orders will make great Christmas gifts!  
Sales will take place October 15th-November 12th  
Expected delivery will be December 3rd-7th*



Help support the Newman Grove FFA  
Contact a local member or advisor  
Kylie Sweeter @ 447-6294

### FFA Officer Highlight

**Leighann Miller** 2018-2019 Sentinel



**Favorite Ag Class:** Advanced Projects

**FFA Activities & Contests:** Land Judging, Vet Science, Livestock Management, Senior Public Speaking, and Livestock Judging

**Favorite FFA memory:** My favorite memory was when we went to the House of Conundrum as an officer team in Omaha and everyone was scared at the beginning because there was an actual zombie! Once we started figuring everything out, we made it out of the room with 2 seconds to spare!

**How has FFA made a difference in your life?** FFA has made a huge impact in my life because I have met people across the nation. It makes you want to go out and do more in FFA and learn many other things about other people. I will never forget the friends I have made along the way.



# Master Conservationist Award



On Monday September 24th, 6 students, representing Newman Grove Schools, went to the Nebraska Association of Resource Districts annual conference in Kearney to receive the Master Conservationist Award. Over the past 17 years, Newman Grove Sophomore through Senior students have spent their summers monitoring the water quality of the Shell Creek. Through their efforts and cooperation with the Lower Platte North NRD and the Shell Creek Watershed Improvement Group, this local stream has been delisted from the impaired waters list for atrazine. This is the first stream in the country to ever have been delisted.

After each summer's monitoring, the students prepare a report for the government agencies that support them and any public that is interested. The public then has the chance to discuss and ask questions about their findings. By making the public aware of the issues with this stream, it has been very rewarding for the students to see the improvements that have happened since this project started 17 years ago. Not only are the students learning about science and their environment, but they are also gaining skills in public speaking, problem solving skills, hard work, and dedication. This project has also helped many students decide future career possibilities such as conservation work and environmental sciences. This program has been so important to students that 7 of the recent graduates decided to come back after graduation to help with the program this past summer.





## Newman Grove FFA Hosts 4th Annual Farm Safety Day

By Kylie Sweetter



To honor National Farm Safety and Health Week, the Newman Grove FFA chapter held a local farm safety event for the Newman Grove and Lindsay Holy Family elementary students.

This year's theme for National Farm Safety Week was "Cultivating the Seeds of Safety". The chapter hosted approximately 170 elementary students on Wednesday, September 19th. The event was planned by the FFA members and included numerous educational booths that highlighted safety precautions when living and working on a farm.

The event included booths that highlighted grain bin safety, pesticide and chemicals, tractor rollovers, tractor and PTO precautions, truck and trailer safety, and ATV and lawn mower safety. There was also a petting zoo which stressed the importance of safety around large and small animals. The petting zoo included cattle, horses, goats, a variety of chickens, a rabbit, and a puppy.

The Newman Grove FFA would like to thank the following - Donna Miller, Jared Sweetter, Tom Haase, Daidrea Donelson, Erin Forre, Beller Feedlot, Platte Valley Equipment of Humphrey, Sueper Farms, Michael & Dawn Pohlen, Mikal Shalikow, the Newman Grove Fire Department, and Farmer's Pride Cooperative for helping to make the day a success. The Newman Grove FFA Chapter would also like to wish all our area producers a safe harvest season!







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

Case Sukup- nominated by Mrs. Flood (Kindergarten) who said,

“Case is an outstanding friend in the Kindergarten classroom. He is always willing to help his friends with anything they need. He is kind and caring toward everyone and a fantastic helper to me. He works very hard to learn the skills we are working on and never gives up. We love having Case in our class.”

Piper Jarecki-nominated by Mrs. Patzel (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) who said,

“Piper is a wonderful student to have in class. She works extremely hard on her daily work and is willing to ask questions to make sure she is on the right path. She is very kind to her classmates and is a good role model for others.”



## 7-12 Grade September Students of the Month Sponsored by Bud's Sanitary Service

Mara Ranslem-nominated by Mrs. Sweeter (FFA) who said,

“Mara is a student that goes above and beyond in the classroom. She is always well prepared, polite and considerate to other students, and willing to help out when needed. Not only does she succeed in the classroom, she also shows an outstanding work ethic in her extra-curricular activities. She has stepped up and has volunteered to try many new things in FFA this year.”

David Plugge-nominated by Mr. Barnes (Principal) who said,

“David quietly has become a great student with educational goals beyond high school. David has never had a problem of any significance concerning discipline during his time in high school. He is polite, considerate and willing to help when asked.”



### NO SCHOOL DAYS

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|---------|-----------|-------|
| Oct. 19 | No School | PK-12 |
| Nov. 21 | No School | PK-12 |
| Nov. 22 | No School | PK-12 |
| Nov. 23 | No School | PK-12 |

Daylight Savings  
Time Ends  
November 4th  
Set clocks back 1







## Boone Central/Newman Grove Cross Country

By Tom Dickey



After several weeks of continuous warm weather, we were finally greeted with a bit of a change when we returned to the friendly confines of the Albion Country Club. The early part of the week of the Boone Central Individual was brutal! Highs in the nineties made it nearly impossible to run decent workouts. But, when we saw the forecast for Friday, we couldn't help but smile! Highs in the low 60s was the gift we needed – now the kids had to produce!

### THE BC INDIVIDUAL PR-POLUZA!

That weather was welcomed by everyone who stepped on the crowded country club course. The week before our girls had nipped the Scotus girls at their home invitational. I knew that they would be back in force, especially on a good day. It was obvious right away in the race that this was true.

Jordan Stopak and Sam Weeder went right to the front pack with Scotus sophomore, Olivia Fehringer. The three of them ran stride for stride through most of the 5k distance until the final hill when our girls powered away. They screamed down the hill and into the finishing chute in 1<sup>st</sup> (Jordan) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sam).

After a bit of time for results to be compiled, we realized just how fast the girls had run. Jordan's time of 19:09 was a full 14 seconds under the former school record set by her sister in her senior season. Sam was right there with her in 19:10, becoming our #2 time in school history. Only two other girls have ever run faster on our course – both are now running for major NCAA Division I colleges!

Behind this race, Katie Goodwater was battling a couple of foes. Her main one was the pain in her hip! She still managed to run one of her better races of the season, grabbing 14<sup>th</sup> place overall (5<sup>th</sup> SR medal) in 21:15. Not far behind her in 19<sup>th</sup> was Autumn Simons in a good time of 21:43. Her recovery still in progress, we're hoping for real improvement soon!

Lauren Pugh was the big surprise of the day, cutting over 4 minutes off of her former best! Her time of 22:33 placed her 30<sup>th</sup> overall and won her the 5<sup>th</sup> Freshman medal.

Julia Nore also recorded a personal best time of 23:50 to place 44<sup>th</sup>, while Senior, Mariah Olson, finished 70<sup>th</sup> in 28:01, which was a nearly 4 minute personal best!

Following this screamingly fast race, the totals of the girls' race proved that Scotus was the better team that day, edging us 26-32. Still, a fine day was had by nearly all, one that proved that we were making good progress!

The boys' team had their sights set on winning one of the two trophies awarded along with the top 5 medals handed out to the leaders in each grade level. Their plan to achieve this goal was to reduce the time between teammates.

Jonny Lindgren decided to change to a different type of shorts – and that was key! He had struggled with his health the prior three weeks, and he was anxious to try anything that was going to help! He quickly joined a small group of leaders and patiently tucked in behind them. He looked much more relaxed and ready for a fight, hanging onto the two leaders until the final 10 yards or so. He slipped into 3<sup>rd</sup> place (16"47 - #6 BC Sophomore time) to win the Sophomore division.

Joining Jonny's front row battle, Bradley Schindel ran his traditional zipping final mile to soar into 7<sup>th</sup> place (17:09 PR) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sophomore medal. Scott Wright also made running a personal best a mission, placing 29<sup>th</sup> in his record time of 18:26.

Just behind came the fast finishing duo of Gavin Ienn (4<sup>th</sup> FR) and Caleb Kohl, who placed 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> respectively – both in personal best times of 18:40 and 18:41 respectively.

Will Grape ran a long awaited PR of 19:28 to place 59<sup>th</sup>, while Brian Mock churned out a 21:31 in 93<sup>rd</sup>. Zach Reicks ran his fastest time since his freshman year, finishing 99<sup>th</sup> in 21:57 PR.

We were thrilled with the way the boys have improved! They are stepping up at just the right time! With this effort and continued progress, I have no doubts that we can be state qualifiers!

Our Junior High kids took the relay baton from the High School kids and closed up the meet with some of their fastest times ever!

Alicia Weeder not only won her 3<sup>rd</sup> race of the year, but she tied the fastest JH girls' time ever on the course! Her time of 9:07 tied Ashlynn Bader's time from 2003!

Kyra Kruse was recovering from a strange ankle injury. Carmen Montoya took 1:42 off of her previous best to place 57<sup>th</sup> in 16:02.

The boys had excellent success as well. Colton Simons just missed a medal, placing 11<sup>th</sup> in 9:15. Darren Petersen continued his amazing improvement, knocking 1:10 from his best with a 14<sup>th</sup> place finish (9:34). Ben Kohl placed 19<sup>th</sup> with a big PR of 9:39. Emmanuel Hernandez was 32<sup>nd</sup> in 10:11, while Giles Deeder whacked 1:18 from his time to place 35<sup>th</sup> in 10:24. Bruno Santarosa was 48<sup>th</sup> in 10:48 PR while Carson Wood was 53<sup>rd</sup> in 11:12. Louis Hoppe rounded out our scoring, placing 64<sup>th</sup> in 11:58 PR.

What a great showing on our home course! The excitement of running at home and in such perfect weather conditions produced an amazing 20 personal bests among the kids who had run here before! I don't ever recall such a productive day!



## Team Scoring:

Girls: 1)Scotus - 26, 2)Boone Central - 32, 3)O'Neill - 55, 4)St. Paul - 108, 5)HSF - 109, 6)Nebraska Christian - 123, 7)Palmer - 123, 8)Central City - 133, 9)Lakeview - 139, 10)Stanton - 140, 11)Humphrey.LHF - 145, 12)Wisner/Pilger - 185  
Boys: 1)Scotus - 40, 2)Boone Central - 71, 3)St. Paul - 88, 4)Wisner/Pilger - 93, 5)Lakeview - 108, 6)O'Neill - 117, 7)Stanton - 131, 8)Madison - 134, 9)Neligh/Oakdale - 150, 10)Nebraska Christian - 151, 11)Humphrey/LHF - 170, 12)Central City - 175, 13)Elkhorn Valley - 179, 14)Winside - 204, 15)Palmer - 257, 16)Twin River - 310

## CARDS RESPOND TO CHALLENGES AT West Holt!

When we get to the latter part of our season, it seems like challenges pop up in different directions. The West Holt Invitational on the Atkinson Country Club always has plenty to offer. One of them is the Ainsworth team. They always have some of the best runners in the state, and this year was no exception! They return the girls' gold medalist from 2017 and the boys' Class D state runner-up. To make matters worse, Jonny went home sick earlier in the day, and I planned to hold out Katie because of her sore hip. This put plenty of strain on our young team!

Several willing girls joined Sam and Jordan in a group that tried in vain to chase down the ultra fast Rylie Rice from Ainsworth. By mid-way our two gals were the only ones left and still chasing. It looked as if the gap was closing but Rylie pulled away for a 24 second win over Sam (2<sup>nd</sup> in 19:47 PR) and Jordan (3<sup>rd</sup> in 19:48). These two placed themselves on top of our All-Time West Holt list, but they also ran the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> fastest times ever run on that course (the first 2 were by Rylie Rice!)! We are so fortunate to have such talented and willing athletes!

Now, the gap between those two and the rest of our team is where the excitement starts! At the 2-mile mark, we pulled Katie off the course. This left Autumn as our 3<sup>rd</sup> runner and Loran our 4<sup>th</sup>. Autumn was running a very good race, but Loran seemed to be on fire. Her long stride got more and more confident as the race went on. Finally, with less than a mile left, Loran caught Autumn and together they fought to the finish. Autumn pulled out the 19<sup>th</sup> medal in 22:29 (not far off of her PR), and Loran was delighted to grab the 20<sup>th</sup> in 22:31.

This "little" improvement has to get the team excited about our possibilities, especially when we get Katie back to health! Having Loran there just takes pressure off of the other runners.

Julia, suffering with a sore hip as well, just missed her personal best with a 24:16 to place 38<sup>th</sup>. Mariah placed well in 67<sup>th</sup> in 30:00.

The girls were thrilled with this cool development and were rewarded with a narrow 34 - 39 victory over a tough Ainsworth squad. Things are looking up!

The boys' race took off like the girls - an Ainsworth athlete blasting to the lead. Only this time Ben Arens didn't slow down! His winning time of 16:01 broke a very old standing

course record by 15 seconds - he's the real deal!

Our guys did a great job as well. Bradley battled with a large group of guys trying to be the best of the rest. He kicked like a mad man into 7<sup>th</sup> place in 18:07, which is our #3 best time ever on this course.

Scott placed himself in the top 15 right away and made it a mission to stay there. He gamely hung there for most of the race, finally running out of gas towards the end, but he hung on long enough to win the 20<sup>th</sup> medal in 19:00 (a 34 second PR)!

The guy that made Scott hang in there, Gavin, was right on his heels! Gavin's improvement was also remarkable - finishing 21<sup>st</sup> also in 19:00. Not to be outdone, Caleb came storming home in 23<sup>rd</sup> in 19:11 (a 40 second PR) to close out our scoring.

Returning after a week off with a sore foot, Harrison Dodds ran a very spirited race - finishing 52<sup>nd</sup> in 20:40. Not far behind was Will, who ran a PR of 20:45 to place 59<sup>th</sup>. Zach did a great job, just missing his PR, placing 82<sup>nd</sup> in 22:29. Brian was close behind in 84<sup>th</sup> in 22:44.

I was really delighted with the way the boys competed! They were eager and enlivened! They wanted to make themselves better and just went out and did it! We missed Jonny, but maybe it was just what we needed to get everything working right!

The West Holt Invitational is the last meet for our Junior High kids, so they wanted to make it the highlight of the season. I think they achieved that goal!

Alicia did what she has all year - she took on all challenges and shooed them away! She won handily in 6:40 PR on a short 1800 meter course. Kyra returned to the line-up to take 25<sup>th</sup> in 8:09. Carmen ran a tough race, finishing 60<sup>th</sup> in 11:23.

The boys' race just made me smile! The guys just threw themselves into the race! For the first time, Darren led the charge into the chute. He knocked :47 off of last year's time to place 11<sup>th</sup> in 7:00. Just behind was the hard working Colton Simons, who placed 13<sup>th</sup> in 7:05.

Then came the string of red led by Ben Kohl in 19<sup>th</sup> (7:25), Emmanuel in 20<sup>th</sup> (7:25), and Troy in 21<sup>st</sup> (also 7:25). Giles followed right behind in 22<sup>nd</sup> in 7:28. You can see why I was smiling! Carson (50<sup>th</sup> - 8:39) and Louis (51<sup>st</sup> - 8:42) finished out our scoring. I think they all deserved the Blizzard they got as a reward for such an amazing day!

## Team Scoring:

Girls: 1)BC/NG - 34 (5th straight win at WH), 2)Ainsworth - 39, 3)Bloomfield/Wausa - 49, 4)O'Neill - 60, 5)West Holt - 67, 6)Ord - 68, 7)Twin Loup - 138, 8)Boyd County - 143, 9)St. Edward - 178, 10)Sandhills/Thedford - 186

Boys: 1)Ainsworth - 35, 2)West Holt - 42, 3)BC/NG - 68, 4)Boyd County - 75, 5)O'Neill - 82, 6)Neligh/Oakdale - 101, 7)Valentine - 102, 8)Elkhorn Valley - 101, 9)Ord - 132, 10)North Central - 184, 11)Niobrara/Verdigre - 188, 12)St. Edward - 231, 13)Valentine JV - 265







## Hello from Sixth Grade!

By: Chelsea Kaufman

A big hello from the sixth grade! We can't believe that we have already been in school for a couple of months. Where has the time gone?! Guess that happens when you're busy learning new things every day. We have seven students in our class this year, which is allowing us to fit in some fun learning experiences!

In reading, we have been learning an array of things! We've learned about what lies beneath our feet, how to become one with the story by using visualization, asking questions, and how to use different reading strategies; just to name a few. We just finished reading about America's economy. In Language Arts, we have been discussing the 4 types of sentences, independent and dependent clauses, and learning how to write expository essays. We have learned the three different types of writing as well as the writing process. In Social Studies, we started off the year talking about different careers in geography and what tools they use. We are now learning about geographical features and how a multitude of forces shape the Earth's surface. This year we are using a new program in Science called Amplify. Everything is online which allows our students to put on the lab coat and become scientists. Right now, we are learning about how different locations have different temperatures based on its placement on the Earth. Early in the year we went to Olson Nature Preserve and got to see all the wonderful things nature offers. While on our hike we explored a new path that took us deep inside the woods. We also got the opportunity to spend an afternoon with grandparents and send off National Guard soldier Nicole Thompson.

We have had a lot of fun while learning new things. It's never a dull moment in our class and that's the way we like it. We are having a great year so far, and we are very excited to continue our learning.

Pictured to the right is the class at the Olson Nature Preserve going down a trail.



Below: Waiting to send off Nicole Thompson.  
Left to right: Halie Nelsen, Brooke Forre, Alee Luna-Cadena, Abigail Matson, Aleeya Morris, Zander Jarecki, & Colton Wissenburg



Taking a little break at ONP  
Above (left to right): Brooke Forre, Alee Luna-Cadena, Aleeya Morris, Abigail Matson, Halie Nelsen, Colton Wissenburg, and Zander Jarecki





## Boone Central/Newman Grove 8th Grade Football

By Jeff Hayes



BCNG vs. Lakeview 9/20/18

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team lost in a very close game to Columbus Lakeview. Game was delayed a half hour after kickoff because of lightning. We were down 6-0 at halftime. The second half started with a return for a TD and a converted extra point to take a 8-6 lead. Our defense was strong throughout the night. Lakeview was able to score once more and we moved the ball well on our last series but couldn't make a first down on a 4<sup>th</sup> down play. It was a very competitive game and we were close once again but have to learn to be more precise at the end of games. Lakeview wins 12-8.

BCNG Scoring:

1Q 4:45 INT by Alex Christo  
3Q 65 yd Kickoff return TD by Kaison Voelker to start half (8-6) XP Alex Christo run  
3Q 0:39 INT by Kaison Voelker

Lakeview Scoring:

2Q 4:41 6 yd TD run (0-6)  
4Q 5:33 15 yd TD run (8-12)

| Score    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Final |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG     | 0               | 0               | 8               | 0               | 8     |
| Lakeview | 0               | 6               | 0               | 6               | 12    |

BCNG vs. Pierce 9/25/18

It was a very tough night for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. We struggled all game to move the ball and had very few first downs. Our defense has just as many problems as our offense this game. We could not stop their running game and gave up more points in this game than we have all season long. We will have to regroup and see if we can all work together to improve in the last couple of games.

| Score  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Final |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG   | 0               | 0               | 0               | 6               | 6     |
| Pierce | 16              | 22              | 14              | 0               | 52    |

TD Alex Christo pass to Sam Grape. XP failed

BCNG vs. Twin River 10/2/18  
Combined 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade game

The Cardinals had a successful night on the football field against Twin River. We had only one game so the team combined its talents. We were able to move the ball well on offense. Our defense was very good all night. We gave up a short field a couple of times because our special teams allowed some big returns but the defense

held. It was a very good effort by the team.

| Score      | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Final |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG       | 14              | 8               | 12              | 0               | 34    |
| Twin River | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0     |

BCNG Scoring:

1Q 3:13 15 yd run by Parker Borer, 2 pt no good (6-0)  
1Q 2:21 30 yd fumble recovery by Kaison Voelker for TD. Play was meant to be a screen pass, pass went backwards. (14-0) XP Pass from Alex Christo to Sam Grape  
2Q 4:45 50 yd punt return by Alex Christo for TD, 2pt pop pass conversion from Brant Benes to Jaxon Lipker good. (22-0)  
3Q 4:47 5 yd TD run by Kaison Voelker, 2 pt no good (28-0)  
3Q 2:32 45 yd TD punt return by Brant Benes, 2 pt no good (34-0)

After the game we played some extra time. Each team had 10 offensive plays and 10 defensive plays. The only score during this time was a TD pass from Keaton Hunt to Ben Reilly.

BCNG vs. Central City 10/9/18

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade finished off their season with a win against Central City. We moved the ball on offense well this game. There were a few ball handling issues as we played in wet weather. Both teams had some trouble handling the ball but we were able to make the plays when we needed them. The only let down was a kickoff return by Central City after we scored our first touchdown. The defense did not allow any big plays and kept Central City out of the end zone. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders finish the season with a 3-3 record.

BCNG Scoring:

2Q 6:09 48 yd TD run by Alex Christo (6-0) XP failed  
2Q 1:35 39 yd TD run by Alex Christo, 2 pt good (14-6) run by Alex Christo  
3Q 5:15 21 yd TD run by Jack Roberts, 2 pt good (22-6) run by Alex Christo  
4Q 7:50 INT by Kaison Voelker

Central City Scoring:

2Q 5:50 80 yd kick return Td (6-6)

| Score        | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Final |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG         | 0               | 14              | 8               | 0               | 22    |
| Central City | 0               | 6               | 0               | 0               | 6     |





## Boone Central/Newman Grove 7th Grade Football

By Sam McCormick



BCNG vs Lakeview 9/20/18

The 7th grade Cardinals traveled to Columbus Lakeview on a day with severe weather looming. Fortunately, the rain stayed away for the 7th grade game, and we were able to get a win 20-0. The kids are really improving on their execution on both sides of the ball. We have seen explosive plays on offense, and big stops on defense. We will continue to work on minimizing costly penalties and little mistakes. We still had a couple big plays called back due to penalties. The next game for the Cardinals will be a tough one against Pierce on Tuesday the 26th at 4:30. BCNG 20-0 win.

BCNG Scoring:

1Q 1:51 10yd run by Brant Benes (6-0)  
1Q 1:13 20 yd interception by Austin Weise  
2Q 4:22 27 yd run by Brant Benes (12-0)  
3Q 2:21 42 yd punt return by Benes (20-0). XP

| Box Score | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Final |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG      | 6               | 6               | 8               | 0               | 20    |
| Lake view | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0     |

BCNG vs Pierce 9/25/18

The 7th Grade Cardinals traveled to Pierce to continue their unbeaten streak. They came out victorious with a 38-8 win. Parker Borer and Brant Benes had two touchdowns each on 30+ yard runs. Trent Patzel also proved to be impossible to block on defense. The end of the game was highlighted by a 60 yard interception returned for a touchdown by Ben Reilly. The Cardinals unfortunately surrendered their first points of the season on a 52 yard run. The Cardinals will be home for their next game against Twin River at 4:30. We hope to keep winning!

BCNG Scoring:

1Q 4:10 Brant Benes 36 yd TD run on QB sweep, 2 pt good on 12 yd run by Parker Borer (8-0)  
1Q Fumble recorded by Trent Patzel  
1Q :09 44 yd TD run by Brant Benes on jet sweep to right, 2 pt good on 2yd run by Parker Borer (16-0)  
2Q 4:44 40 yd TD run by Parker Borer, 2 pt good on toss right to Parker Borer (24-0)

2Q :37 50 yd TD run by Parker Borer on toss left, 2 pt good on QB sweep to right by Brant Benes (32-0)  
3Q 1:28 Pass intercepted by Ben Reilly (#87) for TD, play was supposed to be a toss to HB pass back to QB, play blown up at line. 2pt no good. (38-0)

Pierce Scoring:

4Q 4:47 52 yd TD run, 2 pt pass good (38-8)

\*first points scored on 7th grade defense all season\*

| Score  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Final |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG   | 16              | 16              | 6               | 0               | 38    |
| Pierce | 0               | 0               | 0               | 8               | 8     |

BCNG vs Central City 10/9/18

The 7th Grade Cardinals finished their year with two quarters against Central City in a cold and rainy afternoon. The boys showed a lot of focus on handling the ball, which resulted in a positive outcome in the end. We minimized our mistakes and showed excellent improvement from the beginning of the season. I have enjoyed watching these boys grow as people and players. They have responded well to coaching and showed they wanted to get better. I hope they stick together because this is a pretty special group.

BCNG Scoring:

1Q 6:51 30 yd run by Kaden Stokes, 2 pt good (8-0)  
1Q 4:00 fumble recovered by Jaxon Lipker  
1Q 3:33 40 yd run by Parker Borer, 2 pt good (16-0)  
2Q 4:00 32 yd TD run by Brandt Benes, 2 pt no good (22-0)

| Score        | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Final |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG         | 16              | 6               | 22    |
| Central City | 0               | 0               | 0     |

# NOVEMBER 2018

| Sun                        | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Tue                                                                                                                                                  | Wed                                                                                                                                       | Thr                                                                                                                                                    | Fri                                                                                                                                                                            | Sat                                                              |
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| 28                         | 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 30                                                                                                                                                   | 31                                                                                                                                        | 1                                                                                                                                                      | 2                                                                                                                                                                              | 3                                                                |
|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                           | <b>3:30pm:</b> Little Kids BB Practice (gym)<br><b>5:30pm:</b> SB Banquet<br>VB: Sub-State TBD<br><b>6:30pm:</b> CC Banquet                            | <b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice<br>FB: Quarter Finals TBA<br>Elkhorn Valley JH Choral Clinic (w/5:30 concert)<br>ACT Test Registration Deadline<br>P2C (FFA) - Grand Island | Doane University "Festival of Winds"<br>P2C (FFA) - Grand Island |
| 4                          | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 6                                                                                                                                                    | 7                                                                                                                                         | 8                                                                                                                                                      | 9                                                                                                                                                                              | 10                                                               |
| Daylight Savings Time Ends | <b>10:00am:</b> Vocal Music Clinic @ BC                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>7:15am:</b> CILT Meeting<br>FBLA SLC Preparation 7:15 am & Access<br>NHS Meeting (Lunch)                                                          | <b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice                                                                                                        | <b>3:30pm:</b> Little Kids BB Practice (gym)<br><b>4:00pm:</b> JHWR: Madison Invite (A)<br><b>4:30pm:</b> JHGBB: Battle Creek (A)<br>VB: State Tourney | <b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice<br>VB: State Tourney<br>FB: Semi-Finals TBA<br>Senior Careers Class (Per 3)                                                                 | VB: State Tourney                                                |
| 11                         | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 13                                                                                                                                                   | 14                                                                                                                                        | 15                                                                                                                                                     | 16                                                                                                                                                                             | 17                                                               |
| Veterans Day               | <b>3:15pm:</b> Shell Creek Watershed Presentation to NRD/Aud & Ag Rm<br>Start of Winter Practice<br>Veterans Day Program<br>John Baylor Test Prep Begins<br>Junior Class Mtg (lunch)<br><b>7:30pm:</b> Board of Ed Mtg<br><b>7:30pm:</b> FFA Meeting | <b>1:00pm:</b> Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge - Lincoln<br><b>7:00pm:</b> VB Banquet                                                      | <b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice<br><b>2:45pm:</b> One-Act Play to Elementary (on stage-tentatively)<br>Student Council Meeting (lunch) | <b>3:00pm:</b> JHWR: Newman Grove Invite (@ Newman Grove)<br><b>4:30pm:</b> JHGBB: Central City (@ Petersburg)<br>FBLA Meeting (lunch)                 | <b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice<br>Mid-Term<br><b>7:00pm:</b> Winter Sports Rally                                                                                           |                                                                  |
| 18                         | 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 20                                                                                                                                                   | 21                                                                                                                                        | 22                                                                                                                                                     | 23                                                                                                                                                                             | 24                                                               |
|                            | <b>4:00pm:</b> JHWR: Norfolk Catholic Invite (A)<br><b>5:00pm:</b> JHGBB: Norfolk Catholic (A)<br><b>7:00pm:</b> PTO Meeting                                                                                                                         | <b>2:45pm:</b> FB: Finals (Lincoln)<br><b>3:00pm:</b> JHWR: Elgin/PJ Invite (A)<br>FBLA SLC Preparation 7:15 am & Access<br>Senior Class Mtg (lunch) | No School PK-12 - Thanksgiving Break                                                                                                      | No School PK-12 - Thanksgiving Break                                                                                                                   | No School PK-12 - Thanksgiving Break                                                                                                                                           |                                                                  |
| 25                         | 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 27                                                                                                                                                   | 28                                                                                                                                        | 29                                                                                                                                                     | 30                                                                                                                                                                             | 1                                                                |
|                            | <b>5:00pm:</b> JHWR: Neligh Oakdale Invite (A)                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice<br>District One-Act (Leigh)                                                                            | <b>6:30pm:</b> WR: Aquinas Dual @ Albion                                                                                                               | <b>7:00am:</b> Dance Team Practice<br><b>4:30pm:</b> G/BBB: Hartington CC (A)<br>Senior Careers Class (Per 6)                                                                  |                                                                  |





# NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU

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

| MONDAY                                                                                                                                | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                    | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                          | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>October 22</b><br>Cereal<br>Yogurt<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Chicken Strips<br>Corn<br>Sliced Pears                     | <b>October 23</b><br>Pancake Wraps<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Pepperoni Pizza<br>Green Beans<br>Mandarin Oranges                                 | <b>October 24</b><br>Cheese Omelets<br>Biscuits/Jelly<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Hamburger Gravy<br>Over Mashed Potatoes<br>Peas/Dinner Roll<br>Tropical Fruit | <b>October 25</b><br>Cream Cheese Bagel<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Pulled Pork Sandwich<br>Baked Beans<br>Carrots<br>Applesauce         | <b>October 26</b><br>Apple Churros<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Chicken Noodle Soup<br>Carrot Sticks<br>Peaches<br>Bread Stick     |
| <b>October 29</b><br>Mini Donuts<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Corn<br>Pineapple                            | <b>October 30</b><br>French Toast Sticks<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Lasagna Rolls<br>Green Beans<br>Bread Stick<br>Applesauce                    | <b>October 31</b><br>Banana Bread<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Mummy Dogs<br>Peas<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Brownie                                                 | <b>November 1</b><br>Cinni Minis<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Creamed Chicken<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Carrots/Dinner Roll<br>Tropical Fruit | <b>November 2</b><br>Mini Apple Turnover<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Orange Chicken<br>Fried Rice<br>Broccoli<br>Pears            |
| <b>November 5</b><br>Pancake Wraps<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Corndogs<br>Baked Beans<br>Applesauce<br>Cookie               | <b>November 6</b><br>Long John<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Flying Saucers<br>Peas<br>Peaches<br>Dinner Roll                                       | <b>November 7</b><br>Blueberry Muffin<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Turkey Sub Sandwich<br>Sun Chips<br>Green Beans<br>Pineapple                                  | <b>November 8</b><br>Breakfast Sandwich<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Grilled Chicken Sandwich<br>French Fries<br>Broccoli<br>Pears        | <b>November 9</b><br>Mini Cinnamon Rolls<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Taco Soup<br>Corn<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Cheesy Bread Sticks |
| <b>November 12</b><br>Cinnamon Poptarts<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Crisпитos<br>With Cheese Sauce<br>Corn<br>Tropical Fruit | <b>November 13</b><br>Mini French Toast<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>BBQ Rib Sandwich<br>Green Beans<br>Peaches                                    | <b>November 14</b><br>Cherry Turnover<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Breaded Beef Patty<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Baked Potato<br>Pineapple                              | <b>November 15</b><br>Donut<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Sloppy Joe<br>French Fries<br>Peas<br>Mandarin Oranges                           | <b>November 16</b><br>Mini Waffles<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Chicken Fajitas<br>Rice<br>Broccoli<br>Sliced Pears                |
| <b>November 19</b><br>Cinni Minis<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Chicken Strips<br>Carrots<br>Applesauce                        | <b>November 20</b><br>Apple Frudel<br><u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u><br>Sliced Turkey<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>w/Gravy<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Pumpkin Dessert | <b>November 21</b><br> Thanksgiving Break<br>No School                                | <b>November 22</b><br>NO SCHOOL<br>                           | <b>November 23</b><br>NO SCHOOL<br>                   |



(menus are subject to change without notice)





# Fall Homecoming 2018



Fall Homecoming ceremonies were held on Saturday evening, October 6th. Coronation took place in the gym with a nice crowd on hand.

The Homecoming King was Brady Sokol, son of Scott & Joan Sokol. The Homecoming Queen was Maddison Steffensmeier, daughter of Keri Dreger. Other royalty candidates included Cheyenne Cleland, daughter of Ken & Karen Cleland; Sarah Johnson, daughter of Jay & Shirley Johnson; Tyson Haddix, son of Shelley Duhachek and Tyson & Ginger Jorgensen; and Dominik Cuevas, son of Jenelle Mostek.

Junior attendants were Leighann Miller, daughter of Bill & Donna Miller; and Logan Hodges, son of Gary & Lorie Hodges. The sophomore attendants were Khaidence Schlee, daughter of Aaron & Kelly Schlee; and Aaron Saldana, son of Kortni Deeder and Ryan Schulz. Attendants for the freshman class were Morgann Johnson, daughter of Christine Fossen and Tom Johnson; and Isaac Potmesil, son of Todd & Jeri Potmesil.

The students enjoyed snacks and a DJ after the ceremony. Fall homecoming was sponsored by Ms. Theresa Schmedding and the Student Council.

Pictured left to right: Morgann Johnson, Khaidence Schlee, Leighann Miller, Sarah Johnson, Cheyenne Cleland, Queen Maddison Steffensmeier, King Brady Sokol, Tyson Haddix, Dominik Cuevas, Logan Hodges, Aaron Saldana, and Isaac Potmesil.

## 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.