

The Spartan Spotlight

October 2021

Newborns In The School - By: Sabrina Ziebro

Five junior girls chose the Child Development class as an elective this 2021-22 school year. They went over a baby and parenting section at the beginning of this month. For this section, they are given battery controlled babies to carry around from Thursday or Friday to Tuesday. They are controlled by a computer program that can connect to the baby's internal computer. Once programmed, the desktop computer sends information to the babies and they will follow the schedule of a real parent. When the babies cry for whatever reason or need, that follows the schedule of a real parent that tracks a newborn's needs. The computer turns the babies on at a certain time and turns them off at a certain time as well. The babies know when the students are there and can hear their cries with a wristband that they use to tap on the babies chest to record that they aren't just ignoring the babies cries. The students record all their data on sheets given to them at the beginning of this section by Mrs. Black. The students are to take care and obtain these babies for 5 days, including the weekends. Each baby's computer keeps track of all the miscarees that each student has. Any rough handling or head support failures, and Mrs. Black gets the final report on the computer that shows her what time the miscarees happened and calculates a percentage by the amount of miscarees and the good things. We borrow these babies from the ESU8 service unit in Neligh and are able to check them out for a couple of weeks in order to provide this experience to the Child Development class.



State Cross County - By: Kaleb Kaczor

On Oct 9, 2021 four of the junior high cross country team members attended state. Will Nelson ran in the championship race placing 22nd out of 305 runners. Brook Strom and Ethan Zeisler ran in the boys open meet. Ethan placed 12th and Brook placed 26th out of 243 runners. ReNae Kluckman ran in the girls open event and placed 38th out of 164 runners. Congratulations to them for doing great!



On October 22, 2021 Natasha Zeisler attended state cross country for her third time. Though she had a rough start with an injury, she worked hard and made it to state. Her time at district ranked her at 8th place and saved her a spot at state. During the state meet, held on October 22nd, she stayed in the top thirties and finished 32nd out of 127 runners with a time and new personal best of 22:10. She definitely had a season to be proud about!



Volleyball Seniors Night - By: Winona Avery

On Friday, October 8th, Boyd County Volleyball Senior Night was hosted and with it was a nice sized crowd in the gym. The Senior Volleyball players consist of Daydra, Emmie, Rylie, Bentley, Hannah, and Haylie. They lined up and Amelia Hoffman talked about the seniors and she read the letters the Junior wrote to the Seniors, following was Mrs. Stahlecker who read the letters that the Seniors wrote to the coaches. The Seniors then gave presents to the coaches to show their appreciation from throughout the season. Boyd County celebrates Volleyball Senior Night to honor the Seniors and all the hard work they put in throughout high school and during their final season.



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Juniors Attend Boyd County Government Day

Story By: Lucas Filips

County Government Day is a day away from school where Juniors go to the courthouse to learn about local governments. There are not many activities, but enough to learn about how the local government works. There were speakers from law enforcement who talked about how the government protects the community, business leaders who spoke about the process of how the business works with and are benefited from the government, and county officials who made a speech about how the government functions and the departments work. Other than the speakers, there was a contest to visit each government office first, teachers who told how to be a good juror if they were ever picked for jury duty, and of course, a yummy lunch.

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FFA Yo Camp - By: Sienna Merrills

Yo Camp is an activity that is held by Boyd County's FFA chapter, and leader Ms. Nolles. Yo Camp stands for Youth Orientation Camp and it is a great way for people from grades 7-9 to learn about FFA and to practice fun workshops and great bonding skills. The 50 students who attended Yo Camp on the 15th and 16th stayed overnight at the school and enjoyed a snack and many games. This year the theme for the camp was Pirates, and the officers decorated most of the school halls for the annual scavenger hunt each student participated in. Ms. Nolles was very proud of everyone's behaviour and participation.

Award for Nebraska Speech and Hearing Association - By: Emiliana Collin

6th grader Carter Mizner won an award from the Nebraska Speech Language and Hearing Association for better hearing and speech month. When asked about his award he said, "I felt nervous about getting my award in front of people, but I worked really hard to improve my apraxia and get the award." - Carter Mizner



Lord of the Flies Shelters - By: Roman Henderson

The Freshmen are currently reading The Lord of the Flies. They are making shelters because one of the conflicts that takes place in the book was the importance of building shelters or hunting. The students made shelters from things they could find outside like twigs and leaves, and used string to keep it all together. It was a STEM project for Language Arts. They worked with partners, and together they wrote a step-by-step procedure of how they built and constructed the shelters.



Kindness Award - By: Gage Keyes

The winner of the November Kindness Awards was Dominic Fernau. He won for straightening a bookshelf without being told, after he saw that his classmates had left a mess. Dominic was rewarded with a bag of candy and a certificate to eat first for lunch for the entire week.