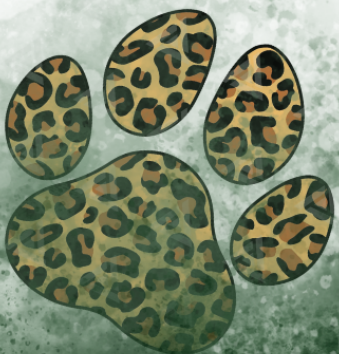




Jaguar Jamboree



GO JAGS!

Jaguar basketball fires up

Howells-Dodge Boys basketball season has officially started. The Jaguars had a tough game against the Pierce Bluejays, but answered to that loss with 5 straight victories over Stanton, Aquinas, HLHF, Oakland-Craig, and West Point-Beemer.

The team will go on a journey to Sandy Creek for the Blizzard Blowout Tournament, they will play Fort Calhoun on the 29th of December.

The boys and girls will travel to Lyons on Friday, December 15 to battle the Cougars.



-Jordyn Ratzlaff

Girls basketball team begins their season

The Howells-Dodge Girls Basketball team has started the season and currently has a 3-3 record. The Jags fought hard to beat the Pierce Bluejays in the opening game of the season. They followed that win with two losses against the Stanton Mustangs and the David City Monarchs, only losing by one or two points. The Jags beat HLHF on our home court, and then traveled to the home of the Oakland Craig Knights and lost. When faced with the West Point Beemer Cadets, the Jags came out on top. The Lady Jags are 3-0 when playing games on their home court.

The Jags will travel to Sandy Creek to play in the Blizzard Blowout Holiday tournament. They will play on December 29th and 30th. Good luck to the Lady Jags with the rest of their season!



- Jade Bayer

Bowling kicks off



Boys and girls Bowling has officially started. The girls team consists of Seniors Deloise Peacock, Justene Carstens, and Liliana Sotelo, Sophomores Annemarie Slaughter and Eva Martin, and Freshman Autumn Slaughter. The boys team consists of Juniors Alex Bayer and Manuel Sotelo-Trujillo, Sophomores, Garret Praest, Caden Reese, and Jose Arita-Segovia, and Freshman Cameron Long. The teams hosted their first game at home against North Bend Central on December 5. The girls had won their match. The teams then traveled to a tournament in Norfolk. On Tuesday, December 12, they traveled to Hartington-Newcastle. The girls won their match again. The Jaguar Bowlers host a home tournament on Saturday December 16. Go Jags!

By Annemarie Slaughter



WRESTLING IS UNDERWAY

The wrestlers kicked off their season strong with the meet at Howells on December 3, 2023.

They had six wrestlers that competed that day. The individual results were Blane Stutzman (113) placed 2nd, Nolan Kumm (126) – unknown rank, Ethan Coufal (132) placed 12th, Dylan Brichacek (144) placed 2nd, Austin Hegemann (165) placed 1st, and Preston Kumm (175) – unknown rank.



At Osceola, the wrestlers all did great with Dylan and Austin finishing in 2nd and Blane Stutzman finishing in 1st place. Nolan Kumm placed 12th and Preston Kumm placed 13th.



Go Jags!

– Gage Stutzman

One Act season is wrapped up

The Jaguar One Act team presented the comical production "The Pharaoh's son," this year. Their first festival was in Stanton on November 7th. Landon Dobbins and Noah Coufal were named Outstanding Performers and Landon also was awarded as the Best Male Performer of the Festival. On November 9th the Jaguars hosted their very first Play Festival in the Nielsen Center in West Point. The Outstanding Performers for this festival were Landon Dobbins and Isabel Belina. While Adyson Krupka, Melvin Delgado, and Noah Coufal earned Honorable Mention honors. The team headed to Leigh on November 14th for the East Husker Conference. The team did get an actual ranking from the judges and received Conference runner-up. While the tech crew claimed third place. Noah Coufal was also awarded as the Best Supporting Actor. On November 27th the team traveled to Wynot for Districts very early to take the stage. The Jaguars gave it all they had and later received third place. The tech crew also received third place at Districts. These cast members earned Outstanding Performers while at Districts and Conference: Landon Dobbins, Melvin Delgado, Isabel Belina, Isabella Wegner, Addison Beeks, Kylie Dostal, Annemarie Slaughter, Kenadie Throener, Kiearra Harper, Reagan Koliha, Adyson Krupka, Amy Praest, Wendy Ramirez, Noah Coufal, Cooper Kreikemeier, Grant Perrin, Briggs Ernst, Isaac Meyer, Isaiah Coufal, Chase Luther, and Jose Arita-Segovia. Congratulations to the One Act team for all the hard work and dedication they put into their production.



-Amy Praest

FFA Leadership Development Events were hosted by Howells-Dodge

The District FFA Leadership Development Events were held in Howells on Monday, December 4. The members who participated were:

- **FRESHMEN:** Kylie Dostal, Addison Beeks, Maura Cada, Audrey Brabec, Kylie Brichacek, McKenzie Sindelar.
- **SOPHOMORES:** Isabel Belina, Annemarie Slaughter, Hunter Luther, Noah Coufal.
- **SENIORS:** Gage Stutzman

The two students going on to compete at state are Isabel Belina in Natural Resource Speaking, and Addison Beeks, with the FFA Creed. Congratulations to these FFA students for a successful day.



- Reagan Koliha

FCCLA puts on a Food Drive



The FCCLA chapter held a food drive competition from November 27th to December 11th. The winning class will enjoy an ice cream sundae party on December 22nd. The class who donated the most was the seniors with 167 items. In second place was the sophomores with 107 and in third was the freshmen with 88. All the food that was collected was donated to the Howells Community Club, who will distribute it to families in need. The Howells-Dodge FCCLA wants to thank everyone who participated in the food drive. Your donation was greatly appreciated.



- Taylor Steffensmeier

Teacher Tribute

Mrs. Bazata



Where did you go to college?

Kearney State College

What extracurricular activities did you participate in?

Volleyball, Basketball, One Act, Pep Club

What is your favorite high school memory?

Having open campus

What do you like most about our school?

That I know every kid in the school and it always feels very comfortable.

If you weren't a guidance counselor what would you be?

In healthcare.

-Ava Noyd

Staff Tribute

Featuring Tara Svitak



What is your favorite holiday?

Christmas

What is your favorite high school memory?

Senior Skip Day

If you weren't working at HDC what would you be doing?

I would still be working at the bank.

What is your favorite Christmas movie?

The Santa Clause

What is your favorite thing about Howells Dodge?

The tight-knit community and everybody has a helping hand.

- Adyson Krupka

Connor Kreikemeier



What is your favorite school lunch?

"Soup and cinnamon rolls"

What is your favorite class?

"Shop"

What are your plans after high school?

"Go to Northeast for two years then go back to the feedlot"

Who is your favorite artist/favorite song?

"Giovannie and the Hired Guns" - Ramon Ayala

Senior Tribute

-Kara Cerveny

Senior Tribute

Nathan Hegemann



Birthday: July 10, 2005

Favorite school lunch: McRib and Fries

Favorite high school memory: When Justin Young attempted to hurdle a chair in class and failed.

Favorite artist/song: "Close Encounter"s by Treaty Oak Revival

Plans after high school? Attend NECC and Study Machine Tool & Die

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Living on a ranch in Western Nebraska and married to a cowgirl.

-Natalie Pieper

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