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FOOTBALL

By: Gage Keyes



The Boyd County Spartans football team went on a long drive to Benkelman, NE to play in the first round of the playoffs on October 24th against Dundy County Stratton. The boys fought hard and did a great job. They tried their hardest but, unfortunately, it didn't quite make the cut. The final score of the play-off game was 56-16. Carson Haun, a senior member of the football team, has shared some thoughts on the game. "It didn't go the way we wanted it to, they're a good ball club. It was a good game for the younger guys to face that kind of competition. The trip was a lot of fun. It was definitely a time to remember."

VOLLEYBALL

By: Brooklyn Eckert

The Boyd County volleyball team took a hard loss to Ponca on October 28th, bringing the 2024 season to an end. As a whole, the team showed their improvement throughout the season. Both varsity and junior varsity players have come a long way from the beginning of the season. This improvement was supported by the volleyball ending record, with ten wins and twenty losses. This improved from the 2023 season that had six wins and twenty-four losses. Seniors Addison Birmeier, Elizabeth Bernt, and Brooklyn Eckert are very proud of their team. The underclassmen show a lot of potential, and we all know they will do great things in the upcoming years. The seniors wish everyone good luck in the future!



STATE XC

On Saturday, October 19, 2024 Ruby Strom, 8th grader, headed to Papillion to compete in the Junior High State Cross Country Meet. R. Strom lined up with 265 other runners from all over the state. She placed 70th overall with a time of 14:39. Congratulations Ruby!



The following Friday, the Boyd County Boys Cross Country Team and sophomore Kaci Koenig attended Nebraska State Class D Cross Country Meet at the Kearney Country Club. Will Nelson, junior, started towards the beginning of the pack and didn't look back. Nelson crushed his own personal record and the Boyd County State Cross Country record with a time of 17:14. He earned 14th place. Records continued to be added as junior Ethan Zeisler grabbed the 4th place position on the Boyd County Top Ten State Board. Zeisler placed 31st with a PR time of 18:00. Brook Strom, another junior, placed 87th with a time of 19:11. McGill ran over a minute faster than he did at state last year finishing 103rd and crushing his PR with a time of 19:36. Issac Jensen, junior, competed hard and finished 114th with a time of 20:14. The boys team placed 10th overall making them the highest ranking team out of our district.

Sophomore Kaci Koenig stepped onto the course for her very first run at state. Koenig also decided she should join the boys in setting records and adding her name to the Boyd County leader boards. Koenig placed 52nd out of 121 girls who started the race. Her time of 22:11 is a PR and lands her in the third position on the Boyd County Top Ten State Cross Country record board.





NOVEMBER NOTABLE DATES:

Nov. 2nd

VB Varsity District Finals

Nov. 4th

NVC Choir

Nov. 5th

NO SCHOOL

Teacher Inservice & Parent-Teacher Conference

Nov. 6th

VB State Varsity

Pre-district Livestock Evaluation

Nov. 8th

2:00 DISMISSAL

YO Camp

Nov. 11th

FCCLA Mind Bending Careers Conference

Veterans Day Program

Nov. 12th

District Livestock Evaluation

Nov. 14th

ASVAB Testing

Nov. 19th

Blood Drive
Conference One Act

Nov. 22nd

GBB/BBB Juice Scrimmage

Nov. 25th

FCCLA Commissioners Recognition

Nov. 26th

One Act Public Performance

Nov. 27th

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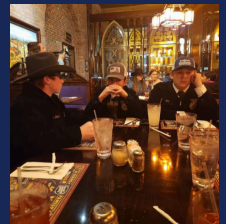
FFA CONVENTION

By: Gage Keyes



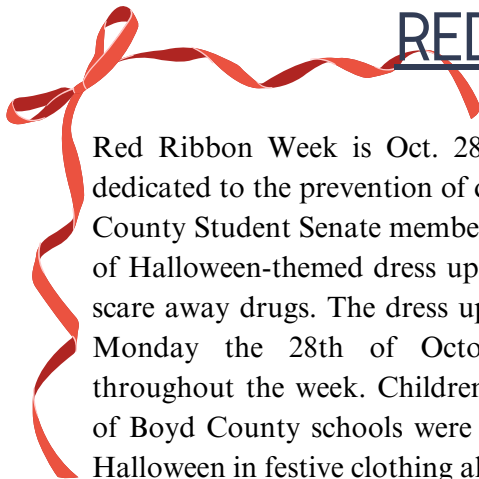
The Boyd County FFA chapter went all the way to Indianapolis to attend the FFA National Convention. Those who went to the Convention left on Tuesday, October 22nd and didn't get home until the weekend. The whole chapter had a great time and a fun trip that was full of meeting new people from all over the country and seeing a plethora of new things. The younger members were able to learn a lot from this experience and boost their interest in FFA even more!

Some of the members that traveled to National Convention said that their favorite part was the concert where any FFA member from across the Nation could sign up to play an instrument and sing a song they had prepared. This type of activity is just a small part of the immense amount of fun that everyone had at the FFA National Convention. Some of the older members and officers commented saying, "I wish I could have gone, but it was nice seeing how much fun the younger members had. Hopefully they learned a lot!"



RED RIBBON WEEK

By: Sienna Merrills



Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 28-31 it is a week dedicated to the prevention of drug abuse. Boyd County Student Senate members created a week of Halloween-themed dress up days in order to scare away drugs. The dress up days began on Monday the 28th of October and lasted throughout the week. Children, teens and staff of Boyd County schools were able to celebrate Halloween in festive clothing all week long.

Monday: Wear Red Day

Tuesday: Wear a Flannel Day

Wednesday: Pumpkin Patch Day

Thursday: Witch/Wizards Day

Friday: Pajama Day



FCCLA EVENTS

By: Gage Keyes



Ten Boyd County FCCLA members traveled to Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska to attend the Fall Leadership Workshop on October 13th and 14th! Members participated in several breakout sessions, including competitive events, awards in FCCLA, and a tour of Wayne State College's campus. State Officer Brooklyn Eckert presented the FCCLA opening and closing ceremony and also presented sessions throughout the day. Overall, our attendants gained a further understanding of FCCLA, networked with several members across the state, and experienced what life could be as a Wildcat at WSC.

Twenty-three Boyd County FCCLA members spent October 16th in Ord, Nebraska to attend the District 9 Leadership Conference. Members participated in the FCCLA opening and closing ceremony, with District Officer Gracen Eckert being inducted into her office, and State Officer Brooklyn Eckert providing greetings to all attendants and advisers. Members spent the day in an array of breakout sessions and also had the opportunity to participate in a basket raffle, where members Jacobe Widstrom and Kenze Reiman won gift baskets. Our members networked with others from our FCCLA District, learned more about themselves and FCCLA, and had a great time.

