

Bluejay Bulletin

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Newman Grove FFA Celebrates National FFA Week



By Kylie Sweeter

The Newman Grove FFA Chapter celebrated National FFA Week from February 21st-27th. The week in February embraces FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. National FFA Week gave our FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters conducted a variety of activities to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education.

On Monday of FFA week, members did elementary agriculture lessons with the Newman Grove Elementary students. They also started the week off by decorating the main hallway with an FFA theme and provided daily agriculture trivia. On Tuesday, FFA members dressed their best in official FFA dress and hosted a teacher and staff appreciation breakfast. The delicious breakfast was catered by the City Cafe. Students also delivered business appreciation gifts to several businesses that support our local FFA chapter throughout the year. On Wednesday, FFA members did elementary agriculture lessons with elementary students at Lindsay Holy Family. Thursday was "Battle of the Tractors Day". High school students drove their tractors and farm equipment to school or wore their favorite tractor color. The chapter ended the fun-filled week by having an Ag Olympics in the gym. Students and teachers participated in an agricultural related obstacle course, with the sophomore class completing the course the quickest. The winners of the "Kiss the Pig" contest and elementary coloring contest were also announced. This year's "Kiss the Pig" contest winner was the kindergarten teacher Ms. Meghan. Elementary coloring contest winners were as follows - Taryn King and Emmarie Nelson (Morning preschool), Walter Nelson and Jayce Bialas (Afternoon preschool), Bo Flood and Hadley Sweeter (Kindergarten), Colton Banks and Finn Kaufman (1st Grade), Brooklyn Wiese and Sophia Guthard (2nd Grade), Natasha Nelson and Sydney Patzel (3rd Grade), and Ashanti Enriquez and Griffin Nelson (4th Grade).



Reading Rocks!

The K-6 students at Newman Grove Elementary have been busy reading and their hard work is paying off! At the end of the 3rd quarter they read a combined total of 12,284,361 words! We also recognized our 50 point AR readers and 100 point AR readers, congratulations!

50-99 Point Club

- ♦ Carson Anderson - 84.1 points
- ♦ Jayden Benson - 59.5 points
- ♦ Joseph Berney - 56.2 points
- ♦ Andrew Matson - 64.7 points
- ♦ Everett Nelson - 71.3 points
- ♦ Isabella Santarosa - 54 points
- ♦ Brooklyn Wiese - 55.2 points

100+ Point Club

- ♦ Conner Anderson - 115.7 points
- ♦ Elia Jarecki - 149.7 points
- ♦ Piper Jarecki - 100.6 points

We had a great turn out for our 2nd Semester Parent-Teacher Conferences, thank you for working with us to help better your child's education. Together we can make a difference!

Testing Updates

What	Who	When	Tips
NSCAS ACT	Juniors	April 6th	Get a good night's rest
NSCAS Summative	Grades 3-8	April 12-26th	and eat a good breakfast.

We are looking forward to being in school for the 4th quarter and finishing the year out strong!

Mrs. Forre

Board of Education Meeting March 8, 2021

- ▶ The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ The Open Meetings Act was announced and posted in the room in accordance to the law.
- ▶ The agenda was approved as published.
- ▶ Minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting were approved as printed.
- ▶ The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Curriculum Report: Mrs. Tina Sauser presented to the board “The Bluejay Way”, implementing a “Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible” program. “Currently we are in Tier 1 of implementation where we are just beginning to build our program around our students and our school”.
- ▶ Ms. Theresa Schmedding presented her Counselor’s report to the board.
- ▶ Activity Director Mr. Tim Rossow presented his report to the board, which included student numbers participating in spring athletics. Numbers from Newman Grove are as follows: High School Track - 13, Junior High Track - 12-14, Boys Golf - 2.
- ▶ Principal Erin Forre provided her report, including the work being done by CILT, Continuous Improvement Leadership Team.
- ▶ Superintendent Shalikow presented his superintendent’s report to the board. The board also watched a video presentation by the Nebraska Department of Education on Rule 10. He reviewed the Nebraska Liquid Asset Funds account.
- ▶ Approved a renewal service agreement with Johnson Controls on the HVAC system.
- ▶ Approved a K-8 Music Teacher Contract with Abby D. Albracht.
- ▶ The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented.
- ▶ Claims were approved for payment in the amounts of \$261,242.90 (General Fund); \$1,390.00 (Depreciation Fund); and \$19,014.88 (Building Fund).
- ▶ The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Congratulations to:

- The Cardinal wrestlers on your district runner-up.
- Boone Central youth tournament winners- Conner Anderson 1st; Mason Guthard 2nd; Bentley Banks 3rd; Colton Banks 2nd; Vinny Ham 3rd; Logan Guthard 4th; Kelton Jorgensen 3rd; Pierce Fehringer 2nd; Carson Anderson 3rd; Lincoln Ham 4th; Lincoln Thompson 2nd; Kellan Morris 4th; JJ Mills 3rd.
- Quiz Bowl team defeated Shelby-Rising City and Elkhorn Valley to move on to the next round.
- Second grade won the PTO Penny Drive for preschool through 6th grade.
- Elgin Pope John Speech Meet: Elyssa Cuevas placed 5th in Informative; Darren Petersen, David Miller and Lucas Krueger placed 6th in OID.
- Blair youth wrestling champion: Pierce Fehringer.
- St. Paul youth wrestling winners: Mason Guthard and Conner Anderson champions; Logan Guthard 2nd; Kelton Jorgensen 3rd; Carson Anderson 4th.
- The new National Honor Society members: Jayson Johnson, Brooke Milam, David Miller, Darren Petersen and Mara Ranslem.
- Mackenzie Wiese in 4th grade. She is March’s Bluejay Way hot lunch winner’s choice contest.
- The Vet Science team that finished 4th at districts: Earning blue ribbons - Isaac Potmesil and Mara Ranslem; earning red ribbons - Elyssa Cuevas and Autumn Patzel; earning white ribbons - Blair Korth.
- Club wrestling medalists at O’Neill - Mason Guthard 4th place and state qualifier.
- Club wrestling medalists at MATJAM - Conner Anderson 1st; Pierce Fehringer 2nd.
- Central City Club wrestling tournament - Pierce Fehringer Champion.



NO SCHOOL DAYS

April 2	PK-12 No School	Spring/Easter Break
April 5	PK-12 No School	Spring/Easter Break

Mrs. Benson's 2nd Grade News

It's been a busy year in 2nd grade! We have grown in many new ways, experienced lots of new activities, and collaborated in ways that have stretched our thinking. Here are some of our favorite moments of the year!

We started the year with an exciting unit where we were able to explore the properties of glue. After lots of observations and experiments with different substances, we each created our own glue recipe that was

sticky and strong. We continue to experiment, observe, and create with a variety of STEM and STEAM challenges this year!



In September we moved into our new classroom. It was a bittersweet time leaving our learning space we were used to, but our new space is wonderful and all of us quickly adjusted to our new classroom and building! We are so thankful to those of you who helped the transition go so well!

Our "Super Bowl of Reading" event kicked off the new year in January. Students kept track of how many minutes they read and earned touchdowns for their team. As a class we earned 445 touchdowns that totaled 6,675 minutes of reading in the month of January! We enjoyed a fun tailgate party with snacks and reading themed games to celebrate our reading accomplishments!



It's been a great year and we are all thankful to be in school together this year!





Emma Montoya

Parents Names: Jose and Amy Montoya

Other Family Members: Riley, Carmen and Noah

Senior Activities: Dance, Quiz Bowl, Shell Creek Watershed, National Honor Society, FBLA, Skills USA

Favorite Pastime: Sunday mornings with pancakes and cartoons with my family.

Part-time Employment: CNA at Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home

Plans after Graduation: Go to Northeast Community College to get my nursing degree. Then get my BSN at UNMC to work with babies.



Leah Rast

Parents Names: Nathan and Heidi Rest

Other Family Members: Alaina, Rebekah, Kala and Matthew

Senior Activities: Dance, Shell Creek Watershed, Skills USA, Health Care Careers Club, Basketball

Favorite Pastime: Cleaning, hanging out with family and friends and playing basketball.

Part-time Employment: In home care giver, part-time librarian.

Plans after Graduation: Attend NECC to become an EMT/Paramedic and possibly Early Childhood Development Specialist.



Speech

By Cassidy Wallin



The Newman Grove speech team consists of 4 participants this year. Elyssa Cuevas (a junior) is taking on informative speaking while Darren Petersen, David Miller, and Lucas Krueger (sophomores) are competing in OID (Oral Interpretation of Drama) with a script called "Eat A Can".

We competed at Boone Central on January 23rd, Lindsay Holy Family on February 12th, Humphrey on February 13th, our Newman Grove speech meet on February 24th and then Elgin Pope John on Saturday, February 27th.

At the Elgin Pope John meet, Elyssa Cuevas placed 5th in Informative and Darren Petersen, David Miller and Lucas Krueger placed 6th in OID.

The District speech meet was held in Newman Grove on Tuesday, March 9th. We did not have anyone place but put in a good effort. We look forward to next year, and hope that we can grow as speakers and as a team.



Heartbreakers You Can Live Without

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death for men and women of most racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. Nearly half of all Americans have some form of cardiovascular disease, claiming more than 800,000 lives each year. But it is highly preventable.

The CDC has tied 80% of deaths caused by heart disease to six preventable conditions. We will review them here:

1. Ongoing obesity can elevate your blood cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar levels, raising your risk of heart disease, stroke and diabetes. Scientists believe you are more likely to develop these conditions if most of your added weight is in your waist or upper body.
2. Unhealthy cholesterol levels can be a serious risk for heart disease. Eating smart (avoiding saturated and trans fats), exercising regularly, and weight control can help cholesterol numbers. For those unable to achieve desirable levels by behavior alone, prescription medications can improve cholesterol.
3. High blood pressure or hypertension often goes untreated. It is a leading cause of heart attack and stroke. Regular exercise and proper weight can help control and even prevent hypertension; some individuals may still require medication.
4. Smoking harms your heart. If you have high blood pressure or unhealthy cholesterol levels, you are at risk for heart attack; that risk increases significantly if you also smoke. If you have diabetes, smoking increases your risk of nerve damage and kidney failure, and you are three times as likely to die from heart disease as people who have diabetes and don't smoke.
5. Not enough exercise can reduce the strength and efficiency of your heart and blood vessels, leading to premature heart attack and stroke. Staying physically active helps control weight as well as blood cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar levels, which reduce your odds of cardiovascular illness.
6. Drinking too much alcohol can raise blood pressure levels and the risk for heart disease. It also increases levels of triglycerides, a fatty substance in the blood, which can increase heart disease risk. Daily limits: for women, no more than one drink; for men, no more than two drinks.

Facts About Hypertension:

Blood pressure normally rises and falls throughout the day, but it can damage your heart and cause health problems if it stays high for a long time. Hypertension, also called high blood pressure, is blood pressure that is higher than normal.

In 2017, the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association published new guidelines for hypertension management and defined high hypertension as a blood pressure at or above 130/80 mm Hg. Stage 2 hypertension is defined as a blood pressure at or above 140/90 mm Hg.

Blood Pressure Category	Systolic Blood Pressure	Diastolic Blood Pressure
Normal	<120 mm Hg	and <80 mm Hg
Elevated	120-129 mm Hg	and <80 mm Hg
Hypertension		
Stage 1	130-139 mm Hg	or 80-89 mm Hg
Stage 2	≥140 mm Hg	or ≥90 mm Hg

- Having hypertension puts you at risk for [heart disease](#) and [stroke](#), which are leading causes of death in the United States.²
- Nearly half of adults in the United States (108 million, or 45%) have hypertension defined as a systolic blood pressure ≥ 130 mm Hg or a diastolic blood pressure ≥ 80 mm Hg or are taking medication for hypertension.³
- Only about 1 in 4 adults (24%) with hypertension have their condition under control.³
- About half of adults (45%) with uncontrolled hypertension have a blood pressure of 140/90 mm Hg or higher. This includes 37 million U.S. adults.³
- About 30 million adults who are recommended to take medication may need it to be prescribed and to start taking it. Almost two out of three of this group (19 million) have a blood pressure of 140/90 mm Hg or higher.³

Mrs. Wondercheck RN

ESU 8 School Nurse

Resource: CDC/Blood Pressure Facts; EHA Wellness/personal best



National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The Newman Grove Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold their annual Induction Ceremony on Thursday evening, March 25th, in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

New inductees to the organization are Jayson Johnson, Brooke Milam, David Miller, Darren Petersen and Mara Ranslem. Current members include Emma Montoya, Morgann Johnson and Isaac Potmesil.

This year's guest speaker is Lisa (Seier) Wemhoff. Lisa graduated from Newman Grove High School in 1996. She was involved in multiple sports such as volleyball and track as well as other extracurricular activities such as speech and FBLA. Lisa went to Southeast Community College in Lincoln following High School where she graduated with her Associates of Science degree in 1998. Immediately following that she went on to UNL to complete her bachelor's degree in Biology. After graduating from UNL in 2001 she married Ed Wemhoff from Humphrey, moved to Fremont and started her career path at the University of Nebraska Medical Center as a cytogenetic technologist. In 2005 they moved closer to home, Columbus, NE. Once moved to Columbus she held several science and quality based positions with companies such as Marshfield Food Safety, ADM, and BD Medical. During her 12 year career at BD Medical she was introduced to the field of Continuous Improvement and Lean which led to her most recent career change with the acceptance of a position with Nebraska Public Power District in 2018. Her parents are Mark and Bev Seier. She and her husband Ed have 5 children, Sumithra (21), Kalpit (20), Vijay (18), Nate (17), and Luke (14). Their family lives on an acreage outside Platte Center, NE.

Please show your support by attending this year's National Honor Society Induction ceremony.



THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

HIGH DISTINCTION (All A-4.0)

GRADE 12: Emma Montoya.

GRADE 11: Isaac Potmesil.

GRADE 10: Brooke Milam, Mara Ranslem.

GRADE 9: Trenton Patzel.

GRADE 8: Zander Jarecki.

DISTINCTION

(Average Greater than or equal to 3.50)

GRADE 12: Aaron Saldana.

GRADE 11: Jayson Johnson.

GRADE 10: Ronald Fyfe, Darren Petersen.

GRADE 9: Christyan Anderson, Giles Deeder, Jansell Enriquez-Lopez, Austin Wiese.

GRADE 8: Brooke Forre, Aleeya Morris.

GRADE 7: Owen Kaufman, Leynn Luna, Summer McKinzie, Kailey Patzel, Serenity Strong, Keira Voelker.

HONORS

(Average Greater than or equal to 3.00)

GRADE 12: Bethany Borgheiinck.

GRADE 11: Morgann Johnson.

GRADE 10: Lucas Krueger, David Miller, Kaison Voelker.

GRADE 9: Jose Luna, Cora Patzel, Bruno Santarosa.

GRADE 8: Gabrielle Beehn, Abigail Matson, Halie Nelsen, Emily Schlecht, Colton Wissenburg.

GRADE 7: Elise Witchell.

Virtual College Fair is March 2-3

Attend the EducationQuest Virtual College Fair March 2-3 to visit with representatives from nearly 75 colleges and to hear from college-prep experts. Register at eqf.org/collegefair.

College reps will be available during these times, but you can visit college booths any time:

Tuesday, March 2 from 9 a.m. - Noon CT

Wednesday, March 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. CT

Live presentations March 2 at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. will cover critical college-prep tasks for seniors and juniors.

A presentation March 3 at 6:00 p.m. will provide answers to common questions about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

For more details, visit EducationQuest.org.

Wrapping up your senior year

Seniors...stay on track to college by completing these second-semester tasks:

Complete the financial aid process. By now, you should have completed your FAFSA. If you haven't, do so at studentaid.gov. If your college requests verification of your FAFSA information, submit required documents so that the school can award your financial aid.

Watch your student portal and email closely. Once you're accepted for admission, the colleges you listed on your FAFSA will notify you of the financial aid they're offering.

Keep your grades up. If you get poor grades this semester, your college could revoke your admission.

Apply for scholarships. See ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org for Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

Make your final college selection. Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.

Be aware of deadlines to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

Juniors...it's time to narrow your college choices.

Narrow your college choices soon to prepare for these upcoming activities:

ACT Test. When you take the ACT this spring, you'll be asked to provide a list of colleges that should receive your score.

Completion of the FAFSA early next fall. You and your parents can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 of your senior year. The colleges you list on the form will receive the results.

College applications. Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices

Campus visits will help you narrow your choices

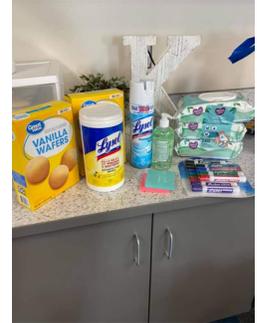
Spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Find campus visit tips in the "Selecting a College" section at EducationQuest.org.

These resources at EducationQuest.org will also help with your college search:

- "Nebraska College Costs" breaks down costs for all colleges in Nebraska.
- College Profiles has details about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.

Parent Teacher Organization News

The PTO has been very busy the last couple of months. First they gave Valentines goodie bags to the PK-6th grade teachers which included sanitizing items, supplies and a classroom goodie/snack.



They also provided a pulled pork sandwich meal for all the teachers and staff during the Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Because they couldn't host donuts with dad/muffins with mom this year due to COVID, they did Pastries with Parents. PreK-6 grade families could sign up for take home donuts that were picked up during Conferences, to be enjoyed at home with their families. Donuts were provided from City Cafe and Shell Creek Market. SCM donated the take home boxes.



Coins for Kids: PK-12 students collected coins for two weeks from Feb 1st thru Feb 12th. Total collected was \$1605.18. The winning class was 2nd grade (\$449.55). US92 came on Feb 22nd to collect a check for St. Junes. Jim and Jenna from US92 came back on March 16th and provided a pizza party for all the Pk-6th graders and had a dance party in the gym afterwards. Fun was had by all. To the right is the winning class with Jim, Jenna and Mrs. Benson. There is also some of the assembly when they collected the money as well as the pizza party in the gym.





FFA CDE Results

By Kylie Sweeter

The Newman Grove FFA Chapter competed in Livestock Management, Ag Sales, and Agriscience CDE contests on Friday, March 5th at Ashland-Greenwood High School. In Agriscience Cora Patzel placed 2nd, Jansell Enriquez-Lopez placed 3rd, and Noah Sorensen placed 4th overall. The Ag Sales team of Lucas Krueger, Morgann Johnson, and Leah Rast placed 4th overall. Earning a purple ribbon and 4th place was Leah Rast. Both Morgann Johnson and Lucas Krueger earned blue ribbons. Competing in the Livestock Management contest was Autumn Patzel, Elyssa Cuevas, Trent Patzel, and Austin Wiese.



Boone Central Girls Basketball

By Andy Imus.

We opened up with Scotus in our first round of sub district play and lost 43-24. We had a nice start, jumping out to a 5-1 lead. We had good execution on offense, moved the ball well and was able to knock down a couple shots - Ashtyn Hedlund a 3 pointer and Macy Rankin and Mara Ranslem 2 pointers. I think a turning point in the game was when we tried to settle for one shot towards the end of the 1st quarter and we shot a 3 pointer with 13 seconds left and Scotus came down and hit 1/2 free throws, rebounded the 2nd free throw miss and had a put back for a Scotus 10-7 lead and momentum going into the 2nd quarter. Shooting woes in the 2nd and 3rd quarters really did us in - 2 total points with an 0/6 2nd quarter and another 0/6 in the 3rd. We didn't execute on the offensive end like we did in the 1st quarter. The girls battled defensively as they have all year and worked hard all four quarters, but our struggle offensively did us in. We appreciate all the positives our six seniors provided throughout their careers for our program and wish them well. We have a decent core of girls returning and are optimistic for next season.

Pictured is Mara Ranslem, a Newman Grove sophomore.



Boone Central Boys basketball

The Cardinals hosted the C1-6 Sub-District tournament. They defeated Madison 69-37 and Columbus Scotus 55-41 to advance to the district finals. They faced an undefeated C1 #1 Auburn (22-0).

In the district final at Crete, the Boone Central Cardinals fell 16 points behind Auburn before they literally clawed their way back to the brink of pulling off an upset.

Although fans from around the state may have thought the game was a mismatch - #1 district seed vs. #16 with a 22-0 vs. 13-12 records. They would not have considered the rugged schedule that the Cardinals were dealt for 2020-21. The Cards have played five of the Class C1 top 10 teams during the regular season as well as the tough Mid-State Conference teams.

Boone Central fought all the way back from the deficit to trail by a single point twice in the final two minutes, but could never quite gain the lead.

The final score of the game was 48-41, giving Auburn a 59 game winning streak.

The Cardinals end their season with a 13-13 record and show a promising future for next year.

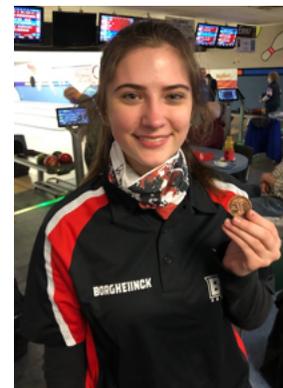


Bowling



Bethany Borgheiinck became the first Cardinal to compete in the newly sanctioned NSAA State Bowling Championships at Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln. She qualified by placing fourth in the A-5 Districts at Westbrook Lanes in Columbus. She competed in the Girls Singles and finished 31st in the field of 42 bowlers.

The girls team finished third in districts and the boys team was fourth. Both teams finished 7-7 for the season and drastically improved throughout the season. The teams were coached by Mikal Shalikow and Randy Nelson.





Boone Central/Newman Grove Wrestling

By Joshua Majerus

Dale Bonge Invitational - The cardinal wrestling team took home the Runner-up trophy, beating Pierce who we lost to for the conference title. Aquinas was the BC champion. Gavin Dozler and Dakota Rose are your Invite Champions. Medalist- 106 Giles Deeder 5th; 113 Carson Wood 3rd; 120 Gavin Dozler Champ; 132 Jaxon Schafer 5th; 145 Sam Grape 2nd; 152 William Karmann 6th; 182 Richard Cleveland 3rd; 195 Taylor Weber 2nd; 220 Camden Moser 4th; 285 Dakota Rose Champ. The boys wrestled tough in a tough tournament.

Class C Sub-District 1A - Boone Central participated in a sub-district at David City. The Cardinals took 14 participants and placed 2nd as a team. 12 individuals will continue their season for placing in the top 4 in their weight class. It was disappointing to see two individuals end their season, but overall they both wrestled tough. The 12 remaining will wrestle at home for a district title. If they place top 4 at districts they will qualify for the state tournament in Omaha the following week. Those who placed: 106 Jose Luna 3rd; 113 Carson Wood 3rd; 120 Gavin Dozler 3rd; 126 Ted Hemmingsen 2nd; 132 Jaxon Schafer 3rd; 145 Sam Grape 3rd; 160 Ashton Schafer 1st; 170 Hank Hudson 3rd; 182 Richard Cleveland 2nd; 195 Taylor Weber 2nd; 220 Camden Moser 3rd; 285 Dakota Rose 3rd.

Class C District 1 - The Cardinal wrestlers are your DISTRICT RUNNER-UP. 8 individuals qualify for the state tournament in Omaha. 113- Carson Wood, 120- Gavin Dozler, 132- Jaxon Schafer, 160- Ashton Schafer, 170- Hank Hudson, 182- Richard Cleveland, 195- Taylor Weber, 285- Dakota Rose.

State Championships - The Cardinal wrestling team finished its season up at the state tournament in Omaha. We had 8 wrestlers representing. We took 10th place as a team and got 2 individuals placed in the top 6. Gavin Dozler avenged 2 prior losses to earn a third place medal. Taylor Weber wrestled well enough to bring home a 6th place medal. Carson Wood and Richard Cleveland fell 1 match shy of earning a medal. This tournament was different in many ways besides guidelines. There were a lot of upsets. Usually when there are upsets they can fall on your side of the bracket. That seemed to happen a lot for our kids. I thought we wrestled tough and obviously getting a top 10 finish is a strong finish. It was nice to see two of our seniors end their career having success at the state tournament and scoring points for the team. The underclassmen are hungry and ready to start working on next season's goals. The boys wrestled hard, trained hard, stayed disciplined, and had a lot of fun this season. They are ready to bring on the track season. :), Go Cards.

Pictured are Newman Grove's wrestlers: Jose Luna, Giles Deeder and Zaiden Rowe.



Newman Grove Dance

By Susan King

The NG Dance Team has had a tough year with kids being gone from practices from COVID etc. It has been a challenge to get it all put together.

We have competed in a couple competitions and have a couple more to do yet.

Dance Team L to R: Morgann Johnson, Brooke Milam, Bailey Busch, Elyssa Cuevas, Leah Rast, Bethany Borgheiinck, Carmen Montoya, Emma Montoya.



8th Grade Boys Basketball

By Jeff Hayes

Boone Central Tournament 2/20/2021 1st Game vs. Madison

The 8th grade team won their first game in the tournament vs. Madison. The team was able to pressure Madison into making many turnovers, which led to easy scores. The team ran the offense well and got many good shots. Our defense made it difficult for Madison to score.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Boone Central	13	11	19	8	51
Madison	2	4	3	4	13

Scorers: Carter Beister 5, Connor Christo 16, Jude Spann 4, Logan Spence 2, Kyler Buck 10, Cole Lyon 2, Dalton Young 7, Thomas Roberts 5

Finals vs. Battle Creek 2nd Place in Tournament

This game was close throughout. We took the lead a few times but could never keep it. We were able to get a lot of good shots on the perimeter but just didn't make enough of them to get the win. It was a good game and we had opportunities but just couldn't quite get to where we needed to be. The team had a good season and as I always tell them it is the off season when you really have to work on those basketball skills.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Boone Central	7	7	6	9	29
Battle Creek	9	8	6	11	34

Scorers: Connor Christo 8, Jude Spann 4, Kyler Buck 2, Dalton Young 4, Thomas Roberts 11



Raise Money for the Newman Grove PTO

The NGPTO would like to invite you to participate in "The Save-A-Label" program which helps non-profit organizations raise money. This is an extremely successful program that over 13,000 non-profit groups participate in. Just save the labels of Best Choice products and our group will earn \$.03 for each Best Choice UPC symbol redeemed. Thank you for your support!!

7th Grade Boys Basketball

By Rob Rose

Boone Central Tournament 2/20/2021 1st Game vs. Madison

The young Cards wrapped up the 2021 season at the Boone Central Tournament. The Cards played Madison the first game on Saturday. The boys jumped out with some strong defense and some good offense in this game. Then we were able to carry that through the rest of the game. It was nice to get many boys in the score book scoring in this game.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Madison	1	0	2	3	6
Boone Central	22	19	10	8	59

Scorers: Jacob Miller 13, Cody Andreasen 2, Jace Rasmussen 6, Brogan Benes 8, Owen Kaufman 8, Gavin Mauch 2, Micah Cuevas 3, Riley Nelson 3, Austin Dodds 4, Max Grosch 10

Finals 2nd Place Finish

The Cards played Ord in the finals. The boys came out flat in this game, and Ord was very athletic and was hitting on all cylinders. They were running their offense and getting good shots and knocking them down and we could not get a shot to fall. The Cards did some good things and never gave up and kept fighting even though the ball would not go in the basket. Ord came away victorious on this day. Now the improvement season begins for the boys to become better basketball players. I hope that the boys take the drills and work on their skills now that the offseason has begun. All the boys have shown great improvement but now is when they need to improve their game as individuals in the offseason. The boys finished the season with a record of 6-3.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Ord	18	11	11	6	46
Boone Central	1	7	11	10	29

Scorers: Jacob Miller 8, Cody Andreasen 5, Brogan Benes 13, Riley Nelson 1, Austin Dodds 2

2020 ANNUAL SUMMARY

2020 Scholarship Recipients

- *****
- Bluejay Foundation Scholarship
Kristen Milam - \$500
- *****
- Jennevie (Froestad) O'Reilly Scholarship
Abigail Pohlen - \$400
- *****
- Muller Family Scholarship
McKenna Haase - \$1000
- *****
- Pauline Engelka Scholarship
Kristen Milam - \$400
- *****
- Randy Benson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Leighann Miller - \$400
- *****
- Gearhart Foundation/NECC Scholarship
Madison Friedrich - \$700
- *****
- "Buddy" & Dolores Gustafson
Family Scholarship
Kristen Milam - \$500
- *****
- Matthew London Memorial Scholarship
Leighann Miller - \$400
- *****
- Senator Tom Kennedy Memorial
Madison Friedrich - \$1000
- *****
- Gualset Family Ag Scholarship
Mariah Dubas - \$500
- *****
- Kenneth & Caroline Eng Scholarship
Kristen Milam - \$3000
McKenna Haase - \$3000
- *****
- Newman Grove Senior Center
Leighann Miller - \$500
Madison Friedrich - \$500
- *****
- R. Craig Nelsen Memorial Scholarship
Mariah Dubas - \$500
- *****
- Gary Duhacek Memorial Scholarship
McKenna Haase - \$500
- *****
- Clarence & DeLoris Nelson Scholarship
Abigail Pohlen - \$1000

2020 MEMORIALS
The Bluejay Foundation Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges gifts given in memory of the following:

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**HISTORY
BLUEJAY FOUNDATION**

The Bluejay Foundation was established in January, 1991 as a non-profit, tax exempt corporation. The Foundation's goal is to provide a source for scholarships and other educational programs above and beyond those provided by the regular tax-supported academic programs of Newman Grove Schools.

OTHER GIFTS/REVENUE

Donations/Memorials to the Scholarship Funds by Friends/Family

Memorabilia Sales

Fundraisers:
Proceeds from Raffle \$1900

**2020
Board of Directors:**

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Funds Spent

Scholarship Payments: \$20,500
College Tuition/Books: \$0
Plaque Updates: \$94.56
Newman Grove School - Matching Grant: \$5,000

---Contribution---

To make a contribution to the Foundation, complete and mail the following to: Bluejay Foundation, P.O. Box 370, Newman Grove, NE 68758
My gift is as follows:



Scholarships: \$ _____
Classroom Equipment: \$ _____
Capital Improvements: \$ _____
Other (specify) \$ _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Ph #: _____

Newman Grove Breakfast & Lunch Menu

(Variety of low fat & fat free milks offered with each meal)

(Menus are subject to change without notice)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 29 Granola Bars <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Sloppy Joe Sweet Potato Fries Peas	March 30 Breakfast Quiche <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Roasted Turkey Stuffing Sweet Potatoes Carrots	March 31 Oatmeal <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Lasagna Garlic Bread Mixed Salad Green Beans	April 1 Omelette <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pulled Pork Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Peaches	April 2 <i>No</i> <i>School</i>
April 5 <i>No</i> <i>School</i>	April 6 Donuts <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Bratwurst & Potatoes Onion Rings Sliced Apples	April 7 Scrambled Eggs <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Noodle Soup Fresh Bread Peaches	April 8 French Toast Sticks <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans	April 9 Banana Bread <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> CONTEST WINNER'S CHOICE!
April 12 Waffles & Syrup <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Hawaiian Meatballs Pineapple Rice	April 13 Sausage/Egg Bake <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pizza Baked Mac & Cheese Peas	April 14 Uncle John's Jellied Biscuits <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Hot Dog in a Bun French Fries Pickles	April 15 Granola Bars <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Bowls Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Cole Slaw	April 16 Breakfast Sandwich <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Mongolian Beef & Broccoli Garlic Noodles
April 19 Biscuits & Gravy <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Honey Ham Potato Au Gratin Peas	April 20 Breakfast Burrito <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Sub Sandwich Chips Cole Slaw	April 21 Oatmeal <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pad Thai Rice Noodles Veggies	April 22 Muffin <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Tacos & Fixings Rice Beans Corn	April 23 Cinnamon Roll <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Sliders Potato Salad Apples
April 26 Pancakes & Syrup <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Beef Stroganoff Peas Dinner Rolls	April 27 Cereal <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Mixed Veggies	April 28 Eggs & Bacon <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Spaghetti & Meatballs Green Beans	April 29 Breakfast Pizza <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Turkey & Gravy Sweet Potatoes Carrots Roll	April 30 Ham & Hashbrowns <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Beef Burrito Rice Corn

Newman Grove

April 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				6:30am: Dance Team Practice 10:00am: TR: Boone Central Mansfield Invite FBLA Meeting (lunch) Local Scholarships Deadline	No School - Easter/Spring Break	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter	3:00pm: JH Track: Boone Central Qual No School - Easter/Spring Break	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 7:15am: CLT Meeting 10:00am: Golf: Old Invite (K) 1:00pm: TR: Wayne Invite (K) 3:30pm: Basketball Fundamentals K-4th Grade NFD Meeting (Lunch) ACT Test (Juniors)	3:45pm: Building in Use (Sweeten/Wiese) Nebraska State FFA Convention-Virtual Student Council Meeting (Lunch)	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 4:00pm: Golf: Old Qual (K) Nebraska State FFA Convention-Virtual	Nebraska State FFA Convention-Virtual Mid-Term	Worthington Dance Competition
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	2:00pm: JH Track: Boone Central Invite State FBLA Convention-Virtual 7:00pm: Foundation Mtg 7:30pm: Board of Ed Mtg	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 2:00pm: TR: Boone Central Invite 3:30pm: Basketball Fundamentals K-4th Grade 4:00pm: Golf: Albin Country Club State FBLA Convention-Virtual	3:45pm: Building in Use (Sweeten/Wiese) State FBLA Convention-Virtual	6:30am: Dance Team Practice		10:00am: Golf: Boone Central Invite ACT Test Date
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4:00pm: TR: Old 9/10 Invite (K) District Music Contest Senior Class Mtg (Lunch) 6:00pm: 21/22 Kindergarten Parent Meeting 7:00pm: FFA Meeting 7:00pm: PTO Meeting	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 9:00am: Golf: @ Elka CC 2:00pm: JH Track: St. Paul Invite (K) 3:30pm: Basketball Fundamentals K-4th Grade District Music Contest	3:45pm: Building in Use (Sweeten/Wiese) District Music Contest	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 2:00pm: TR: Northwest Invite (K) District Music Contest	District Music Contest 21/22 Kindergarten Roundup 6:30pm: FFA Banquet/Labor Auction		9:00am: Golf: Mid State Conference (Norfolk Catholic) 9:00am: JH Track: Norfolk Catholic Invite (K) District Music Contest
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	1:00pm: JH Track: @ Norfolk Catholic	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 3:00pm: TR: Pines 9/10 Invite (K) 3:30pm: Basketball Fundamentals K-4th Grade	3:45pm: Building in Use (Sweeten/Wiese)	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 9:00am: Golf: Lakeside Invite (K)	Elementary Track/Field Day	

WINTER SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Television: Channel 8 or Channel 10/11 (Lincoln)

Website: www.newman.esu8.org

Radio: 94 Rock (94.7 FM)	US92 (92.7 FM)
WJAG (780 AM)	KEXL (106.7 FM)
KZEN (100 FM)	KKOT (93.5 FM)
KLIR (101 FM)	KJSK (900 AM)
KTTT (1510 AM)	KPNO (90.5 FM)

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

Late Start-NO MORNING

Early Out-NO AFTERNOON

Cancelled Preschool will be made up on a Friday.

Box Tops for Education

Newman Grove Public Schools continues to collect Box Tops for Education Coupons. The program is going to be all electronic with an app that you can add to your phone and just scan the receipt when you are done shopping. We will be submitting the last set of clipped coupons in November so please be sure and send in any that you may still have. Please send them in with your student or drop off in the office.

EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL
NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL: **NO MORE CLIPPING** **SCAN** **BOX TOPS** **FOR EDUCATION**

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS**
You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.
- SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.
- EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL**
Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.

BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. You can still clip these and send them to school. Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.

BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS **CUT OUT THE BOX TOP FROM EACH PACKAGE** **SEND YOUR BOX TOPS TO SCHOOL**

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT BTFE.COM THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS IS HERE! DOWNLOAD THE APP!



Children up to and including 4th Grade

Saturday, April 3rd

At Mid Nebraska Lutheran Home

Egg Hunt starts at 1:00 pm.

Sponsored by the Community Club & Mid Nebraska Lutheran Home

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.