

The Bluejay Bulletin

Newman Grove
Public Schools



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2010-2011
February, 2011

Board of Education Meeting Summary February 14, 2011

- Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.
- The agenda was approved as published; minutes of the January 10th regular meeting and January 26-27 special meetings were approved as printed.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved as amended; claims were approved for payment in the amounts of \$36,274.17 (General Fund) and \$2,560.58 (Building Fund).
- Elementary faculty provided curriculum presentations.
- A contract was extended for Principal Beth Nelson for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Adopted a resolution on the Court of Industrial Relations.
- Discussion was led by Beth Nelson on slight changes to curriculum offerings. More information will be provided at the March meeting.
- Approved 2011-2012 preschool teaching contract of Meghan Flood.
- Continued discussion on cooping. Arrived at consensus to have a public meeting for their input. Meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28th.
- Heard a report from Principal Beth Nelson on staff development, attendance issues, spring testing schedules, 8-period day or modified block class schedule and semester tests.
- Heard a report from Superintendent Pokorny on weather make-up days (May 13-full day; May 16-last day for elementary; May 17-last day for junior-senior high; and May 18-20-staff workdays). This is subject to change pending other weather-related closings. Discussion was also held on labor relations, purchase of a 36-passenger bus (tabled), gym sound system, MAPS testing (consensus to move from Terra-Nova to MAPS tests), and purchase of new floor cleaning machine (consensus to approve).
- Entered into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss a situation to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- FCCLA STAR participants: Sage Robak & Amelia Fyfe (Health & Wellness-Silver); Demi Edgell & Sage Robak (Family Challenges & Issue- Silver); Brooke Pieke & Megan Nelson (Consumer Issues- Top Silver); Chelsea Benson & Darienne Pokorny (Illustrated Talk-Silver); and Brooke Nelson & Alisha Dunlap (Life Planning Event- Top Silver).
- The Junior Livestock Team (Alex Wiese, John O'Brien, Jacob Haase & Billy O'Brien) finished in third place at NECC contest. John finished 3rd individually out of 58 participants. The Senior Team (Mark O'Brien, Jason Kaufman, Brock Donelson and Scott Boettcher) finished 7th. Brock finished 15th individually out of 51 participants.
- The wrestling team on their 3rd place finish at the Cedar Valley Maverick Invitational and at the Clearwater Invitational.
- The junior high girls basketball team on their 2nd place finish in the Cedar Rapids Tournament with wins over Cedar Valley and Humphrey High.
- The junior high boys basketball team on their 2nd place finish in the Cedar Rapids Tournament with wins over St. Edward and Burwell.
- The speech team on their efforts at Osceola's Invitational. All participants earned at least one superior rating and one ribbon. Audrey & Lila Wondercheck placed 1st in the 2nd round of Duet Acting.
- The Lady Jays on their third place finish in the Conference Basketball Tournament.
- Our state wrestling qualifiers: Derek Wallin was District Champion. 2nd place finishes were earned by Sheldon Boschen & Dylan Zoucha; Tatem Fowlkes placed 3rd; and Tony Wallin & Ben Jacobson finished in 4th place at Districts.
- Kelly Labenz for making finals and earning the 6th place medal in entertainment speaking at the Lindsay Holy Family Speech Invitational.
- Audrey Wondercheck for making finals & earning the 4th place medal in informative speaking at Humphrey High.
- The high school girls bowling team on placing 3rd in the Class D State Tournament. Brooke Nelson earned second place individually in the tournament.

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**PLEASE WATCH
OUT FOR
CHILDREN AT THE
CROSSWALK
ESPECIALLY
BETWEEN
7:30-8:30 AM &
3:30-4:30 PM.**



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

The Newman Grove Public School Board of Education has called for a Special Board of Education Meeting to be held on Monday, February 28, 2011 beginning at 7:00 at the High School. The purpose of the meeting is to get public input to help the Board of Education to determine which area school we should begin negotiating to coop Senior High Activities beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

A brief history of the process and where we are presently at in cooperating activities and programs is important so you know how we came to the decisions we have made so far.

In the Fall of 2007, the School Boards of Newman Grove and Holy Family Schools, agreed to cooperate in High School Cross Country and Wrestling to begin in the 2008-2009 school year. Based on each other's needs, it has worked well so far. Holy Family had more participants in cross country and the same was true for wrestling at Newman Grove so the home bases for these programs were at these schools.

After much analysis and discussions, we contacted the Holy Family School during the Fall of 2008 to discuss the possibility of cooping Junior High Sports beginning in the 2009-2010 school year. The two schools agreed, and we are still cooping all Junior High activities except track.

Since that time, we held a public meeting on August 30, 2010, and it was agreed that we need to begin the process of cooping the rest of our Junior/Senior High Activity programs beginning with the 2012-2013 school year with another school. After a Special Board Meeting on December 3, 2010, to determine which schools to contact, we contacted the following schools: Elkhorn Valley, Humphrey Public, Holy Family, and Boone Central. Elkhorn Valley, Boone Central, and Holy Family all agreed to meet while Humphrey Public respectfully declined. The Board of Education met with these three schools' Board of Education on January 26-27, 2011. Since that time, Elkhorn Valley has respectfully declined. Therefore, the Board of Education would like to have public input into helping them determine which of the remaining two schools they should first begin negotiating with. Please keep in mind that because we may want to negotiate doesn't mean that the other school would want to or that an agreement will be reached.

This is a very important time and discussion for the Newman Grove Public School Parents and Patrons. The School Board wants to hear public opinion and thoughts about this process. Please help them out by attending this Board Meeting on Monday, February 28, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.



**BUS DRIVER
NEEDED**

Looking for a part time job with good competitive wages, flexible hours, and have a CDL? Contact School and see what it would take to complete your bus driver's license. School will pay for all tests and training.

Little Jays Preschool Registration

We are now accepting applications for next year. When registering, you will need the following items to complete the application:

- birth certificate (raised seal only), current
- immunization record, proof of income (tax return, public assistance, child support, etc.), birth dates
- of all family members, Medicaid/ insurance info., and documentation of a disability (MDT, IFSP or IEP).

If interested please contact:
Kathi McIntyre at 447-6051.





COUNSELOR'S

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Matt Rudloff
K-12 Counselor
mrudloff@esu8.org

Another month has flown by and graduation is in sight for the seniors. I am reiterating last month's information on tasks that seniors should be starting to complete. The first task is obtaining a PIN number for the FAFSA. This is done at the web-site

www.pin.ed.gov Both the student and parents need a PIN. Your PIN is an electronic access code that serves as your personal identifier and can be used every year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your U.S. Department of Education records online. Parents; if you have already obtained a PIN for previous children, then you do not need another one. Students must have their own. Most seniors have obtained a pin in senior careers class. Do not lose your PIN as you will need it through all your college years.

After receiving your PIN, you should apply for federal student financial assistance by completing the FAFSA. Even if you do not need assistance, everyone should fill out the FAFSA because colleges use this information in helping with many other things such as scholarships. Federal student loan interest rates are lower than any other loans so you are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA to see what you qualify for. The fastest way to fill out the FAFSA and to get results back is to do it online electronically. The web-site is www.fafsa.ed.gov A FAFSA on the Web Worksheet is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/pubs for you to print and write down your information prior to completing the online submission of the FAFSA. You can obtain printed copies of the worksheet by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Apply for the FAFSA between Jan. 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011. You do need to have your income tax information finished or close to finished to apply. There is a tool at www.fafsa.ed.gov called the FAFSA4caster that can help students and families prepare financially for college before officially applying for federal student aid. It provides an estimate of federal student aid eligibility by instantly calculating an estimated Expected Family Contribution* - the indicator used to estimate a family's or student's ability to contribute toward the cost of an education after high school.

Information that you will need to fill out the FAFSA

- Social Security #

- 2010 W-2 forms and other records of money earned by student and parents, if you're a dependent student
- Students' 2010 Federal Income Tax Return
- Parents' 2010 Federal Income Tax Return
- 2010 untaxed income records – examples include Social Security benefits, welfare benefits such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and veteran benefits.
- Current bank statements, business and investment mortgage information; business and farm records; and stock, bond and other investment records.
- Alien registration number (if you are not a U.S. citizen).

Other important information

You should never pay to fill out the FAFSA. Check the web address to make sure it ends in gov.

I have a booklet "Funding Education Beyond High School" that students or parents can pick up.

Northeast Community College is offering free assistance through their Financial Aid Office at the College Welcome Center on Fridays from 1pm -4pm between February and June 2011 with no appointment necessary. They are also offering this same service on Saturday's from 9am-1pm on Feb. 5 and Feb. 19 by appointment only. Number to call is 1-800-348-9033 (choose option 3 for financial aid office).

The Education Quest website

(www.educationquest.org) gives great tutorials for filling out the FAFSA. It goes over each question and helps answer any questions you may have.

A link to the FAFSA and Education Quest websites are posted on our school website.

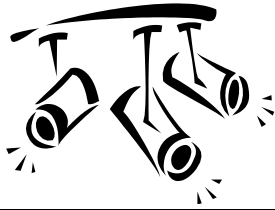
Seniors should visit and then apply to colleges they are seriously considering.

Scholarships

An updated list of scholarships is available in the counselor's office for students to pick up. There is also a link on our school web-site. Bluejay Foundation and local scholarship packets have been distributed to all seniors on February 8th and 9th. All these scholarships have an April 1st deadline.

Please notify me of any scholarships earned so that proper recognition can be given at graduation. This includes all scholarships earned, even those not accepted.





Senior Spotlight



Jacob (Jake) Bobst

Parents:
Kara & Howard Hull

Other Family Members:
Henry Wyatt Hull

Favorite Pastime:
Spending money

Senior Activities:
Wrestling

Part-time Employment:
Pfeifer Hogs

Plans After Graduation:
Work for a living

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Anthony (Tony) Wallin

Parents:
Scott Wallin &
Brenda Westring

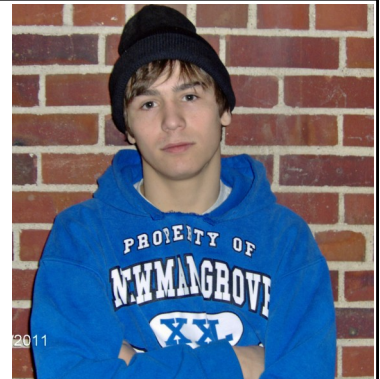
Other Family Members:
Ashley, Andy and Amber

Favorite Pastime:
Go road tripping

Senior Activities:
Wrestling

Part-time Employment:
Gaspar Farms, LLC

Plans After Graduation:
Go to college for wind energy

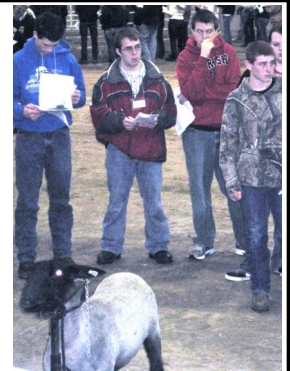


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FFA Members Participate in District Livestock Judging

On January 27th, eight FFA members traveled to Northeast Community College in Norfolk to compete in the District 5 Livestock Judging contest. A team made up of John O'Brien, Billy O'Brien, Jacob Haase, and Alex Wiese competed in the junior division and had a 3rd place overall team finish. This finish qualified them for the state contest in April. There were a total of 16 teams competing in the junior division. Individually, John O'Brien finished 3rd out of a total of 58 students.

The team competing in the senior division consisted of Mark O'Brien, Scott Boettcher, Jason Kaufman, and Brock Donelson. The senior team placed 7th out of 13 teams. Individually, Brock Donelson finished 15th out of 51 students.



Jason Kaufman, and Brock Donelson. The senior team placed 7th out of 13 teams. Individually, Brock Donelson finished 15th out of 51 students.

Pictured (l-r): John O'Brien, Mark O'Brien, Scott Boettcher, Jason Kaufman, Billy O'Brien, Brock Donelson, Jacob Haase and Alex Wiese.



Health Careers Class

By Karen Malmkar

The Newman Grove Intro to Health Careers Class took a tour of the Boone Central Hospital on Wednesday January 26, 2011. The students got a firsthand look at different departments within the hospital. The most student comments came from the visit to the lab and radiology. Students were inquisitive of the many different machines and their functions. Health Career Class is an opportunity for Junior and Senior students to look at different aspects of the medical field, educational requirements, and income opportunities. The topics covered and skills learned can also be used in many occupations including those that are not directly related to health careers. Confidentiality is very important and students must take a short training course about the HIPAA Law (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act). Student learning occurs through lecture, reading, research, classroom activities, job shadowing, debates, in class Red Cross training, and many group discussions. This is the first year that Introduction to Health Careers has been offered to students. The class is combined with Medical Terminology to give students two classes in one. The Medical Terminology class is articulated through Northeast Community College. Students that pass the class and earn a B or higher on the college final will get credit for the class, tuition free! The class will count toward a degree if the student attends Northeast. Newman Grove High School Students are privileged to have other medical classes offered on a rotating basis. In addition to the above mentioned classes students may also take Certified Nursing and Anatomy & Physiology. The students that participated in the tour were April Ramaekers, Caitlin Bennett, Anthony Carter, Alex Johnson, Kelly Labenz, Nikki Penfield, Scott Rasmussen, Jessica Salinas, Tom Thompson, Yuli Bernal.



No School Announcements

Friday, March 4	NO SCHOOL PK-6, Early Dismissal 7-12, 1:30 PM
Friday, March 11	NO SCHOOL PK-12, Spring Break
Tuesday, April 5	NO SCHOOL PK-12
Monday, April 18	Early Dismissal PK-12, 3:00 PM

**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)

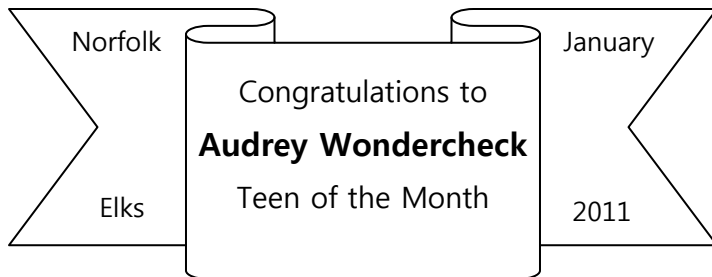
Radio: 94 Rock (94.7 FM) US 92 (92.7 FM)
 WJAG (780 AM) KEXL (106.7 FM)
 KZEN (100 FM) KKOT (93.5 FM)
 KLIR (101 FM) KJSK (900 AM)
 KTTT (1510 AM) KPNO(90.5 FM)

NOTE: Little Jays 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.



SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES

May 13th- Regular school day
May 16th- Last day of K-6, 7-12 Full day, 3rd and 4th period semester tests.
May 17th- 7-12 Dismiss 11:15, 1st and 2nd period semester test.

Due to weather conditions there may be more changes in the future.



Music Notes



by Tami Texley

Heartland Choir Festival

On Friday, January 28th Mrs. Texley and 14 middle school students traveled to Henderson, NE to the Heartland Choir Festival. Nineteen schools from across Nebraska were represented with a total of 285 girls and 165 boys singing in the final concert.

Janelle Reetz, directed the girls' choir while Mistyn Kozisek accompanied the choir. The girls performed three songs by themselves. Cantate Domino! Alleluia by Cristi Cary Miller, The Blackbird by Gary Ewer and Shine on Me by Rollo Dillworth.

The boys' choir was directed by A.J. Reimer and accompanist was Deb Scheel. Seize the Day arr. By Roger Emerson, Bar'bry Allen arr. By Joshua Shank and Come Go With Me by Kirby Shaw were the three pieces the boys performed for the evening concert.

The two choirs combined for the final song of Die Musici by Robert Swift.

Newman Grove students participating were back row (l-r): Will Dyer, Brandy Robak, Andrea Lloyd, Sadie Wallin, Emily Strong, Conner Johnson. Front row: Andy King, Alexis Kopecky, Celine Dunlap, Marisol Hernandez, Mya Donelson, Destiny Johnson, Alexis Malmkar and Esmeralda Arreguin.



Jr-Sr High Mid-Winter Concert



March 9 7:00 PM

UNK Honor Band & Choral Clinic

The University of Nebraska at Kearney, Department of Music and Performing Arts held its Honor Band and Choral Clinic on Monday, January 24th, 2011. This was directed by Dr. James F. Payne. One hundred and twenty one schools from across Nebraska and Northern Kansas were represented with an estimated total of 600+ students. Groups included the Women's Choir, Festival Choir, Honor Choir, Festival Band and Honor Band.

Newman Grove senior, Aubrey Strong, daughter of Tim & Kathy Strong, was chosen through taped audition in November to participate in the UNK Festival Choir. She was accompanied by music teacher, Tami Texley.

Mark Harman the Director of Vocal Music at Fremont High School in Fremont, Nebraska was the Director for the Festival Choir.



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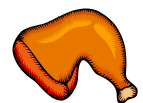
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2012 NEW YORK MUSIC TRIP

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5-8:30 P.M.

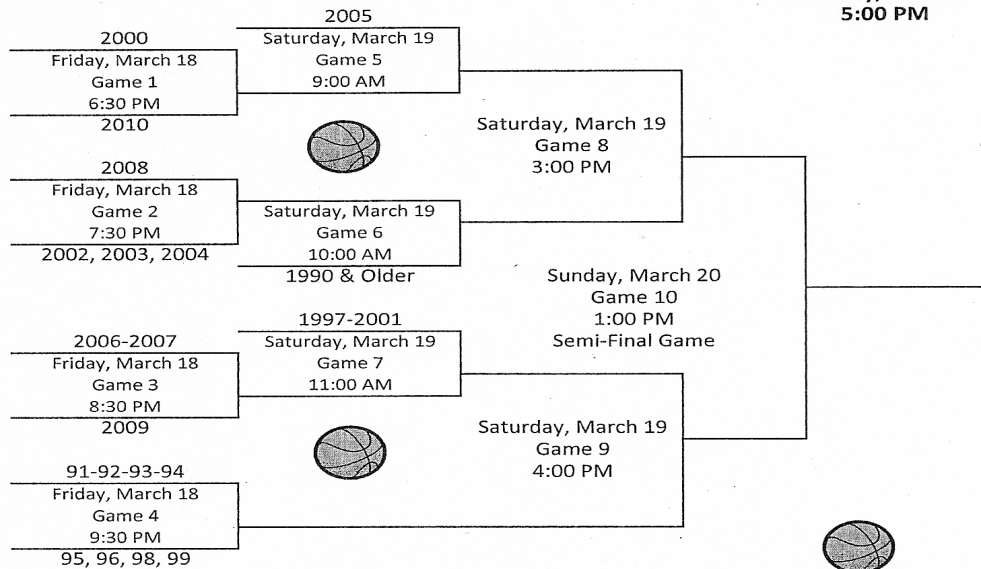




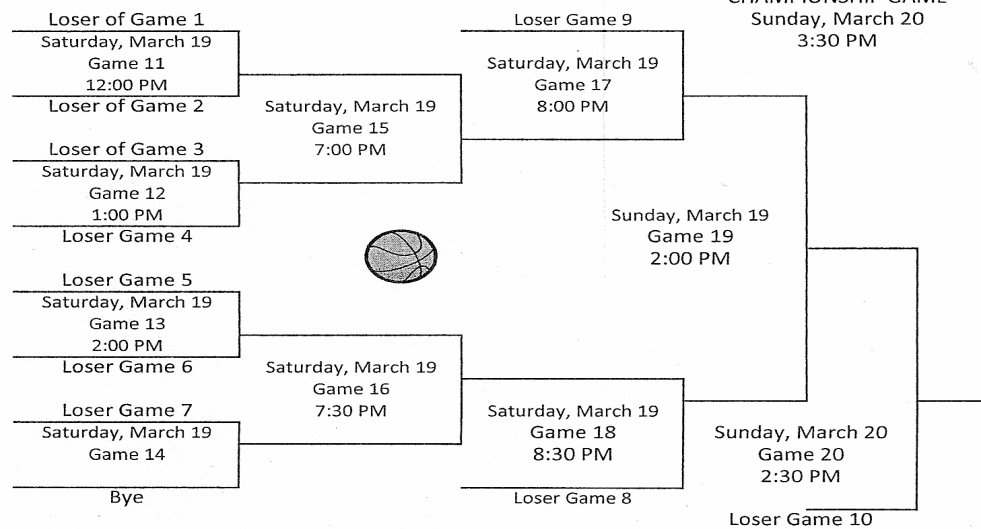
NG ALUMNI BASKETBALL
Newman Grove Lions Club
 March 18,19, & 20, 2011

3 Point Contest
 Saturday, March 19
 5:00 PM

**WELCOME
 ALUMNI!!**



NG WOMEN'S ALUMNI GAME
 Saturday, March 19
 6:00 PM



1st Round Games start on time all others are approximate

Concessions will be provided by Newman Huskers 4-H on Friday 6-9 PM Saturday from 9 AM- 9PM (approx.)	Admission:	Alumni Players	\$5
		Adults	\$5
		K-12 Students	\$1
		Preschool	FREE



THE

 REPORT

Lady Jays Basketball

By Tom Thramer



The Lady Jays basketball season is quickly coming to an end and it seems like we just started a week ago. The girls have been able to enjoy some success in the past month with only a few bumps in the road. Our overall record to date is 17-3, one of the better seasons that Newman Grove has been able to experience in the past years. In the past ten games that we have played the girls are 10-2 with wins coming over Scribner-Snyder, St. Francis twice, Humphrey, Madison, Stanton, Dodge, and Neligh-Oakdale. Our two losses have come to Howells, once in the regular season and once in the conference tournament. Both those losses could have easily been wins if things would have went a little better for us but I believe the girls were able to learn from these losses and take them in stride.

With the season winding down and only two more guaranteed games left, the girls are wanting to prove that they are worthy of being mentioned with the top programs in class D-1. With four more wins the girls will be able to accomplish something that Newman Grove hasn't done in 16 years by making it to the state tournament in Lincoln. The first round of sub-district play will be against the winner of St. Francis and Creighton. The girls have a very winnable district which means if we can take care of business we will hopefully be able to reach our goals.

Team consists of back row (l-r): Coach Ross Nelson, Elisabeth Backhaus, Torie Trautman, Brittney Weinman, Alaina Rast, Brooke Pieke, Megan Nelson, Darienne Pokorny, Anahi Sanchez-Maldonado, Emily Strong (mgr.) and Coach Tom Thramer. Middle row: Esmeralda Arreguin (mgr.), Ciera Afrank, Kendra Nelson, Brooke Nelson, Alisha Dunlap, Caitlin Bennett, Lila Wondercheck, Cristina King and Celine Dunlap (mgr.). Front row: Audrey Wondercheck, Chelsea Benson, April Ramaekers and Aubrey Strong.



Seniors are: Aubrey Strong, Chelsea Benson, April Ramaekers and Audrey Wondercheck.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a special group of seniors for their years of hard work, dedication, sacrifice and teamwork. We have enjoyed the time we have spent with you and wish you the best of luck in the future. We know you will be successful in everything you do.

Photo by Shine Photography





Newman Grove/Lindsay Holy Family C-2 District Wrestling

The NG/LHF wrestling team competed in the C-2 district held in Battle Creek. The team record for the weekend was 22 -15. The team placed 5th out of the 16 team field. The district team title went to Madison followed by Battle Creek, Tekemah Herman, Stanton then NG/LHF. We were able to qualify six wrestlers for the State tournament next week at the Qwest in Omaha. Six is the largest number of qualifiers since 2002. Making the trip will be 103-Dylan Zoucha, 119-Tony Wallin, 130-Sheldon Boschen, 140-Tatem Fowlkes, 171-Ben Jacobson, and 189-Derek Wallin.

Not qualifying (top 4 in each wt class qualify) but winning matches and scoring some needed team points for the Jay-Dogs were Mark O'Brien, Jacob Bobst, and Dakota Ruhnke. Dakota lost in the heartbreak round to a state qualifier from Tekemah Herman.

Dylan Zoucha the 2nd seed was a district runner up defeating Ross Podliska of Battle Creek in the Semi's by a fall in 25 seconds then lost in the finals to Dakota Batenhorst of Madison by a score of 5-2. Tony Wallin seeded 6th went 3-2 for the tournament winning in the heartbreak round over 2010 state qualifier Dylan Graudeault of Madison by a score of 4-2 in overtime. Sheldon Boschen the number one seed was 2-1 in the tournament winning his semi final match over Andy Doer of Creighton 4-1 then losing in the finals to Colton Bruce of Tekemah Herman 10-8. 4th seed Tatem Fowlkes was 4-1 losing in the semis to Jamie Gray of Battle Creek by a score of 2-1 then won in the heartbreak round 2-1 over Kyle Boyle of Scriber/Snyder/WPCC. Tatem received a forfeit for 3rd place from Grant Nordby of Stanton whom Tatem had beaten in the quarter finals by fall at the 5:37 mark. Ben Jacobson seeded 8th was 4-2 on the tournament having to win 2 overtime matches and losing in the 4th overtime in the quarter finals to Jeb Nordby of Stanton by a controversial 3-2. Ben then came back through the wrestle backs and defeated David Huismann of Madison 5-3 with a takedown in overtime. Derek Wallin was District champion. Derek went 4-0 for the weekend dominating his opponents with pins in the first 2 rounds then defeating the number 1 seeded wrestler Calin List of Crofton by a score of 10-1. In the finals Derek won over Pierce wrestler Zachary Neuhalfen 12-6 to complete his impressive weekend.

Over the last 3 years we have changed our schedule to make it tougher to prepare this team for our district. It seems to have paid off, but one thing you just can't coach is heart and heart is what won these matches on Saturday.

The first round pairings for the State meet will be as follows. Dylan Zoucha vs Matt Milke of HTRS, Tony Wallin vs Jordan Wescoatt of Wood River, Sheldon Boschen vs Zach Graham of Syracuse, Tatem Fowlkes vs Jeremiah Lueth of Chase County, Ben Jacobson vs Joshua Mooney of Centennial, Derek Wallin vs Cogan Thompson of Kenesaw/Shelton. Wrestling begins on Thursday at 4:30 at the Qwest Center in Omaha.

Team members in picture are back row (l-r): Coach Tom Krause, Tatem Fowlkes, Brock Donelson, Jacob Bobst, Ben Jacobson, Demi Edgell (stats). Middle row: Rachel Schroeter (stats), Mark O'Brien, Sheldon Boschen, Dakota Ruhnke, Tony Wallin, Joe O'Brien (mgr.). Front row: Parker Wallin (mgr.), Dylan Zoucha, Billy O'Brien, Scott Boettcher. Not pictured are Jerett Sueper, Jacob Sueper (mgr.) and Mikala Farrier (stats). Photo by Shine Photography.



Newman Grove FCCLA Competes at STAR Contest

By Beth Nelson



District 6 FCCLA held its annual STAR contest on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at Boone Central High School. STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) is a competitive event that allows students to develop projects that promote leadership in the areas of family and consumer sciences.

In the category of Health and Wellness, Sage Robak and Amelia Fyfe presented a power point on Teen Pregnancy and received a silver medal. In the category of Family Challenges and Issues Demi Edgell and Taylor Fredrich (Sage Robak sub) presented a power point on how to tell if your teen is on drugs. In the category of Life Event Planning, Brooke Nelson and Alisha Dunlap developed a portfolio on the steps taken to plan for the junior/senior prom and received a top silver qualifying them for state contest in April. In the category of Illustrated Talk, Chelsea Benson and Darienne Pokorny presented a power point supplemented with posters on dating violence and received a silver medal. In the category of Consumer Issues, Brooke Pieke and Megan Nelson presented a power point on Brand Marketing and received top silver also qualifying them for state contest in April.



Boys Basketball

By Matt Rudloff

The Bluejays are 2-17 at this point in the season with one game left before sub-district play. The Bluejays will play their last regular season game at home against Neligh on Friday, Feb. 18th away. On Monday, Feb. 21st, the Bluejays will play Bloomfield (12-7) in the play-in game of the D1-6 sub-districts. The other three teams in our sub-districts are Osmond (16-4), Humphrey St. Francis (14-6), and Creighton (9-11). The Bluejays hope to finish the season strong with great hustle and effort. As we creep closer to the end of the season, we would like to thank all our supporters who have been at the games cheering us on.

Team members pictured are back row (l-r): Coach John Ramaekers, Spencer Wallin, Troy McCuiston, Scott Rasmussen, Anthony Carter, Jason Kaufman, A. J. Boettcher, Caleb Fowlkes, Coach Matt Rudloff. Front row: Caden Ranslem (mgr.), Patrick Callaway, Jacob Haase, Braydon Kopejtka, John O'Brien, Brett Weinman, Cody Nelson (mgr.). Not pictured is Tom Thompson. Photo by Shine Photography.





The Knights of Blue and White

10 great knights of blue and white set forth to the Creek of Battle
Some with great fanfare, yet others unknown
Hope to dispel the naysayers prattle
The great Qwest, the venue of championships be
Six must advance for leadership three



The swiftest, Sir Dylan of one o three, quickly dispatches the Brave from BC
Sir Sheldon obtained the Qwest thrice afore, his greatest test shall be for four
Using his enemies' magic spell leaves Sir Sheldon now with four stories to tell
Sir Derek rises up so strong and so grand defeats a warrior, the greatest in the land

Three more we need for the Qwest to be whole the next seven fights will take its toll
Sir William the first to fall, will rise next year when the challenge does call
Sir Anthony a dragon must slay, it can't be done the experts say
The courage of Anthony will be told for years,
He defeats the dragon with his takedown of fear
Lord Dakota legend of Holy Land Lore,
heartbreakingly relinquished by a Bengal from a Qwest twice before
Sir Tatem of Contortionist fame, destroys a Knight from the land of six names
Sir Jacob known as the physical one, a canine doth make his journey all done
A fortnight of illness Sir Marcus it slows he still dawns his armor but the sickness still shows,
gallantly he rides to the heat of the fire but too much for Marcus he has to retire



5 have now assembled to head to the Qwest, To have one more would still be the best
A dragon from the championship clan strives to destroy the blue and white plan
The great Benjamin of Overtime fame says come forth dragon and remember my name

*Feed your brain as well
as your stomach*

**Read Across America
March 2, 2011**

Reader's Oath

Debra Angstead, Missouri-NEA

I promise to read
Each day and each night.
I know it's the key
To growing up right.
I'll read to myself,
I'll read to a crowd.
It makes no difference
If silent or loud.
I'll read at my desk,
At home and at school,
On my bean bag or bed,
By the fire or pool.
Each book that I read
Puts smarts in my head,
'Cause brains grow more thoughts
The more they are fed.
So I take this oath
To make reading my way
Of feeding my brain
What it needs every day.



BUSINESS CLASS CLOTHING

- ! 1 XL Fleece Jacket- \$30
- ! 1 Fleece Newman Grove Blanket-\$26
- ! Assorted "Pink Out" T-Shirts-\$5
- ! Black or Blue Newman Grove Hats-\$15



Junior High Boys basketball

By Coach Ramaekers



With the arrival of February the Jay-Dogs Basketball season is coming to an end. As I write this we only have the St. Francis tournament left on February 19th. The season has been good one for the Jay-Dogs A team as their record stands at 7 and 5. They have pickup wins over Dodge/Howells/Clarkson team #2, Madison, Burwell, St. Edward, Dodge/Howells/Clarkson Team #1, Elkhorn Valley and Cedar Valley. Our losses are Humphrey, Leigh, Elgin/Elgin Pope John, Fullerton and St. Francis.

A lot of good things has happen for the Jay-Dogs this season as they placed 2nd at the Cedar Valley Tournament. As a team they are averaging 36.2 points a game and giving up 31.4. With the St. Francis tournament left we will face Dodge/ Howells/ Clarkson in the first game. Then we will ether face St. Francis or Elkhorn Valley depending on the outcome of each game.

For the B team their record stands at 2 and 7. Their wins were over Madison and Elgin/Elgin Pope John and their loses were to Humphrey, Leigh, Elkhorn Valley, Dodge/Howells/Clarkson teams 1&2, Cedar Valley and St. Francis. These young man are steadily getting better each game as they learn the basics of basketball.

Team members for the Jay-Dogs are: Parker Wallin, Braydon Frauendorfer, Ryan Pfeifer, Trevor Herchenbach, Jacob Sueper, Nick Jarecki, Nolan Wondercheck, Andy King, Joe O'Brien, Will Dyer, Austin Preister and Carter Beller.



Students Have Input into Education

Can't happen! Shouldn't happen! That won't work! What, no way! The thoughts a lot of us may have had when we read this statement. Well, this is what a group of teachers from around the state started to explore in early October in Omaha as they came together to become Design Team 2 where we adopted the theme "Kicking Out the Ladder".

All we knew when we were selected was that we were going to be working to help incorporate new technology – focused on the iPod Touch – into classrooms around the state. We soon found it was so much more as we heard from schools in Nebraska and Kansas that have full-fledged businesses operating within the walls of their schools. These businesses are taking the skills the students are learning in their classrooms and putting them into practice. This serves as great experience for the students, but also fills a void in their communities as none of them had the type of businesses that the students formed. One recurring theme that all these teachers and students kept emphasizing to us was: Don't be afraid to "Kick the Ladder Out" from your traditional ways of teaching. What worked for you (the teachers) most likely isn't going to work with your students today. Traditional teaching methods have their place, but you (the teachers) need to reach beyond your comfort zone and look for different ways to structure, present, and educate in your classroom.

We had a room full of teachers that were willing to take that challenge, but also a little apprehensive about leaving what we knew and where we were comfortable and beginning our adventures. At this time we were told that at our January gathering we would be given an iPod Touch to work with; but we were also given an assignment (Yes, I said the teachers were given an assignment.). The assignment was to bring a student that would work with us on a project, which could last up to three years. Here came the questions: What type of project? What age student? What qualifications should the student have? Our answer: You decide. OK, here was another challenge to our traditional ways of teaching. We were getting an assignment with no specifications! They were leaving things open ended and we had to make the choices that would be best for our school.

As I drove back from Omaha my mind was swimming with ideas and questions. As I arrived back in Newman Grove, I had made my decision about who would be my student partner to work with me on this project. I had decided I would advertise that I was looking for a 7 – 10 grade student to partner with me on a project to all my classes and through the announcements. I had three students express interest, so I asked them to write a paragraph about why they wanted to be part of this project. I enlisted Mr. Rosow to help me decide which student would be the best choice (hoping that he would help me make a clear-cut choice). He turned things around on me and asked me if there was a reason that it had to be limited to only one student. I didn't have a good answer. Oh great, another thing that wasn't cut and dried. We decided Parker Wallin, Celine Dunlap, and Joe O'Brien would become the Newman Grove Design Team, with Celine being the representative that would attend the next gathering in Norfolk.

Well, the January 25 & 26 gathering consisting of distributing iPod Touches, demonstrations, practices, and sharing of information has come and gone and again we have an assignment: Come to the March 8 gathering with our project scope decided, get it started, and to have begun implementation. Wow, that's a lot, so here we go. We do have our project scope decided. We will be evaluating educational apps for the iPod Touch and iPad. The reason we chose this project is because most of the Newman Grove teachers were provided iPod Touches to incorporate into their classrooms, but it takes a great deal of time to find and evaluate the apps that will work the best. Upon completion our project will provide a list of tested apps to the teachers so they can more easily incorporate them into their classroom. We have started the process of preparing for this by meeting to get equipment and accounts set up and to start the evaluation process. We plan to meet four more times before Celine and I go back to share our progress with the group.

Our Newman Grove Design Team is very excited to being our journey of assisting the teachers, whether it be demonstrating and helping them, or just providing them a source of tested applications to which they can refer. If we're (teachers) not ready, we better get that way, because our students are ready, willing, and able to give input into education!





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 Katie O'Brien—\$1,000.00  
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 John Lorenzen—\$650.00  
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 "Buddy" & Delores Gustafson
 Family Scholarship
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#### BLUEJAY FOUNDATION

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# MARCH 2011

| Sun                                                                                                                       | Mon                                                                                                                                                   | Tue                                                                                                                                             | Wed                                                                                                                                                             | Thur                                                                                                                                                         | Fri                                                                                                                                                                                              | Sat                                                                              |
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|                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                       | 1<br>BBB: District Finals<br>3:05 PM Play Tryouts (and after school)<br>3:05 PM Swing Choir<br>3:45 PM RTI Team Mtg<br>3:50 PM Design Team Work | 2<br>6:30 AM Preschool Breakfast (FCS Room)<br>7:00 AM Cheer Practice<br>3:05 PM Play Tryouts (and after school)<br>3:45 PM CILT Mtg<br>7:00 PM City Rec B-Ball | 3<br>7:15 AM Swing Choir<br>GBB: State Tournament<br>6:00 PM Play Practice                                                                                   | 4<br>End 3rd Quarter<br>No School K-6<br>Apr ACT Test Reg Deadline<br>GBB: State Tournament<br>1:00 PM Nebr College of Tech Ag Rep<br>1:30 PM 7-12 Dismissal<br>6:00 PM Junior Wrestling Tourney | 5<br>GBB: State Tournament<br>Junior Wrestling Tourney (snow date)               |
| 6                                                                                                                         | 7<br>7:00 AM Cheer Practice<br>3:05 PM FFA CDE Practice (and after school)<br>6:00 PM Play Practice<br>6:00 PM Jr Wrestling                           | 8<br>NHS Student Exchange (Stuart)<br>3:05 PM Swing Choir<br>6:00 PM Play Practice                                                              | 9<br>7:00 AM Cheer Practice<br>Ash Wednesday<br>TBD FFA: District CDE @ CCC<br>3:05 PM Student Council<br>7:00 PM City Rec B-Ball                               | 10<br>7:15 AM Swing Choir<br>GBB: State Tournament<br>6:00 PM Play Practice                                                                                  | 11<br>BBB: State Tournament<br>No School K-12 (spring break)<br>6:00 PM Jr Wrestling                                                                                                             | 12<br>BBB: State Tournament                                                      |
| 13<br>Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks ahead 1 hr)                                                                | 14<br>7:00 AM Cheer Practice<br>3:05 PM FFA Mtg<br>6:00 PM Board of Ed Mtg<br>6:00 PM Jr Wrestling                                                    | 15<br>8:00 AM School Pictures<br>3:05 PM Student Council<br>6:00 PM Play Practice                                                               | 16<br>7:00 AM Cheer Practice<br>Speech: Districts @ West Boyd<br>3:05 PM Junior Class Mtg<br>7:00 PM Conf G/BBB Selection Mtg<br>7:00 PM City Rec B-Ball        | 17<br>7:15 AM Student Council<br>St. Patrick's Day<br>11:00 AM Conf Exec Mtg<br>6:00 PM Play Practice                                                        | 18<br>Alumni B-Ball Tourney<br>PM Preschool (makeup day)<br>12:30 PM TR: Wayne State Invite (A)<br>6:00 PM Jr Wrestling                                                                          | 19<br>7:00 AM Play Practice<br>Alumni B-Ball Tourney<br>4:00 PM Cafeteria in Use |
| 20<br>Alumni B-Ball Tourney                                                                                               | 21<br>7:00 AM Cheer Practice<br>3:05 PM Senior Class Mtg<br>6:00 PM Play Practice<br>6:00 PM Jr Wrestling                                             | 22<br>3:05 PM Swing Choir<br>6:30 PM Conf Quiz Bowl @ Howells<br>7:00 PM Jr-Sr High Mid-Winter Concert                                          | 23<br>7:00 AM Cheer Practice<br>3:05 PM FCCLA Mtg<br>7:00 PM City Rec B-Ball                                                                                    | 24<br>NRCSA Conf<br>3:05 PM Honor Society Mtg<br>4:30 PM Pre-Brainard Music Concert<br>6:00 PM Play Practice                                                 | 25<br>Speech: State Contest<br>NRCSA Conf<br>8:00 AM GNSEF @ Nebr City<br>1:30 PM Senior Careers Class<br>2:00 PM K-6 Music in Schools Concert<br>7:30 PM Honor Society Induction Ceremony       | 26<br>TBD Brainard Music Contest (Gr 5-8)<br>8:00 AM GNSEF @ Nebr City           |
| 27<br>March 28-May 6: NeSA Reading, Math, Alternate Testing and NeSA Science (field testing)<br>8:00 AM GNSEF @ Nebr City | 28<br>7:00 AM Cheer Practice<br>3:05 PM Honor Society Mtg<br>6:00 PM Play Practice<br>6:00 PM Jr Wrestling<br>6:30 PM 2011-12 Kindergarten Parent Mtg | 29<br>9:00 AM Track: Cedar Rapids Invite (A) (at Genoa)<br>3:05 PM Swing Choir                                                                  | 30<br>7:00 AM Cheer Practice<br>3:05 PM Junior Class Mtg                                                                                                        | 31<br>7:15 AM Swing Choir<br>TBD Science Fair (Hastings)<br>1:00 PM Grades K-2 to Norfolk Arts Center Performance<br>7:00 PM Play Practice (dress rehearsal) |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                  |



## NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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

| MONDAY                                                                                      | TUESDAY                                                                                   | WEDNESDAY                                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                                        | FRIDAY                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                             | <p>March 1</p> <p>Cheeseburger<br/>Tater Tots<br/>Fruit Slushy<br/>Rocky Road Dessert</p> | <p>March 2</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo<br/>Peas<br/>Applesauce<br/>Muffin</p>                 | <p>March 3</p> <p>Salisbury Steak<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>w/Gravy<br/>Dinner Rolls</p>          | <p>March 4</p> <p>Walking Tacos<br/>Lettuce/Salsa<br/>Mandarin Oranges<br/>Cinnabun</p> |
| <p>March 7</p> <p>BBQ Pork Sandwich<br/>French Fries<br/>Pears<br/>Rice Crispy Bar</p>      | <p>March 8</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken<br/>Cheesy Green Beans<br/>Fruit Slushy<br/>Cake</p>    | <p>March 9</p> <p>Spaghetti<br/>Lettuce Salad<br/>Mixed Fruit<br/>Garlic Bread</p>       | <p>March 10</p> <p>Grilled Chicken<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>w/Gravy<br/>Dinner Rolls</p>         | <p>March 11</p> <p><i>NO<br/>SCHOOL</i></p>                                             |
| <p>March 14</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets<br/>Cheesy Veg. Mix<br/>Mandarin Oranges<br/>Brownie</p> | <p>March 15</p> <p>Hot Dogs<br/>Mac &amp; Cheese<br/>Green Beans<br/>Slushy</p>           | <p>March 16</p> <p>Chili<br/>Carrot Sticks<br/>Mixed Fruit<br/>Cinnamon Roll</p>         | <p>March 17</p> <p>Breaded Beef Patty<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>w/Gravy<br/>Dinner Rolls</p>      | <p>March 18</p> <p>Cheese Pizza<br/>Corn<br/>Peaches<br/>Cookie</p>                     |
| <p>March 21</p> <p>Sloppy Joe<br/>Potato Wedges<br/>Peaches<br/>Cookie</p>                  | <p>March 22</p> <p>Au Gratin Potatoes<br/>w/Ham<br/>Corn/Slushy<br/>Muffin</p>            | <p>March 23</p> <p>BBQ Rib Sandwich<br/>Tri Taters<br/>Mixed Fruit<br/>Cake</p>          | <p>March 24</p> <p>Chicken Strips<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>w/Gravy<br/>Dinner Rolls</p>          | <p>March 25</p> <p>Tuna Noodle<br/>Casserole<br/>Peas/Pears<br/>Biscuit/Jelly</p>       |
| <p>March 28</p> <p>Taco Casserole<br/>Corn<br/>Pears<br/>Cake</p>                           | <p>March 29</p> <p>Chicken Fajitas<br/>Rice<br/>Lettuce/Salsa<br/>Fruit Slushy</p>        | <p>March 30</p> <p>Breaded Chicken<br/>Sandwich<br/>French Fries<br/>Rice Crispy Bar</p> | <p>March 31</p> <p>Chunky Beef Gravy<br/>w/Mashed Potatoes<br/>Green Beans<br/>Dinner Rolls</p> |                                                                                         |

**(menus are subject to change without notice)  
Fruit or juice served daily!**





National FFA Week 2011 - Infinite Potential

February 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

- Monday – FFA T-Shirt Day
- Tuesday – Drive Your Tractor to School Day
- Wednesday – FFA Petting Zoo
- Thursday –Staff Appreciation Breakfast, State Officer Visit
- Friday – Official Dress/Blue and Gold Day



Other activities throughout the week include, Elementary Coloring Contest, Daily Agriculture Trivia (Prizes Everyday), Kiss a Pig Contest, and Corn Guessing Game

Six Wrestlers Qualify for State

- 103– Dylan Zoucha
- 125-Tony Wallin
- 130– Sheldon Boschen
- 145– Tatem Fowlkes
- 171– Ben Jacobson
- 189– Derek Wallin

Coached by Tom Krause, Ryan Sorensen and Larry Boschen.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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