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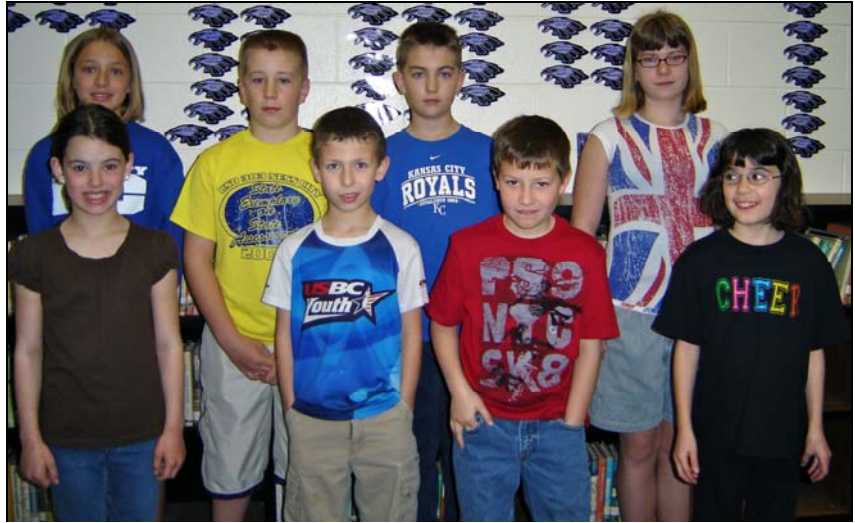


2nd GRADE STUDIES DINOSAURS

The second grade has been studying the characteristics of dinosaurs, fossils, and the jobs of a paleontologist. They have learned many facts about dinosaurs and life at that time. They also learned that being a paleontologist is not an easy job. For a culminating project, the class put together a brontosaurus made from cardboard bones. This activity gave the class an idea as to what a paleontologist must do in order to display his find.

— Mrs. Mary Ann Mellies, 2nd Grade Instructor

Pictured below are the 2nd graders with their brontosaurus. Summer Pfannenstiel, Sophie Hahn, Cassidy Bauer, Caleb VanDegrift, Haylee Winter, Wyatt Rupp, Ashley Foos, Brenna Sullivan, Ryan Gabel, Makenzee Cupp, Austin Snodgrass, and Kassidy McGranahan.



AR READING CELEBRATION

In May 1997, a small reading task force at NEA came up with a big idea. "Let's create a day to celebrate reading," the group decided. "We hold pep rallies to get kids excited about football.

We assemble to remember that Character Counts. Why don't we do something to get kids excited about reading? We'll call it 'NEA's Read Across America' and we'll celebrate it on Dr. Seuss's birthday." And so was born on March 2, 1998, the largest celebration of reading this country has ever seen.

Dr. Seuss epitomizes a love of children and learning. Also, his use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful. When we celebrate Dr. Seuss and reading, we send a clear message to America's children that reading is fun and important.

During the month of February, the students at Ness City Elementary School earned a total of 1373.2 Accelerated Reader Points. We would like to recognize the following students



from each class for earning the highest percentage correct on their AR quizzes and for earning the highest amount of points. **2nd Grade** Wyatt Rupp - 98.5%, Ryan Gabel - 12.9 pts; **3rd Grade** Savannah Moore - 98.6%, Gracie Schreiber - 26.0 pts; **4th Grade** Baylee Holecek - 93.5%, Baylee Holecek - 27.3 pts; **5th Grade** Kale Klitzke - 95.6%, Kale Klitzke - 42.8 Pts; **6th Grade** Dylan Hamilton- 100.0%, Nicole Osborn - 28.5 pts. (These students are pictured on page 1.)

— Mrs. Jo Pfannenstiel, Library Aide

NCHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT HITS HIGH NOTE

On March 8, the Ness City High School Jr/Sr High Band and the High School Choir participated in the Central Prairie League Music Festival in Claflin. The results for the contest: **I** — Clayton Johnson; **I-** — Mixed Ensemble, Boys Trio, Ben King, Girls Trio; **II+** — Josh Snodgrass, Wyatt Beckman (Vocal & French Horn), Tracy Rupp; **II** — KaeCee Schwartzkopf, Veronica Schaben, Jessica Stieben (Alto Saxophone); **II-** — Christopher Gulick; **III** — Tyler Michaelis (Snare). The Jr/Sr High Band received I, I, and I-.

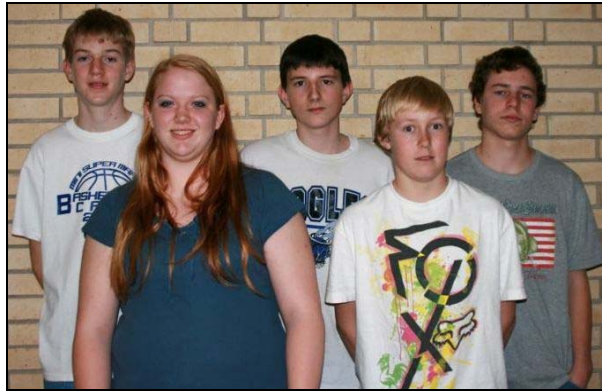
Also, congratulations to the boys trio, consisting of Clayton Johnson, Josh Snodgrass, and Ben King, who preformed the National Anthem before the start of the Class 1A State Basketball Tournament on March 8.

— by Erik Ellis

JR HIGH SCHOLARS' BOWL

Team Takes Second at CPL

The Jr. High scholars' bowl team headed to LaCrosse before Spring Break to compete in the



Central Prairie League Scholars' Bowl Tournament. Out of all the league schools except St. John, who was unable to attend, our Ness City Scholars' took 2nd! Claflin was able to take home the winning title. Those who participated are pictured above, Griffin Kepple, Katie Johnson, Drew Foster, Dylan Winter, and Logan Jansonius.

— by Morgan Smith

AG AWARENESS DAY FFA members teach the grade school kids something new

On Wednesday, February 24 the FFA hosted the grade school kids for Ag Awareness Day. Each officer was in charge of a different area. The areas included ATV safety, animals, listening and direction skills, ag mechanics, plants, and leadership.

Drew VonLehe and Dalton Bauer were in charge of teaching the kids the safety of riding 4-wheelers.

Telling them that they should always follow the warnings that are posted on them and always wear a

helmet. The ag shop also had a few odd visitors on Wednesday, including a lama, horse, pig, calf, and a chicken.

Teaching the kids about these animals were Ashlee and Taylor Dinges and Allison Young. Charlie Ellis taught

the kids about plants and how to make them grow. Clayton Johnson and Dillon McVicker showed the kids how to work a cutting torch and a wire welder. The kids also learned how to follow directions and improve their listening skills by making silly putty, taught by Becca Hawkinson, and Megan McDonald. Dylan Schlegel and Danielle Lee taught the kids how to listen and follow directions, but they also taught them about leadership by having each kid lead a blindfolded partner through an obstacle course. It was a fun and successful day for the FFA members and the grade school kids. We are hopeful that they remember the skills we taught them.

— by Becca Hawkinson

