

The Spartan Spotlight

May 2023



Congrats to the Class of 2023 - Roman Henderson

Graduation was held Saturday, May 6th at 2pm at the Boyd County Spencer Gymnasium. We had 16 seniors that graduated this year: Timothy A., Sebastian C., Halie F., Savanna F., Trevor G., Arianna G., Kyra G., Teegan H., Caden H., Amelia H., Leah J., Nevaeh J., Amanda J., Kaleb K., Zander K., and Natasha Z. The ceremony started with a slideshow created by Mrs. Hausmann which included various pictures of all our seniors throughout the years. Then the announcement of cords and medals was presented as well as the Salutatorian and Valedictorian speeches. The 2023 Salutatorians are Trevor Goesch and Amelia Hoffman, and the Valedictorian is Natasha Zeisler. Following their speeches, the Seniors handed out flowers to loved ones, and were then handed their diplomas. To end the celebration, the seniors walked out their song of choice, Thunderstruck by AC/DC.

2023 Awards Night - Sienna Merrills

On Thursday May 4th, Boyd County hosted our annual Awards Night Banquet here at the Spencer Gym. The night started off with a catered supper at 6:00, with the entertainment of a slideshow that included images of various sports and activities. The induction of the 2023-24 National Honor Society team was then performed with their candle lighting ceremony. The new members inducted were Brooklyn Eckert and Addison Birmeier. Many esteemed members of our faculty's clubs and sports teams gave speeches to honor the award members, as well as presented some memories from this past season. Awards for academics, fine arts, clubs, and extra curricular activities were then announced and passed out among students. This included the perfect attendance award, kindness award, and so much more. As a school, we are very proud of our students and everything they have accomplished in the 2022-23 school year! To end the night, the 2022-23 nine-sport letter winners were announced, as shown below.

Timothy A., Amelia H., Zander K., Leah J., Natasha Z.



2023 Norfolk Classic - Adrien Baer

On April 27th, five student athletes competed in the Norfolk Classic. Will Nelson and Isaac Jensen, both freshmen, competed in the Boys 800 meter run and set personal records. Paige Drueke, a junior, finished third in the 800 meter run with the time of 2:28.85. Junior, McKenzie Snyder, and Senior, Amelia Hoffman, both competed in the girls discus throw. McKenzie finished third, setting a personal record with a throw of 118-02. Amelia Hoffman finished second with a throw of 118-10, just edging out McKenzie. Overall, the classic was a huge success and has established a high standard for next year's track and field season.



Fussin' And A-Feudin - Adrien Baer

On Tuesday, May 9th, Mrs. Hausmann and the Junior High performed "Fussin' And A-Feudin". This was a comedy that illustrated two hillbilly families that feuded for years, but never really knew why. Towards the end, the families get down to the bottom of the feud because of two insurance agents. The musical included 20 Junior High students who performed. Overall, Mrs. Hausmann thought the musical was delightful and fun, and she hopes it will be a success again next year. She is also grateful to the parents for giving them the time they needed to set up, as well as Mrs. Sue Barnes and Mrs. Mary Haun for volunteering their time to play the piano for this musical.



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Meet Your 2023-24 FBLA Officers - Landon Jensen
New year, new Boyd County FBLA officers! For those of you who don't know FBLA, stands for Future Business Leaders of America. Headed by Mrs. Boettcher, she mentors our wonderful group of kids in academic competitions, leadership development, and educational programs. When it came to choosing new officers, each student had to put in an application for the position they desired and go through an interview process with Mrs. Boettcher, as well as Mrs. Melanie Black. The 2023-24 officers and their positions are as follows: President- Amelia Haki, VP- Elizabeth Kersch, Secretary- McKenzie Snyder, Treasurer- Addison Birmeier, and Reporter, Zoe Kaczor. Congrats on all your hard work this past year and in the years to come!

5th & 6th Grade Honor Band Takes Place in Neligh - Gage Keyes

On April 29th, the Boyd County 5th and 6th grade Honor Band traveled to Neligh with our band and choir instructor Mrs. Hausmann. The theme for this year's event was Minecraft, which was represented with each participant reviewing their own t-shirt! They practiced throughout the day for their performance that began at 4:30. The 5th grade band performed first as they were directed by Josh Calkin. They played the following songs; "Dragons in the Mist" by Randy Navarre, "Peace Like a River" by Roger W. Smith, "Rise of the Bladesmith" by Brian Balmages, and "Surfin' USA" by Michael Sweeney. Once they finished their amazing performance, the Percussion Ensemble was next under the direction of Brad Weber. They played the following five songs; "The Bucket Team" by Brad Weber, "Look, Mom! One Stick" by Mark Shelton, "N-O Bucket Ensemble Dedicated to Nate Metsche" by Brad Weber, "Retrograde Waltz" by Harold Farberman, and "Spain" by Harold Farberman. Last up was the 6th grade band under the direction of Michael Genslinger. They played the following selection of songs; "A Song for Friends" by Larry Daehn, "The Distant Castle" by James Swearingen, "Quest for the Mountain Top" by Richard Saucedo, and "T-Rex" by Joseph Compello. The 5th and 6th grade Honor Band did a wonderful job as they had a wonderful experience playing their instruments.



District Track Sends Five BC Athletes to State - Sabrina Ziebro

On Wednesday, May 10th, the Varsity Spartan Track and Field team traveled to Plainview for the D-4 District Track Meet. Senior Amelia Hoffman beat her personal record and school record for girls discus. She broke the school record, which she set herself, by nearly three and a half feet with a throw of 124-5 to become the District Runner-Up and State Qualifier. Junior McKenzie Snyder placed 4th in the girls discus with a throw of 110-6 and is also State Qualifier with a wildcard. McKenzie would have won three different districts across the state with her throw, which shows the difficulty level of this district. Amelia would go on to win the Shot Put with a throw of 33-11 to be the District Champion and a State Qualifier. Senior Natasha Zeisler was the District Champion and State Qualifier in the 3200m Run with a time of 14:00.47. Junior Paige Drueke would go on to be the District Champion and State Qualifier in the 400m Run (1:03.72) and the 800m Run (2:31.86). Sophomore Hudson Hoffman was the District Champion in the 200m Dash (23.55) and the District Runner-Up in the 400m Run (54.17), qualifying for state in both events. Freshman Will Nelson was District Runner-Up and State Qualifier in the 800m Run (2:07.61) and an additional qualifier in the 1600m run (5:02.17). Congratulations to all participants and state qualifiers! Good luck at state!