

The Scratching Post

January, 2025

6TH GRADE ENTREPRENEURS

On December 5th, the 6th Graders had their annual Christmas Entrepreneurship Expo. The students were challenged to create an original product to sell. They developed marketing and cashier skills, along with the steps to create a business from the ground up. These skills will be helpful if the students decide to start a business of their own.



"Finding the products the students wanted to sell and learning how to market their products was challenging," stated Mr. Geary. Market research was one of the biggest obstacles for the students. The class said, "It was the hardest to overcome because some customers wouldn't like the product, so we would have to come up with something new to sell." This is a common hurdle because customers have different preferences.

The 6th graders had a wide range of products for people to peruse. They all worked hard to put their products together. Most of the students' products were sold out by the night's end! The students sold horseshoe coat racks, homemade soaps, sports team pennants, stocking stuffers, popping corn, and milled flour. The 6th graders worked hard and ended this learning experience by earning a profit. However, as a class, they donated a portion of their profits to St. Jude Research Children's Hospital. These students not only learned how to begin a small business but they also paid it forward to a good cause.

—By Kyrie Roldan



BANNER COUNTY SCHOOL

PREPARING THE STUDENTS OF TODAY FOR THE WORLD OF TOMORROW!

STATE ONE ACT

Banner County qualified for the State One Act competition this year! Our One Act team hasn't qualified for State One Act in over 21 years. The One Act crew made the long trip to Norfolk, Nebraska, to perform this year's play, "Posi Chip Poker." This year's cast and crew placed first in Districts with all 1st place rankings by judges, which granted our students a ticket to the state competition.



While at the state competition, the One Act students performed exceptionally, ensuring the actors were loud and focused on enunciating their words. The team earned 6th place and gave it their all. The cast received an Outstanding Performance award. This was a huge opportunity for the team and coaches. This was a memorable moment for these students and a huge moment for our school. Way to represent our school, One Act, we can't wait to see what you have in store next season! - By Kesmera Palu

Senior Spotlight — Kristian Clure

This month's senior spotlight features Kristian Clure. Kristian is described as kind, devoted, and determined. We asked Kristian about his high school years and what his plans are for after graduation.

Q: What extracurricular activities have you participated in?

A: Basketball and Football

Q: What are your goals for this year?

A: I want to get good grades and stay caught up.

Q: What are your plans for after high school?

A: I plan to attend college and get a job as a P.E. teacher.

Q: What is one of your favorite classes and why?

A: My favorite class is Mrs. Knaub's. It is always fun and never gloomy.

Q: What is one piece of advice you would give to younger students?

A: "Get your grades up, not your funny up."



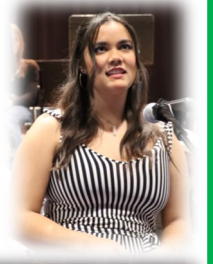
A New Type of Christmas Cheer

Under the direction of Mical Cooper, the annual Christmas Concert was held on Thursday, December 5th. A change this year involved the location of the student performers. Instead of walking each group of students onto the stage to perform and exiting the stage for the next group, all students were on the stage and the floor directly in front of the crowd. This created a cozy environment and allowed various groups of students to sing and perform together.

Another change this year was the song selection. Multiple groups of students would perform their song lists, often including an instrument component. New this year, students took on the role of arranging their songs. Many of our elementary students contributed to their performances through this new role. This created an authentic and memorable experience for our young musicians.

One of the many highlights of the evening was watching the students stand up confidently to sing their holiday songs and perform with their instruments. Since all the students stayed on stage while their peers performed, it was a joy to watch the younger students stare in admiration of the older students during their performances. Another memorable moment was at the concert's closing during the song "Silent Night". The all-school choir sang this song, each with

different parts, but the best part came in the last verse. Mrs. Cooper turned around and welcomed the audience to sing along with the students. Hearing the families' voices join the students brought Christmas cheer to Banner County School. —By Miss Bohac



FFA Shines at LDE Competition

On November 20th the Banner County FFA Chapter took six students to the LDE competition in Chadron. The Leadership Development Event (LDE) is a public speaking competition. A leadership development event is focused on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision-making, communication, and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. LDEs are team and individual events that rein-



force what is taught in agricultural science classrooms. The students stood before judges and spoke about things that happened or are currently happening in the agriculture industry. This focus area is for the Senior public speaking participants, while the Creed speaking is for the freshmen who must recite the FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany.

The Senior Public speaking team consisted of Abby Jones and Isaac Olsen. Jones placed 8th, and Olsen placed 5th. Isaac Olsen spoke on the importance of beef checkup programs, the influence of the beef industry, and the vital role this industry has in today's world. According to Olsen, "The best part was getting out of school and attending the FFA contest." Incoming freshmen Shawnie Mason and Jackson Onstott performed in the Creed speaking contest. Mason claimed 7th place while Onstott took 15th. Mason aims to improve for next year by perfecting her speech, pace, and tone while performing and her demeanor while presenting.

Congratulations to the FFA members who performed at the LDE competition in Chadron. With more competitions in the new year, we can't wait to see how these competitors continue to improve as their season progresses. — By Jayden Marx

Strawberry Fundraiser Coming Soon!

The AR program is hosting a strawberry fundraiser Jan 21- Feb 5. This is a K-12 fundraiser. We will use proceeds to purchase prizes for next year. Deliveries will be made to the school around the end of February—Mid March. Students will distribute the orders. Contact Stephanie Stricker if you have questions.



Board Briefs

January 13, 2025

President Ron Johnson commended the following students, staff, and patrons:

- Students of the Month: Charles Cooper, grade 1; Aili Cooper, grade 5; Sofiah Villagrana, grade 10.
- NSAA Academic All-State Awards: Football and Play Production - Isaac Olsen; Volleyball - Leigh McGowan
- Results from FFA District competition in Scottsbluff Wed. Jan. 8th: Livestock Management Team placed 1st and qualified for state contest in April! Team members: Isaac Olsen, Micah Dittbenner, Logan Mason, Kambree Hottell, Abigayle Jones, Wilbur Reichenberg.
- Staff members would like to recognize Jim Milner for his positive attitude and friendliness as he has stepped up to do so many jobs.
- Recognize Sue Talkington for helping and supporting our new food service manager, Alda Schluterbusch, while she learns the ropes of managing the school lunch program!

Annual Reorganization of BOE

Douglas Olsen—Board President. Ron Johnson—Board Vice-President. Jake Knaub—Treasurer.

Approve sale of vehicles to public

Approve the sale of a 1975 International tractor & front end loader "as is" for \$2,500 or best offer and a 2001 Freightliner, 41-passenger bus "as is" for \$2,000 or best offer. Passed with a motion by Ryan Olsen and a second by Laura Baker.

Complete Minutes of the January 13th, 2025 BOE Meeting at: www.bcswildcats.org

Items For Sale

Contact Dr. Browne for availability



1975 International tractor Model 574 w/loader
Needs clutch, battery, starter, tires.
\$2,500 or best offer



2001 Thomas/Freightliner Bus
189,364 miles Manual transmission
CAT 3126 6 cyl. 7.2l engine
Needs starter +? \$2000 or best offer



Storage Units - \$15 each



Filing Cabinets: 4-drawer \$15/2-drawer \$10



5', 6'Tables—\$10
10' Tables—\$15

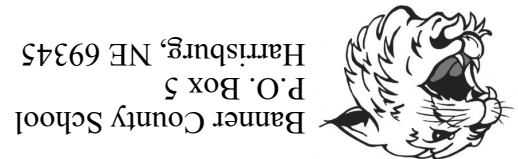


3 - single pedestal desk - \$20 each



5 - two-lamp T-8 light fixtures - \$5 each

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Join BCS! Local Job Opportunities!!

Full-Time Custodian

Full-time hourly position opportunity at Banner County School. Hours can be flexible to work with your schedule. General cleaning (hallways, classrooms, bathrooms); other cleaning as needed following evening activities.

Option to work 12-months or 9-months (school year only). Health insurance provided at 100%. Two-bedroom onsite apartment available for \$270/month + utilities.

We are an equal opportunity and veterans' preference employer. Application on the BCS Website: www.bcswildcats.org OR stop by the Main Office!

Submit application to Dr. Evelyn Browne, Superintendent, Banner County School, P.O. Box 5, Harrisburg, NE 69345. Or email: evelyn.browne@bcswildcats.org

Substitute Teachers

Would you love working with children in a respectful and supportive learning environment?

Do you have 60 semester credit hours of college coursework?

You may qualify for a Local Substitute Permit!

Earn \$135 per day (7:40 am -3:45 pm) and lunch is on us!

Contact Principal Troy Holmberg at (308) 436-5262 or troy.holmberg@bcswildcats.org