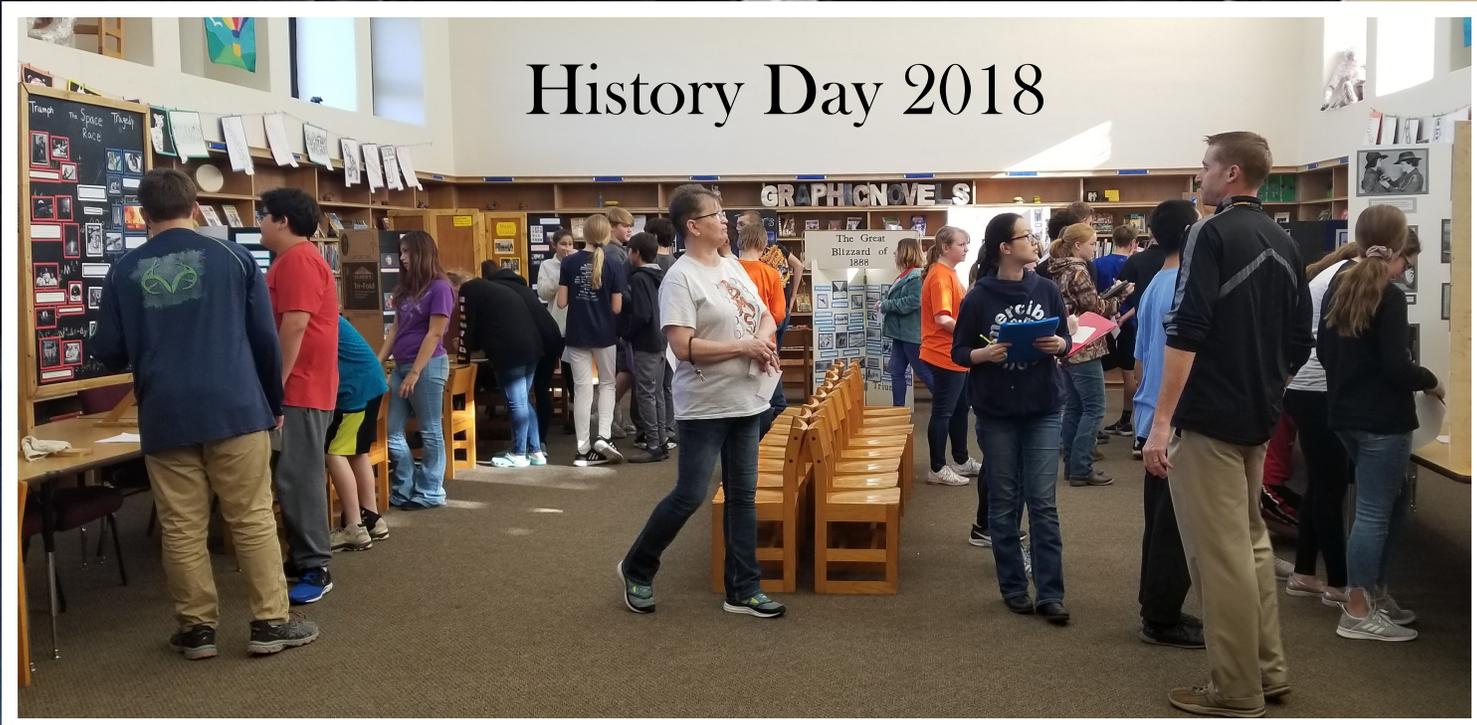


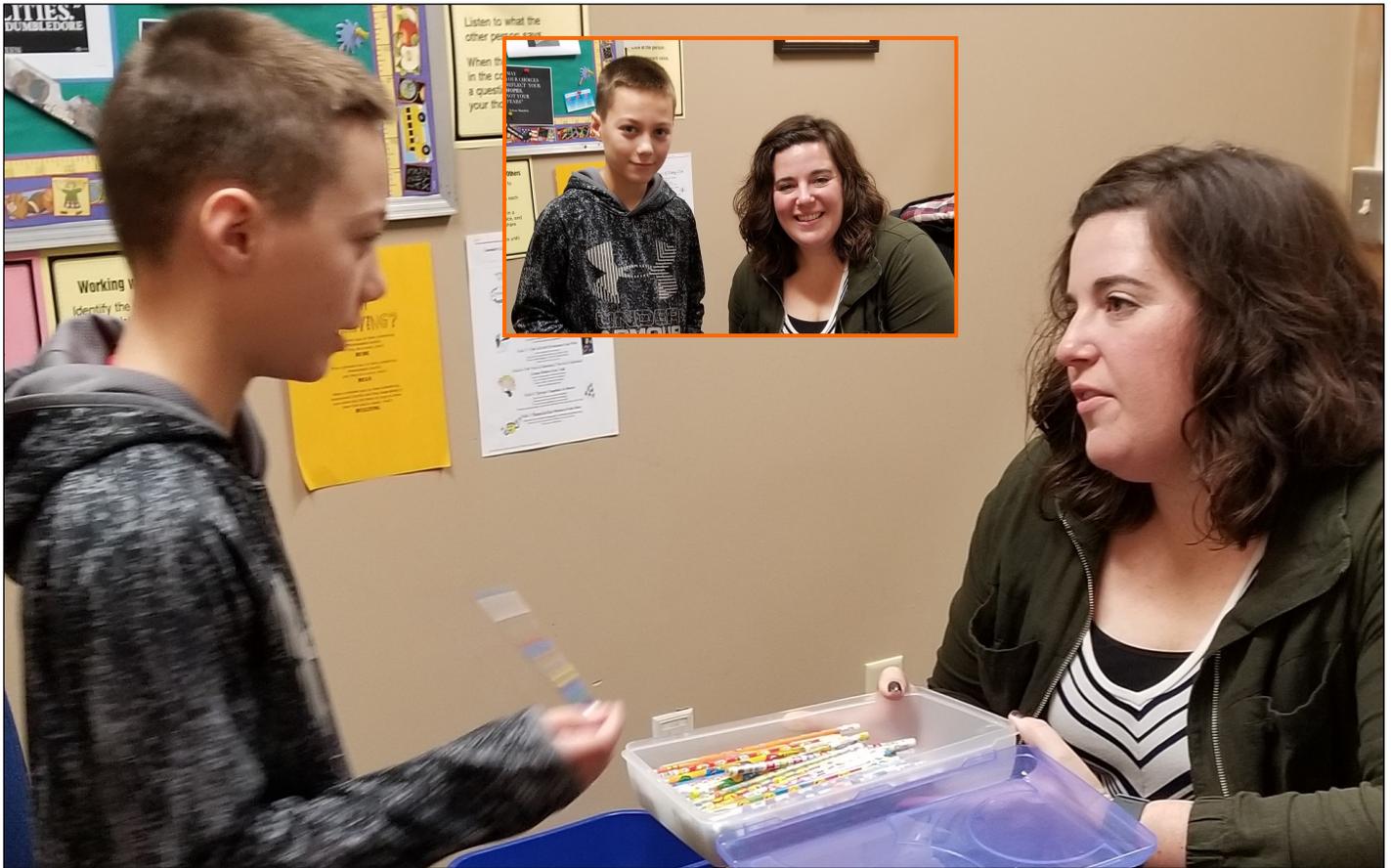
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History Day 2018





Beatrice Middle School counselor Angie Vogel visits with a student that recently had a birthday. In addition, she gives him a birthday pencil.

Vogel named Employee of the Month

Angie Vogel was the November employee of the month.

Angie Vogel is a hard worker with a positive attitude according to her nominator. The good of the student is her top priority. She is a caring, empathetic person. In counseling students, Angie balances compassion as well as firmness when needed. Angie is a self-starter, always looking for ways to improve Beatrice Middle School. She accepts challenges, suggestions, and new responsibilities without reservation. She is a team player with an excellent sense of humor.

Vogel is a dedicated professional. Among many other things, she assists the principal with scheduling, bonus days, individual and group counseling, SAT

process, IEP meetings, sixth grade orientation and HOPE Squad.

To become a HOPE Squad School, the entire staff must be trained in QRP (Question-Persuade-Refer). Mrs. Vogel went through the steps necessary to become a QRP trainer and arrange for the training of the BMS staff.

A new addition to the HOPE Squad for the 2018-19 school year is the addition of the "HOPEsters". The HOPEsters are a group of students who want to focus on kindness, caring for fellow students and spreading hope in our school.

Vogel recently presented information about the Beatrice Middle School HOPE Squad at the Crime Victims Rights Conference in Omaha. She covered areas such

as HOPE Squad planning, training, implementation and activities. The conference attendees were from various agencies throughout the state.

She was also instrumental in implementing the new 2018-19 6th grade orientation. She took the leadership role in idea development and logistics. Angie developed a parent survey to gather data on the success of the new orientation. The new orientation format was a resounding success.

As one can see, Vogel is an integral part of the Beatrice Public School District because of her focus on students and willingness to go above and beyond to help them succeed.

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**Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

(left) Students in the Leadership Class serving hot chocolate and popcorn for “Cozy in the Commons.” BLAST@Lincoln students colored and cut out many cars for counselor Jill Rice as a service project. It was organized by site supervisor Deb Hermance.



Service learning encouraged at all grade levels

From kindergarteners, first and second graders in the after-school program cutting out cars for counselor Jill Rice at Lincoln Elementary to high school students in the Leadership Class providing Christmas gifts for children, students throughout the district are experiencing the rewards of giving back through hands-on experiences.

The Leadership class was developed by Joan Doyle-Workman as a project-based class that provides students an opportunity to study, practice, and develop group and individual leadership and organizational skills.

In addition to sponsoring multiple activities during Homecoming, students in the class decided its project this semester would be giving back to the community by doing a “gift drive” at the school and school events for families in need. They worked with Blue Valley Community Action to facilitate the “Christmas Wishlist” project and recently took the results of their drive to them.

“Leadership Class has shown me the impact service can have on a community” said Kayla Gaertig. This is her third year in the class. “Mrs. Doyle-Workman helped me realize I can make a difference in Beatrice, both big and small. Baking cupcakes for the police and fire departments seems minuscule in comparison to the hard work they do every day. However, these cupcakes made the police and firefighters feel appreciated. By baking these cupcakes in Leadership Class, I felt like I was acknowledging their hard work,” said Gaertig.

She is also part of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class of 2019. “In this program, I serve as a representative of Beatrice High School and get to plan a big community service project for Beatrice,” said Gaertig.

“Leadership class has taught me not only how important it is to become an active part of ones community, but how to do it,” said Josie Guernsey. She is also a third year member. “Whether it is my

school or Beatrice, Mrs. Workman has helped me to address an issue and come up with a plan to help. We have done everything from raising money for Special Olympics, supply drives for groups like Mothers to Mothers, and recently our Christmas Wishlist project partnered with Blue Valley Community Action. This class has shown me that making a positive change is possible for anyone to do, even a group of high school students,” said Guernsey. She is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership class.

UNL junior Chesney Schmidt was in the Leadership Class during high school and is now a part of the Rural Civil Action Project. She, along with two other fellows, have worked with the class to develop their ideas and put them into action.

Doyle-Workman said the class works on both small group and large group activities and the goal with each of them is to develop leadership skills.

hands on Learning



(clockwise) Kamree Weishahn counts coins in the Penny Wars competition. Mario Bukovnik, Connor Diehl, Brianna Prall, and Joan Doyle-Workman encourage people to help them spread holiday cheer by donating with coins or toys. Josie Guernsey and Kayla Gaertig work on a sign encouraging students during finals. The Leadership class by the Christmas Wishes tree holding the results of its efforts, (sitting) Brianna Prall, Josie Guernsey, Laci Parde (standing) Joan Doyle-Workman, Blake Trusty, Bladen Bayless, Kamree Weishahn, Makenzie Hatcliff, Kayla Gaertig, Abigail Salazar, Mario Bukovnik, and Connor Diehl. All gifts and money were taken to Blue Valley Community Action.



They first staked their claim with Beatrice Public Schools and are now making a difference every day

Wiebe uses marketing skills as entrepreneur



'My first career-as a journalist-began at Beatrice High School. Journalism teacher Doris Martin instilled in me a passion for the first amendment and writing for newspapers. I gained real world writing experience in the classroom and during a for-credit internship at the Beatrice Daily Sun during my senior year at BHS. These experiences set me up for success as a dual major in English and Journalism at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.'

Crystal Wiebe



Crystal Wiebe is the founder and CEO of Beer Paws. Wiebe, a former journalist turned social media marketing professional, has partnered with craft brewers in Lincoln, LaVista and Kansas City, Missouri, using spent grains to bake brand-specific Beer Biscuits and Beer for Dogs canine delicacies. Ten percent of sales proceeds are donated to area animal rescue organizations.

Prior to founding Beer Paws she worked at Staples Promotional Products. "I helped develop the company's corporate blog and increased their social media presence," said Wiebe, and that involved created content daily about marketing a brand or business."

At the same time, she also had a personal blog that was all about life as a dog mom and helping shelter pets. "Because of the work I was doing at Staples, I realized that having a product would be great for my blog - my brand,"

said Wiebe. A bottle opener for the dog collar became her first product, and she launched her company, Beer Paws.

In December 2013, Beta-blox, an "angel investors" group dedicated to helping startup businesses in the Kansas City area, awarded Beer Paws a grant.

The grant transformed Beer Paws from "the cute thing Crystal is doing" to a viable business idea, Wiebe said.

To give her sales pitch a bit

of an edge, she made dog biscuits using spent grains from Kansas City Bier Co., a craft brewery that had just opened across the street from her house. Today she partners with 50 plus craft breweries across the country.

Spent grains have long been recycled as livestock feed, so Wiebe didn't think it was too much of a stretch to turn these grains into doggie treats. Tweaking a basic dog biscuit recipe she found on the Internet, Wiebe tested several

batches of beer biscuits on her own dogs, who responded enthusiastically.

And so did the public. Beer biscuits are now Beer Paws' biggest-selling product. Wiebe and a cadre of family and friends make all the biscuits by hand in Wiebe's kitchen. "These peanut buttery biscuits won't get your dog drunk -- but they will get him buzzing with excitement," Wiebe writes on her website beerpaws.com.



(left) Crystal Wiebe selling her Beer Paw products. (above) Wiebe with a furry friend and her best-selling product, dog biscuits made from spent grains.

Board approves superintendent evaluation tool

Middle school counselor Angie Vogel was recognized as the November Employee of the Month. She received a plaque and \$50 in Chamber Bucks.

Athletic Director Neal Randel recognized Olivia Aden and Abby Barnard for being named to the Class B All-State first team for softball. The softball team was recognized for ending the season as state runner up with a 30-9 record. Twelve team members were named to the academic all-state team.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Alexander congratulated the newly elected board members, Erin Chadwick and Eric Trusty. Their terms begin in January.

Alexander said the annual financial report/audit is on file with the Nebraska Department of Education and awaiting finalization of the report from Dana F. Cole.

He expressed appreciation to students and staff for organizing a terrific Veterans Day celebration at the high school. He also said Dr. Joan Christen recently received the Clabaugh Outstanding Teacher Award. It is presented by the Beatrice Educational Foundation.

He said the facilities committee presentation went very well in Kearney.

Student Report

Hannah Rinne gave a shout out to the softball team for its state runner-up finish. She also said the musical, "Annie," was a phenomenal show. The band and choir did a great job performing at the Veteran's Day ceremony. She also said the winter sports season is beginning.

Rinne said she will be attending the state school board convention.

Committee of the Whole

Vice-President Doris Martin said several items were discussed at the COW meeting on Sept. 27 including Sparq Training by Alexander, a district Professional Learning Community update by Alexander and Dr. Jackie Nielsen, information on the possible purchase of a digital video board and the superintendent evaluation

School, Community & Staff

Janet Byars said the committee met on Oct. 26 at Paddock Lane and Nov. 7 at the preschool. She reported the Paddock Lane staff feels the school year is off to a great start and moving out of the portable and into the new building allows them to serve the needs of the students more effectively.

Staff did share some concerns with the new building including the need for a sidewalk on the north side of the playground area, internet connections are spotty at times and how the walkway between the old building and addition will be maintained during winter.

Preschool staff spoke very positively about the start of the school year and how things have progressed. They are enjoying the visits from the SCC baseball players and the interaction with the children. Staff continue to look for ways to increase parent and family involvement with their child or children. Staff shared that the outdoor classroom needs some additional work and that it would be nice to have a social worker or counselor in the building as well as a full-time nurse on staff.

Negotiations

Byars shared that the Beatrice Education Association and the board negotiation committees have met twice and will meet again on Nov. 19 to continue the negotiation process.

Discussion

Alexander noted on the first reading of Policy 9110, Number of Members, Terms of Office and Vacancies is needed to reflect the decision of the board to move to seven members.

Second readings on Policy 2406 and Policy 3538 were also discussed.

Alexander said the district is in the final stages of deciding on a bus using the recently awarded bus grant.

He also shared information on a possible digital video board for the O-Zone at the high school.

Action

The Beatrice Education Association was approved as the exclusive bargaining

agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2020-21 contract year.

The board also approved the NASB evaluation instrument as the superintendent evaluation instrument.

Administrator's Report

Lincoln and Stoddard Principal Kevin Janssen had students share their thoughts on the transition to grade level buildings.

Jenna Larson and Michelle Blum shared the benefits for staff.

Janssen publicly thanked the YMCA for providing free swimming lessons for second graders; Jason Moore and the city for their work on the crosswalks at Lincoln and Stoddard; the HOOPS program for the help with new adjustable hoops; and the Stoddard PTO for the new pieces of playground equipment for next year.

Next Meetings

The next board meeting will be on Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Central Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be Jan 25 at the Central Administration Building.

Beatrice Public Schools Board of Education

Janet Byars

Doris Martin, Vice-President

Lisa Pieper

Nancy Sedlacek

Steve Winter

Jon Zimmerman, President

Upcoming Meetings

Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting

Jan. 25, 6 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
Meeting