

Jaguar Jamboree



Jade Bayer Senior Tribute



Jade Bayer was born on February 20, 2007. She currently lives in Howells, Nebraska. Her parents are Jamie and the late Ryan Bayer. She has 3 siblings: RJ, Jestin, and Reagan. She has a dog named Roxy. Activities she is involved in are volleyball, basketball, student council, and FCCLA. Her favorite subject in school is A+P. In her free time, she likes to listen to music and relax. Her favorite artists are Jessie Murph and Meagan Moroney. Her favorite school lunch is potato bowl. Her college is undecided, but she plans to study physical or occupational therapy. When she was asked what rule she would add or get rid of if she was principal for the day she said she would allow phones. She was also asked if she won the lottery the first thing she would do with the money is put it towards college. If she could give advice to her freshman self she would say "Enjoy every moment whether that is good or bad. Time is going to go by fast and you are going to wish you had these moments back. It's not worth starting drama in the long run. None of it matters."

-Isabella Wegner

Matt Brester Senior Tribute



Matt Brester was born on July 3, 2006. Matt plans to attend Northeast or Southeast Community College for Welding Technology next fall. Throughout his high school career, Matt has been involved in football and FFA. When asked who his favorite teammate was, he replied, “No one specific, just the four guys in my class. I’ve been playing football with them since kindergarten. It has been amazing to see how close of a bond you can get by just throwing a ball to each other in someone's backyard.”

When asked what he would miss about our school, Matt answered, “I will miss all of the school spirit everyone has, and being able to know almost everyone who goes to our school.” Matt’s favorite lunch is chicken alfredo. His advice for future seniors is– “Never ever want to grow up. Live in the moment because soon all of these moments will be memories.”

Matt’s favorite quote is, “Hard times create strong men, strong men create good times, good times create weak men, and weak men create hard times.”

-Ava Noyd

~ Homecoming Week ~

Homecoming was held on Saturday, October 5th at the school's commons area in Howells. The previous week, the student council put on a game every day that each class participated in.

The games happened during first period at 8:15.

- Monday was a relay race where the students had to jump on air mattresses.
- Tuesday was another relay race where students pushed each other on scooters.
- Wednesday you had to toss a pool floaty and it had to land around your partner's arm.
- Thursday your class had to make paper airplanes and throw them at a target. Depending on which target it landed on was how many points you got.
- Friday you had to wrap one of your classmates in duct tape and they had to roll around and try to get cards to stick to them.

The dress-up days were:

Monday was dress up to the theme of your hallway.

Tuesday was Hawaiian vs. biker.

Wednesday was pajamas day.

Thursday was trio or duo day.

Friday was school spirit.

The winners were the sophomores.

Second place was the juniors.

Third place was the seniors.

Fourth place was the freshman.

- Taylor Steffensmeier



Bonnie Blum Staff Tribute



Bonnie Blum is new to the kitchen staff here at HDC. This is her first year as a cook and she loves it so far. When Bonnie was asked her favorite color she said it was blue. When asked about her family Bonnie said that she has three kids Meredith Crogan, Kimberly Semerad, and Eric Blum and her husband is Don Blum. She has 3 grandchildren named Maxwell Crogan, Monroe Crogan, and Mia Crogan. She also has a dog named Reggie. Bonnie graduated from Leigh Public School and went on to study medical transcription at Central Community College in Columbus. Bonnie currently lives in Howells.

Before working at HDC Bonnie was a receptionist at a medical clinic. When Bonnie has free time she likes to make cookies and likes to make cookies for the school. If Bonnie could have any job in the world she would be an interior designer. Finally when asked what she likes about HDC she said the friendly staff and students. We wish Bonnie a great year here at HDC!

- Manuel Sotelo

The Lady Jags are in full swing!

Over the last month, the volleyball team has been busy. They played in their own tournament against Bancroft-Rosalie, Elgin/Pope John, and Elkhorn Valley. They went 1-2 only pulling off one win against Bancroft-Rosalie. They then went on an eight-game win streak until they faced Humphrey-Lindsay in the Clarkson-Leigh Tournament, but they still pulled off a win against Wynot. They have been shut out since then, not being able to pull a single set from Stanton, Humphrey-Lindsay, or LCC. Their game against the Stanton Mustangs was their Parent's Night, Senior Night, and Pink Out. For Pink Out, students were asked to fill out pink papers that told about family members who had cancer. There was also a raffle that the team ran and provided baskets of goodies. Even though the night did not end in the team's favor, it was a successful and meaningful night. They play Wakefield this week to start off the Conference Tournament.



By Adyson Krupka

Jaguar Football

The Howells-Dodge Jaguar football team is currently 6-1. The last game the Jags played was against Osceola. The Jags won 50-6 which made their session 6-1. The session is going well so far. During the season there have been good and bad practices, but if there is a rough practice they hold each other accountable to make each other better. Also, props to the scout team for going all out and making us better at learning different ways to go against our opponents. The Jaguars are still hard at work with going against the Defenders on Friday, October 18th in Humphrey for the last preseason game. The Jags will then open the gates on October 24th in their first round of playoffs to hopefully once again make it to the State Tournament at the end of November.



- Alex Beyer

The Cyclones Wrap Up Their Season

The Highway 91 Cyclones finished out their season on Monday, October 7th in Ashland. They played Aquinas Catholic and had a heartbreaking loss that ended their season in Sub Districts.

They fought hard to keep up with the fast pace of the season. Thank you seniors for all of your hard work and dedication you put into the Highway 91 Cyclones. You will be missed. They finished their season with a 9-16 record.

"I thought we fought hard but it didn't turn out the way I wished. This group has a lot of potential, and I'm excited to see what they can accomplish in the future," said senior Jordyn Ratzlaff.

"I think we definitely improved from the last couple years and we showed a lot of potential, but it came down to us being able to play to our full potential. I don't think we ever reached it and that's disappointing, but it gives me a lot of hope for the seasons to come. I can see how this program is changing its ways and that's exciting." said senior Adyson Krupka.



-Jordyn Ratzlaff

Quizbowl

The Jaguar quiz bowl team this year consists of seniors- Ady Krupka and Amy Praest. Juniors- Annemarie Slaughter, Garret Praest, Dane Meyer, Nathan Tomcak, Cooper Kreikemeier, Noah Coufal, and Isabel Belina. Sophomore- Maura Cada.

So far the team attended the Literature Quiz Bowl on September 18th in Seward. The questions were only supposed to be literature based but they got mixed up and the questions were general knowledge instead. The team split into two and both did fairly well in round robin during the morning. Once bracketed in the afternoon the teams fell short in their first round in the afternoon and returned to Howells.

The team also attended the Young Women's Quiz Bowl on October 2nd. There were not enough girls to split into separate teams. The team did well in the morning and picked up an extra match. In the afternoon the team was on a roll and made it to the semi-finals. The Jaguars were defeated by Nebraska Christian and moved on to the consolation round to fight for 3rd and 4th. The team did well and came out on top of the match. The girls finished 3rd for the day.

The team will attend the History Quiz Bowl on October 16th. Good luck to the quiz bowl team this year!



-Amy Praest

FCCLA Heads to DLC

The Howells-Dodge FCCLA Chapter went to CCC for the District Leadership Conference. This conference consisted of many things. First, was the District Officers Ceremony where Melvin Delgado represented Howells-Dodge FCCLA. Then there was a speaker that talked about the dangers of fentanyl and other opioids. Then schools broke off into sections for either lunch, staying to hear a speaker in the theater, or going outside to paint flower pots. After each school attended all of these, they went to breakout sessions. Each student had to attend two before returning to the theater for the final part of the day. The breakout sessions were "Food Allergies" by Emily Wietfeld, "Homegrown Nutrition" by Hallie Parker, "FCCLA Program of Work" by Lia Montenegro, "Public Speaking Skills" by Sheila Jenkinson, "Financial Services" by Hunter Nathan, "You Matter! Mental Health and Coping" by Mindy Muhle, "Sixpence: Early Childhood" by Paola Acosta, "Driving Safety" by Ellie Bales, and "Teen Dating Violence" by Aleynah Shabram. The students found that the breakout sessions were helpful and they learned skills they will need in the real world. Finally, everyone was in the theater for the day's final meeting. They announced creed-speaking winners and gave away door prizes. Congratulations to Addison Beeks for getting 2nd in the junior creed-speaking division and to Isabel Belina for getting 3rd in the senior creed-speaking division.



-Jade Bayer



FFA Land Judging

The FFA chapter traveled to Blair, Nebraska on October 2, 2024. Unfortunately, they did not make it to state FFA, although there were a lot of competitors who placed really well. The top competitor from our chapter was Noah Coufal placing 65th place overall. Not too far behind him was Kylie Brichacek placing 72nd overall. After her was Konner Bourek placing 90th, and Cooper Kreikemeier coming in 103rd. Lastly, Hailey Knapp placed 106th.



FFA Livestock Judging

The FFA chapter traveled to Leigh, Nebraska on October 9, 2024, for the Leigh Livestock Judging Invitation. There were 300 competitors at this event. The top 4 students in the senior division were Hunter Luther 9th place, Carson Heard 10th place, Konner Bourek, and Noah Coufal. They also ended up placing 4th overall as a team. The junior division competitors that made up the top team were Kylie Dostal 9th place, Oliver Belina 10th place, Luke Belina, and Chase Luther.

By-Melvin Delgado



Important/Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 19: East Husker Conference Volleyball
Tournament @ LDNE

Sunday, October 20: One Act Dress Rehearsal (4-9:00 p.m.)

October 23-26: National FFA Convention

Thursday, October 24: First Round of Football Playoffs

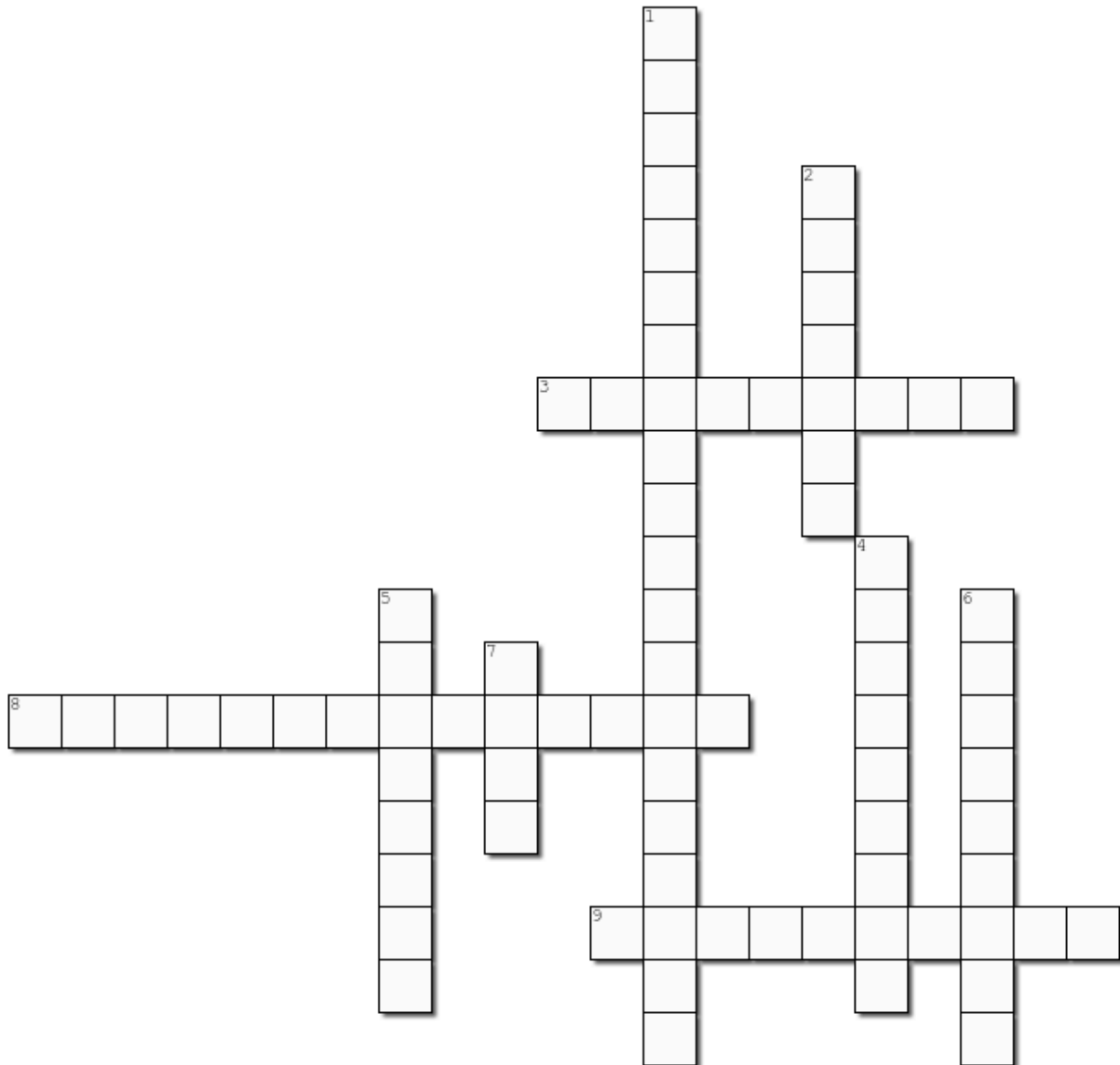
Friday, October 25: No School - Fall Break

October 28-29: Sub-District Volleyball



- Allie Dirkschnieder

TEACHER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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Across

- 3. Mrs. VanLengen's favorite holiday
- 8. Mr. Polacek's favorite pizza topping
- 9. Mrs. Karnes' favorite sport

Down

- 1. Rita's favorite dessert
- 2. Mr. Jones' favorite cookie
- 4. Mrs. Yosten's favorite ice cream flavor
- 5. Mr. Speirs' favorite fast food restaurant
- 6. Mrs. Becker's favorite TV show
- 7. Ms. Rayback's favorite color

Crossword by Peyton Becker

Shoutout to Madi Compton for being the first person to complete last month's word search! Turn in your completed crossword puzzle to Miss Rayback to get a shoutout in next month's Jaguar Jamboree.



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