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## NEW FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS

By Jacob Corrado

A new year means a new season of football, and that means a new season of wins and losses. As the season begins, some are more confident than others. Some think that since last year's seniors graduated the team has lost its best players, yet one player felt very different. When asked if he was feeling less confident with the loss of last year's seniors Deegan Johnson said "No. It's not about the players, it's about the whole team." Some people are feeling confident after the team's first win of the season on Aug.18 against Randolph which saw the Spartans beat the Cardinals by 18 points. The first win of the season could be the start of a season to remember.



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## 'BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY WITH FCCLA!'

By Sabrina Ziebro

On Tuesday, August 22nd the Boyd County FCCLA Chapter held their annual Fall Recruitment party. The party's theme this year was titled 'Begin Your Journey with FCCLA!' The event started after school with the students enjoying lunch meat sandwiches, chips and cookies. These participants competed in a scavenger hunt consisting of different rooms around the school with clues leading them to each one. To conclude the night, they learned about the FCCLA Program of Work and how to participate in a variety of activities at their age levels throughout the year! The FCCLA team hopes to grow their family this year!



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## SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL KICKS OFF THEIR 2023 SEASON!

By Sabrina Ziebro

Our Lady Spartans began their practices strong exactly one week before school began. These ladies are excited for this year's volleyball season with many new freshmen coming up to join the team. We have four seniors this year: Kaylee Bennett, Sabrina Ziebro, Lanie Lechtenberg, and Paige Druke. These girls have been part of this team all throughout high school and will continue to be an asset to this team. The Lady Spartans have two new assistant coaches this year; Sandi Warnke and Elise Finnegan, with Beth Druke returning as head coach. Our coaches are looking forward to this season for these girls and are looking forward to a great season! Good luck Lady Spartans!





# SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT



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## XC: AN INSIDE OUTLOOK

By Lucas Filips

You may have seen the cross-country runners out on the county roads outside of Spencer. That's because the Boyd County Cross Country season has officially started. With 13 participants this year, 11 HS and 2 JH, and several returning members who just came back from a great track season, this year's teams seem quite formidable for any challengers. But even a good team needs goals to yearn for, and the coaches have very simple ones to reach for: grow as a team, set goals on how much faster you want to be, and judge yourself not on your teammates, but your competition.

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## SUMMER READING RESULTS

By Lucas Filips



Summer break has officially ended, as has this year's summer reading competition. Hosted by Mrs. Rebecca Hyatt, this summer-long event invited all students to read throughout the summer and write short summaries of the books they read. Any book genre can be entered into the competition, from nonfiction to sci-fi to mystery. Prizes could be anything from pop and candy to books to own from the library itself and were distributed not based on who read the most, but rather on how many books each competitor read throughout the summer. McKenzie Snyder was the winner of this competition, reading a total of 72 books, nearly half of all books read this summer. This event will be continued in the following years, and Mrs. Hyatt encourages more students to participate, no matter how much time they have for reading!

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## ASSEMBLY ON DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP CATCHES STUDENTS' ATTENTION

By Jacob Corrado

On Aug. 15, school attorney Sara Hento held an assembly on digital citizenship and the legal ramifications of social media. The assembly was held separately for the middle and high schoolers. The assembly was scheduled to be from 1:05 p.m to 2:05 p.m for middle schoolers and 2:20 p.m to 3:20 p.m for high schoolers, each lasting around an hour. During those assemblies, Hento spoke on the importance and role of social media, its impact on the brain and the consequences of using social media inappropriately. Throughout the assembly, Hento used visuals, humor and examples of actual court cases to explain her points and engage her audience. The assembly came to a close twenty minutes early at 3 p.m, leaving our school and staff more educated and informed on the serious role social media holds in our society.

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## FBLAS NACHO NIGHT!

By Sabrina Ziebro

On Thursday, August 24 the Boyd County FBLA Chapter hosted their Nacho Night! This annual event is held to recruit younger members and allow them to learn more about FBLA and their organization's activities. There were 23 attendees with 10 new members joining as well. The group ate some tasteful nachos while discussing the National Leadership Conference and different FBLA events. They played a game of hide and seek all throughout the school and board games prior to eating. The FBLA organization is very excited for this school year and all their upcoming events with their new advisor, Emma Hoffman. President and senior, Amelia Hakl says, "I'm hopeful this year will be great and we will learn many things from our new advisor!"

