

Valley Views

Spring 2020

NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Students attend legislature's Agriculture Month proclamation

By Miranda Palmer

A few weeks back, a large rodent peered out of his den to tell us that spring was right around the corner.



Tioga County Legislator Dale Weston reads the official Agriculture Month proclamation

When Punxsutawney Phil appeared, he didn't see his shadow, so as tradition tells us spring will arrive early. Though Phil doesn't have a great track record, being right only about 39% of the time, spring comes early every year for the agriculture industry.

Farmers across the state and county are dusting off equipment and making preparations for a busy upcoming planting season. March brings a promise of blue skies, greening grass and birds singing. What better month to celebrate agriculture, the industry that is responsible for feeding, clothing and providing shelter to our community!

The Tioga County Legislature agreed, and on February 11, 2020, at the legislative workgroup meeting, they presented

an official proclamation to Tioga County Farm Bureau President Kevin Frisbie and Newark Valley FFA Chapter members Mara Skellett, Madison Peabody, and Joree Gregrow.

New York is a leading agricultural state, generating \$5.75 billion in revenue in 2017. According to the 2017 Ag Census, there were 33,438 farms in New York and 6,866,171 acres in production. New York Farm Bureau boasts that the agriculture sector is responsible for employing approximately 55,000 people throughout the state, and nearly 200,000 people are involved in other sectors of agriculture employment.

The importance and awareness of agriculture in our community continues to grow. This year, two new Future Farmer of America (FFA) Chapters were added, one at Tioga Central School District and one at Owego Apalachin Central School District. Newark Valley FFA advisor and agriculture teacher Greg Schweiger was honored to have his FFA members and students involved in the proclamation. He stated, "Agriculture education is important because it encourages students to think critically about how and where our food is produced. It is key for them to see

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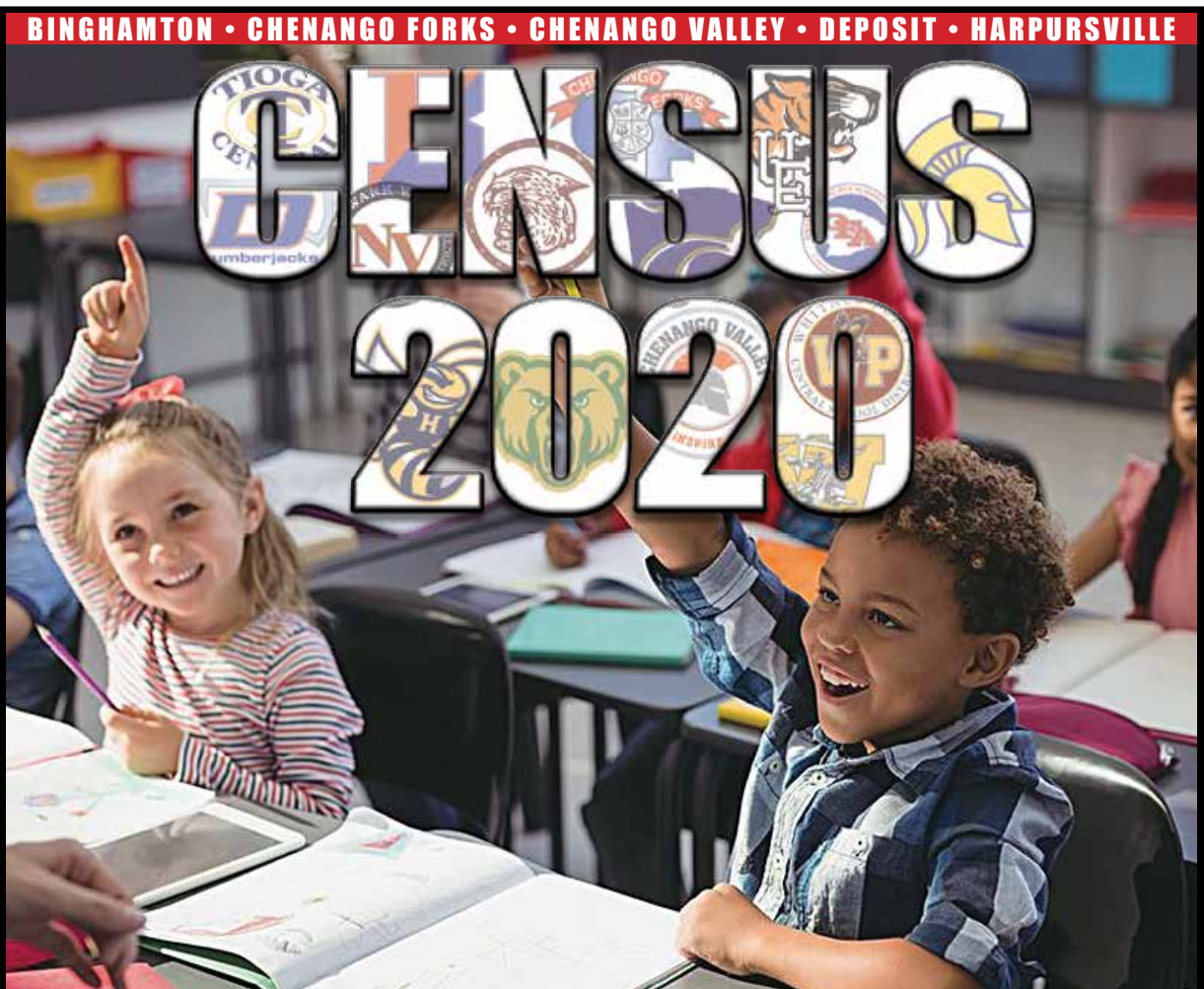
Pictured (l-r): Tioga County Farm Bureau President Kevin Frisbie, Newark Valley FFA Members Mara Skellett, Joree Gregrow, Madison Peabody, Tioga County Legislator Dale Weston.



It's time to be counted - upcoming census is critical to school funding

Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will be delivered between March 12-20. Once you receive that invitation, you can respond online, by phone or by mail.

For more information, visit the Census 2020 website <https://2020census.gov/>



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The 2020 census – make sure your school counts

Decisions on how to appropriate roughly **\$667 billion in federal funds** hinge on census data. That includes money for many school programs and services, including Title I, special education, free-and-reduced meals and health care programs.

When it comes to schools, an accurate census count is absolutely critical. When it comes to schools, there is no overstating the importance of that popular refrain: “Everyone counts.”

Don't let the census pass you and your schools by – the future depends on your participation. Be counted.

Some basic facts

Over the next few months, the US Census Bureau will be contacting you. It is important to remember:

- *Census results help fund important local programs and services*
- *By law, your answers to the census are kept confidential*
- *There are three easy ways to respond: online, phone or paper form. It does not matter which you use, just be sure to do your part.*

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Lady Cardinals finish regular season undefeated, earn trip to sectional finals at Arena

By Tim Taylor, Tioga County Sports Report

Newark Valley is proof hard work and dedication pay off. Taking advantage of a solid team effort, the lady Cardinals ended the regular season undefeated, rolling to a 90-51 victory over Class AA Binghamton on Feb. 18.

Newark Valley will take a 19-0 record into the Class B playoffs and have an opportunity to play at home again, and most likely more than once.

"I was telling them how hard this is to achieve when you're dealing with a long season - three months of injuries, illnesses, midterms, you name it - for them to maintain that focus for every opponent. And they embrace that approach; just next man up, next game, we're going to attack and try to win that one and then move on to the next," NV coach Greg Schweiger said.



Editor's note: As of press time, the Newark Valley girls had beat Whitney Point 72-16 in the IAC finals and toppled Owego 52-49 in the Section 4 Class B semifinal, earning a trip to the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena to face Norwich for the section championship.

JV girls basketball team wins division title

Congratulations to the Newark Valley girl's junior varsity basketball team for claiming the IAC Division Championship.



Bowlers finish 2nd in IAC championship tournament

Katelyn Maine, Alex Umiker and Jason Brown finished 2nd in the IAC Bowling Championship Tournament.

Alex Umiker, carrying a 194 average, competed in the state qualifier for Section IV Boys Bowling on February 26 at the Valley Bowling Center in Waverly.



NV girls field hockey named Division III champions

Congratulations to the varsity field hockey team on a fantastic season. The team finished the season 14-5, earning the Section IV Division III championship and Section 4 Class C runners-up. They played Greene in the section finals, where they were bested by the Trojans.

"The team played hard, but couldn't quite keep up with Greene," said NV head coach Jessica Doehring.



Team members: Savanna Seymour, Amber Slavik, Chloe Yetter, Cassidy Hoffmier, Emma Clark, Ashleigh Miller, Phaedra Day, Taylor Benjamin, Jasmine Graham, Emma Morgan, Sarah Mertson, Marrissa Berghorn, Gavin Blee, Allison Walker, Lois Kidney, Hannah Holt, Cymbri Jefferson, Hannah Ferguson, Rachael Walker

Girls basketball players cheer on NV alumnae at college game

On Feb. 2 the girls basketball program traveled to Wells College to see Newark Valley alumnae and current Morrisville State player Anna Raymond play for the Broncos. Raymond scored nine points in a 81-31 Morrisville State victory. Twenty-seven players from the varsity, junior varsity, modified and 5th and 6th grade teams went to support Raymond. The students also got to meet the Morrisville State coach, Erin Skaradek, who visited with the girls after the game.



Varsity cheerleaders win IAC championship

For the 5th time in a row, the girls cheerleading team has been named the champions in the IAC. Congratulations to all of the girls and team coaches.

Head coach:
Katie Brindisi

Assistant coach:
Dennis Wright

Volunteer coach:
Barb Jordan

Team members:

Phaedra Day
Megan Felicetti
Jillianne Hanson
Hannah Hayes
Ashley Holt
Savannah Jordan
Lois Kidney
Kayla Malarkey
Raechelle Mathewson
Emma Morgan
Kassidi Morris

Alexia Purdy
April Simmons
Olivia Simms
Sandy Vaughn
Leah Williams
Darrah Wright
Joslyn Wright
Chloe Yetter



Varsity basketball cheerleading 2019-2020

Josh Post wins title at the Section IV, Division II wrestling championship

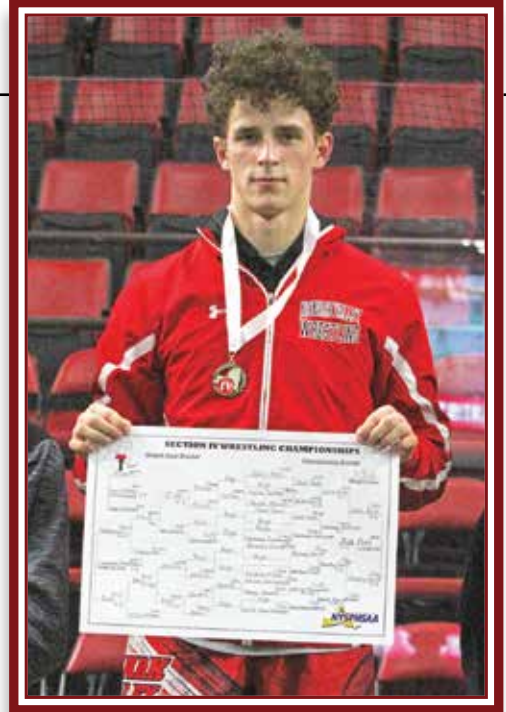
By Tim Taylor, Tioga County Sports Report

Newark Valley's Josh Post has waited and worked a long time to get to the top of the Section IV podium. The 132-pound senior finally reached his goal of winning the title at the Section IV Division II wrestling championships at Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena.

"I wanted to be in this tournament, winning it all," Post said. "I put in so much work trying to get back, and it's just so great being here and winning it."

After finishing second in Division I as a sophomore and eighth-grader, and third as a freshman and seventh-grader, Post would miss his entire junior season due to a football injury.

"It was painful," he said. "I could hardly stand it knowing that I was going to miss my entire junior season and that I would have to work twice as hard just to get back out here and wrestle again. It's definitely a relief getting this title in the bag."



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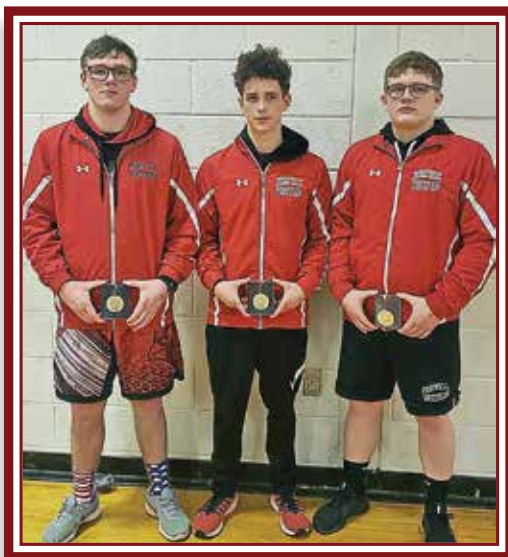
Newark Valley wrestlers clinch 2nd place in IAC championship

Congratulations to the Newark Valley wrestlers who placed 2nd in the IAC Wrestling Championships on Jan. 18.

NV was dominant in the majority of the upper weights at the championship and by winning three of the five heaviest weight classes, as well as a fourth title at 132,

they placed 2nd behind Tioga in the team challenge.

Congratulations to Josh Duke, who won the 220lb weight class, Joey Woodmansee, who won the 195lb weight class, Cam Carrier, who won the 170lb weight class, and Josh Post, who won the 132lb weight class.



Pictured (l-r) Cam Carrier, Josh Post and Josh Duke





Proclamation, from the cover

firsthand the support of agriculture in our community, and this proclamation from the county legislature is a great illustration of that.”

Schweiger continued, “In addition to the multitude of hands-on learning activities that agriculture education provides, it also empowers and inspires students to learn in ways that are different than the traditional classrooms. Agriculture education also serves as a means to promote career exploration in the many fields that the agriculture sector has to offer.”

Newark Valley FFA reporter Joree Gregrow added, “Not everyone realizes how important agriculture is until someone informs them how much agriculture fills the community. I feel that March should be proclaimed Agriculture Month because everyone should be informed about the agriculture world and be aware of how agriculture is performed. People need to understand the importance or how much agriculture is involved in everyday life.”

So, during the month of March, I challenge you to celebrate agriculture in our community. Join us in recognizing the importance of our food, the agriculture industry, and those who support the agriculture industry. You can do this by thanking a farmer for providing the food we eat, support them by visiting them at their storefronts or at a local farmers market. Give a friendly wave to the log truck driver you pass. Be patient when you get stuck behind a tractor hauling manure to spread valuable nutrients on their crop fields. Thank your local agriculture teacher for giving our youth the tools and knowledge to be successful in such a diverse and important industry. Give compliments to the agencies throughout the county that promote the preservation of our natural resources and assist our local producers be environmentally conscious, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Farm Service Agency, National Resource Conservation Service, and the Soil and Water Conservation District. To all of you, Thank You!

NVCSD placed on 10th annual AP District Honor Roll

Newark Valley Central School District is one of 250 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the college board with placement on the 10th Annual AP® District Honor Roll.

To be included, Newark Valley Central School District had to, since 2017, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that our district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

National data from 2019 shows that among American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half are participating. The first step to

getting more of these students to participate is to give them access. Courses must be made available, gate-keeping must stop, and doors must be opened equitably. Newark Valley Central School District is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

“With more students participating and succeeding in AP in this district, more students are getting a head start on college by earning college credit during high school,” said Trevor Packer, senior vice president of AP and instruction at the college board. “We are pleased to honor the teachers and administrators who have worked to clear a path for more students of all backgrounds to advance through AP.”

For inclusion on the 10th Annual AP District Honor Roll, districts must meet the following criteria:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6% in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts
- Increase or maintain the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students taking exams, and increase or maintain the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students scoring 3+ on at least one AP Exam
- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2019 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2017 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students earn a 3 or higher.

Students learn math can be fun with ‘Math is everywhere!’

Second-grade teachers and math enthusiasts Wendy Goodwin and JoAnn Byrne joined forces and hosted an after-school “Math Games” event for their students on Feb. 12.

Goodwin and Byrne planned and hosted this event as part of a grant they applied for and received through the Tioga County Teacher Center. Their project is titled “Math is Everywhere!,” and they plan to offer two additional after-school events this year. The goal of “Math is Everywhere!” is to create excitement about mathematics and show students that math is everywhere, and that math is fun.

With 22 students from both classrooms attending, “Math Games” was a very successful first event. Students played six different math games that can be played anywhere independently, with a partner or a group. The games focus on math-fact practice and fluency, which is so important to higher level math skills. Students were sent home with a bag of the math games they played, which included playing cards, foam dice and game boards.

The students had a great time playing and learning together and are looking forward to the next “Math is Everywhere” event.



Students shine at Nathan T. Hall festival of learning

On Feb. 6, students from NTH participated in the Festival of Learning, where grades pre-K - 3 presented science projects and presentations to judges and, later in the evening, shared their presentations with families and community members. It was a great experience for everyone involved.



Newark Valley Middle School students receive a special visitor.

Frankie, a teenaged potbelly pig, recently visited students in our sixth and seventh grade agriculture classes.

Frankie was rescued from a shelter in November by the Klingle family. Students Ella and Aiden Klingle did a presentation on Frankie and answered questions from their classmates about his history, feeding and his daily routine.



Kindergartners learn about love from Sarge the therapy dog

Stacy Hoyt's kindergarten class had the pleasure of visiting with Sarge the therapy dog and owner Andy Davenport.

During their visit, they shared ideas about how to show friendship and love to our families and friends. Some ways that we can show love is by being kind, giving hugs, sharing our snacks and toys, and saying I love you.

The students loved having Davenport and Sarge visit their classroom.



Kindergartners make polar bears in art class



School success tightly linked to good attendance

School attendance is one of the main predictors of student success at school. Here are 10 facts about school attendance (published by www.attendanceworks.org).

1. Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
2. Over 7 million (1 in 7) U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.
3. Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent.
4. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.
5. By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
6. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.
7. Students who live in communities with high levels of poverty are four times more likely to be chronically absent than others often for reasons beyond their control, such as unstable housing, unreliable transportation and a lack of access to health care.
8. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating
9. Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students.
10. Most school districts and states don't look at all the right data to improve school attendance. They track how many students show up every day and how many are skipping school without an excuse, but not how many are missing so many days in excused and unexcused absence that they are headed off track academically.



AJ Rice named Regional Teacher of the Year



Newark Valley High School teacher Andrew Rice was recently named "Regional Teacher of the Year" by the New York State Technology & Engineering Educators Association.

Citing his accomplishments in the classroom as well as his contributions to the regional association, the group honored Rice at an award ceremony March 19 at the association's 57th Annual Conference in Syracuse.

Rice has worked at Newark Valley High School since 2008 and is completing his 12th year at the district. He currently teaches classes in Design and Drawing for Production (DDP), Construction Systems, Tech 1 (shop-based middle school technology) and Tech 2 (computer-based middle school technology), Architectural Drawing, and Transportation Systems. He attended Broome Community College from 2003-2004 and is a 2007 graduate of SUNY Oswego, where he earned Bachelor of Science degree in Technology Education and MSED in technology education in 2008.

Rice has been the advisor for the Technology Club for the past eight years, where members work on service projects such as a memorial bench and the district's ballot box, as well as independent learning projects. He has also been the technology/business department chairman for the past three years.

Rice and his wife, Amanda, have been married for eight years and have three children, Caroline, 7, Katherine, 5, and Ezekiel, 3. In their spare time, they have a hobby farm with horses, goats, chickens and pigs. He would like to express his gratitude to the Southern Tier Technology Engineering Education Association for the great support he has received from the group. "The opportunity to meet and converse about relevant topics has been incredibly helpful over the years," he said.



Honor Rolls Grade 6 2nd Marking period

High Honor Roll

Madison Bishop
 Kaylee Crumb
 Francis Dallaire
 Nathan Hinckley
 Jackson Hoover
 Aubrey Kwiatkowski
 Sarah Lewis
 Jeremiah McMartin
 Emilee Rhodes
 Adriana Rich
 Joseph Rombach
 Anna Roth

Anna Sailus
 John Sloughter
 Nikara Taylor

Honor Roll

Anaya Aylesworth
 Ryan Bohne
 Nathan Engbith
 Rachel Hartman
 Brook Illsley
 MaeAnna Jackson
 Ella Klingle
 Emily LaPorte

McKenzie Larkin
 Jaelynn Lovell
 Kandys Mills
 Haley Payne
 Ryan Schweckendieck
 Maiya Titus
 Olivia Vaughn
 Carlee Vice
 Olivia Webb
 Cheyenne Welch
 Elijah Williams

Merit Roll

Eric Andersen
 Savannah Beebe
 Megan Brooks
 Hayden Clarke
 Olivia Cornell
 Rylie Day
 Abigail Dufresne
 Kyle Hall
 Carmen Ingrahm
 Gunnison Leonard
 Ryan Miller
 Nicholas Pawlik

Maykela Rathbone
 Derek Slack
 Michael Wandell
 Cole Westfall
 Katie Whitmarsh
 Timothy Wojtysiak
 Logan Woodin
 Bradyn Woods

Honor Rolls Grade 7 2nd Marking period

High Honor Roll

Hailie Carter
 Chelsea Eynon
 Kaytlyn Hall
 Bela Krenner
 Trevor Middendorf
 Bianca Milewski
 Brianna Miller
 Makenzi Sacco
 Livia Short
 Emma Smith

Honor Roll

Lyla Dufresne
 Brandon Eynon
 Emmett Hendrickson
 Cheyanne Jordan
 Riley Lavine
 Oren Lindridge
 Laura Ludwig
 Scott Wager

Merit Roll

Morgan Bauer
 Connor Brundza
 Ashllea Craft
 Adrianna Finta
 Nathan Harahus
 Reyanna Hines-Cornell
 HattieSue Hines
 Joshua Karp
 Aiden Klingle

Gabriel Merrill
 Samuel Nash
 Addysen Osburn
 Jenna Quick
 Kayden Rockwell
 Carissa Sweet
 John Turnbull
 Jenna Vosburgh
 Preston Wing



High Honor Roll Grades 8-12 20 weeks

Grade 8

Miranda Brown
 Emma Dingman
 Makana Gardner
 Paige Hinckley
 Matthew Kasper
 Mikayla Lawrence
 Erin Lewis
 Raechelle Mathewson
 Camryn McMartin
 Fiona McMurray
 Michael Medina
 Daniel Pirger
 Kathleen Rombach
 James Wood

Grade 9

Karli Berghorn
 Katie Berghorn
 Alannah Deer
 Abigail Durand
 Layla Etienne
 John Fiacco
 Jared Green
 Clara McCloskey
 Virginia Mertson
 Ashley Moncalieri
 Kasey Murphy
 Austin Smith

Grade 10

Patrick Bishop
 Phaedra Day
 Kathryn Greene
 Aden Hollenbeck
 Hannah Holt
 Faith Hymes
 Mackenzie Lawrence
 Molly McCloskey
 Ashleigh Turnbull
 Alisha Westfall

Grade 11

Maris Aylesworth
 Timothy Bishop
 John Boldis
 Samuel Durand
 Felicia Fiacco
 Kayla Hill
 Kaila McNally
 Evelyn Medina
 Renee Riegel
 John Simmons
 Avigail Strohmeier
 Allison Walker
 Leah Williams

Grade 12

Caden Bennett
 Marissa Berghorn
 Gavin Blee
 Deeken Frost
 Regan Lanning
 Jacob Ludwig
 Sarah Mertson
 Emma Morgan
 Joshua Post
 Alex Umiker
 Brice Wager



Honor Roll Grades 8-12 20 Weeks



Grade 8

Madysen Armstrong
Kaitlyn Babcock
Mackenzie Benjamin
Alyssa Brown
Lorelei Cole
Madison Davis
Mackenzie Day
Cora Denis
Hailey Engbith
Brady Hill
Justin Jacobson
Matthew Keller
Seth Northrop
Rachel Parisot
Brendan Plagens
Aiyanna Stebbins
Brooke Swindler
Harley Switzer
Jamison Thompson
Leia Vansteenburgh
Joslyn Wright

Grade 9

Daniel Boldis
Laney Brind
Michelle Brooks
Kylee Carrier
Kalyna Graham
Daniel Hall
Jenna Hanson
Broderick Hines
Dellione King
Jamie Lewis
Mackenzie Malone
Emma Miller
John Mincher
Hailey Moncalieri
Samuel Morgan
Owen Sailus
Christa Schanbacher
Joseph Sherwood
Isabella Shiel
Kathryn Simmons
Logan Smith
Corbin Swindler

Grade 10

Ryli Titus
Jonathan Umiker
Sandra Vaughn
Evan Wolfer
Larissa Wolfer

Grade 10

Riley Babcock
Taylor Benjamin
Piper Davis
Hannah Ferguson
Graciella Gardner
James Keener
JohnPaul Kidney
Chase LaBounty
Logan Mann
Gabrielle Pettit
Jonathan Sherwood
Devin Smith
Rachael Walker
Hunter Williams

Grade 11

Levi Arnold
Brianna Beebe
Breanna Brigham
Emma Clark
Shawn Deer
Charlotte Dunn
Megan Felicetti
Raidyn Ford
Jillianne Hanson
Rosaria Hines
Derrick Kalpokas
Collin McCall
David Mincher
McKenzie Pado
Branden Pintler
Brenton Rosenberg
Eugene Scales
Steffi Schanbacher
Stephanie Updike
Zachery Urquhart

Allie Wandell
Leeanne Yammine
Connor Yetter
Sidney Yurko

Grade 12

Samantha Allen
Elizabeth Ferguson
Gregor Geisenhof
Michael Kasper
Kayla Malarkey
Riley Malone
Kimberlee Mertson
Ashleigh Miller
Kaylee Moshier
Libby Northrop
Andrew Obregon
Michael Post
April Simmons
Mara Skellett
Alison Wales

Merit Roll Grades 8-12 20 weeks

Grade 8

Mathieu Bauer
William Craparo
Bryce Dunn
Skye Gorsline
Levi Holt
Dallas Jensen
Bryan Lanner
Kaiden Pado
Aleczaender
Rosenberg
Haley Scott
Alexis Shaffer
Elizabeth Waterman
Jonah Williams

Grade 9

Emily Cooper
Maxwell Flesher
Jeremy Hackett

Hannah Hayes
Barden Hines
Anvil Illsley
Gavin Mann
Emma Marshall-
Leach
Troy Middendorf
Cara Milewski
Faith Payne
Sarah Reynolds
Angelina Slaughter
Landon Spoonhower
Tatiana Tarbox
Tarrah Truesdail
Jason Tuttle
Grace Utter

Grade 10

Emmett Armbruster
Madison Bigelow
Matthew Bigelow
Cameron Cole
Eva Denis
Jules Etienne
Victoria Geisenhof
Kori Hall
Connor Jacobson
Jason Knight
Lillian LaMontain
Paige Little
Noah Martin
Luke Rinkavage
Julia Twining
Makayla VanOrder
Jady Vanzile
Montana Wallace
Darrah Wright

Grade 11

Andrew Ace
Cameron Carrier
Max Chandler
Joshua Duke
Madi-Lyn Goodwin
Justin Hazelton
Cymbri Jefferson
Savannah Jordan
Adam Keller
Kelsey Kerns
Kamden McCall
Dawson Moncalieri
Gabriel Otero
Madison Peabody
Izabel Rosalez
Lindie Short
Connor Spoonhow
Samuel Umiker
Zoe Welfel

Grade 12

Ethan Bigelow
Jason Brown
Brandon Christian
Ronan Dougherty
Hayden Flesher
Jordan Johnson
Crysta Keller
Courtney Maule
Michael Morse
Nathan Sokol
Corey Young



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Keeping the beat with popular songs is healthful fun

The fun is contagious in Steve Fales' physical education class.

He has introduced his K-3 students to aerobic drumming. As part of the cross-curriculum lesson, the students drum to songs to help not only with

rhythmic skills but cardiovascular endurance as well.

"It's a fun way to get the kids heartbeat rate up when they aren't even realizing it," Fales said. "We play fun songs that they enjoy."

Fales said it's a good way to get the kids who don't like traditional sports to exercise and get excited about physical education.

