## The Spartan Spotlight April 2023

## **District Music Contest Results - Gage Keyes**

On Friday April 21st, the BC Choir and Band teams left early in the morning for Ainsworth where they competed in a music competition where every band and choir team in our district attended! The high school band performed in front of three judges before playing their two well practiced songs. This group received a rating of Excellent. Following, the high school choir performed and also received an Excellent rating. The solo vocals were then performed afterwards. The vocalists were Brynn Almgren, Lucas Philips, and Elizabeth Kersch. Brynn and Lucas both got a Superior rating and Elizabeth an Excellent. The duet, consisting of Elizabeth Kersch and Yi Cheng, received an Excellent rating as well. The final performance was the instrumental duet where Brynn Almgren and Addison Birmeier received an Excellent rating. This was the first time the entire band played at Districts and it was very fun for everyone involved, and they said this s was an incredible learning experience. Everyone did a great job and Mrs. Hausmann is very proud!



## AAU Powerlifting Meet - Joseph Essen-Cline

On April 6, 2023 Boyd County Powerlifting attended the AAU Powerlifting meet held in Orchard. Many students set new school records with Amelia Hakl also setting the AAU National and World record in the Bench Press. The following are the new Boyd County school records that were received at this meet:

- Jagger Reiser- Bench Press and Deadlift
- Aidyn Garwood- Bench Press and Deadlift
- Weston Keyes- Bench press, Deadlift, and Total
- Hunter Mizner- Squat, Bench Press, Deadlift, and Total
- Alana Windstrom- Squat, Bench Press, Deadlift, and Total
- Addison Birmeier- Squat
- Amelia Hakl- Bench Press



### ESU8 Art Show - Landon Jensen

The many Boyd County students of Mrs. Hyatt's Art classes have been using their imagination and creativity to create many wonderful pieces of art. On Monday, April 3rd Mrs. Hyatt traveled to Neleigh, NE with selected pieces of work done by 5-12 grades to enter into the ESU 8 art show. To say that we are beyond proud of the many winners is an understatement. We had five, 1st place winners; Teegan Henderson for her "Happy Littler Butterflies" key chain, Brooklyn Eckert for her "Max" cartoon and "Inktober" ink drawings, Mariah Strom for her "Fox Fight" painting, Mya Burns for her "Falling Trees" quilling, and Ben Schmitz for his "Deer" quilling. We also had many second place winners like Jacob Corrado's "Me" self portrait and Sydney Thury's "Point of View Self-Portrait". As well as many honorable mentions like Dominic Fernau's "Northern Lights" watercolor and Emerson Higgins' "Watercolor Leaves". For the full list of the ESU 8 Art Show result, you can visit our school's website. So much goes into every piece of art and we commend all our art students for their hard work. It is also important to give a big thanks to Mrs. Hyatt for all the hard work she has put into the Boyd County Art Program.

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## FCCLA Will Send Eight to Nationals! - Sabrina Ziebro

On April 2nd, 17 members of the Boyd County FCCLA Chapter traveled to Lincoln, NE to participate in the 2023 State Leadership Conference. 15 of these members participated in the STAR competitive events throughout this trip. During this 3 day trip, the members participated in a series of different events and breakout sessions including the Common Grounds and Opportunity Fairs. The members also went to a variety of fun activities like going out to eat, going to the movies, and even dancing! The conference ended with the closing ceremony, with the implementation of the new FCCLA Nebraska State Officers, and STAR Awards! Our chapter had 8 members receive National Qualifiers and will be attending the National Leadership Conference held in Denver, Colorado in July of 2023. Good job to all the qualifiers and participants! Visit the school website for details on FCCLA Awards Night!

## Fourteen FBLA Students Will Be On Their Way to Nationals - Adrien Baer

On April 3rd-5th, the Boyd County FBLA chapter traveled to Kearney, NE to compete at the FBLA State Convention. Advisor, Kari Boettcher, and 22 FBLA members competed in a variety of competitive events including tests, projects, and business plans. Thirteen high schoolers finished in the top eight and six received honorable mention.



Fourteen of the participants, including all eight of the junior high participants, qualified for nationals held in Atlanta, Georgia from June 26-30th of this upcoming summer. The FBLA chapter finished 10th out of the 124 participating schools. Congratulations FBLA members for your accomplishments through our FBLA chapter and good luck at as

you hit the road to Atlanta for nationals!



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## FFA Awards Banquet - Sabrina Ziebro

On Monday, April 24th, the Annual Boyd County FFA Awards Banquet was held at the Spencer Community Hall. The night started off with opening ceremonies, with a meal afterwards. Guest speaker, Lexi Bodlak, spoke about the domino effect and how to measure your successes. The night was continued with awards being presented from multiple events throughout the year and senior recognition for their dedication in the chapter throughout the year. The new 2023-24 Boyd County FFA Officer team was also announced. BC advisor, Roger Lechtenberg, congratulated the new officer team and gave them a challenge to be the greatest officers they could possibly be and exceed the set expectations.