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Sports Section

Softball Caps off Season with State Tourney Berth

Written By: Alia Hurst

The Fillmore Central/Exeter Milligan Panthers wrapped up their season successfully with many amazing experiences that will forever be remembered. The season started out kind of rough, but as more and more games came, the Panthers learned from their mistakes, and bounced back with a Conference Runner-Up Title.

The tournament took place here in Geneva, and it gave the girls a great home-field advantage. The girls took on Wilber-Clatonia first round and the final score was 8-4, Panthers. After winning this game, they took on the Centennial Broncos in the second round. The Broncos were up 3-0 in the bottom of the second, but that didn't stop the Panthers from competing. FC/EM kept plucking off run by run, but were still trailing Centennial with 4-3. In the fifth, the Panthers punched in four more runs taking the lead of 7-4. The Broncos just couldn't fight back and the Panthers went 2-0, off to the Championship Game, after winning 7-4 against the Centennial Broncos. In the SNC Championship, the Panthers faced the Fairbury Jeffs, who were seeded number one in the conference. Though the Panthers fought to the end, they fell to the Jeffs 3-7 and received second at the tournament.

After a long week of practice, the Panthers remained ready for the C-5 District Tournament in Genoa, Nebraska. #3 Seed Panthers took on #6 Seed Friend in the first round. The Panthers took the lead on Bulldogs with a whopping 18-1 blowout and easily advanced to the next round. The Panthers were arranged to play against the #2 Seed, Twin River. With an end score of 11-2, the Panthers, again, easily advanced to round three against the #1 Seed, Centennial. Based on previous games, the Panthers had great energy for this game, knowing that they could keep proving that they can keep beating Centennial, and that they did. The final score of the game was 7-1, advancing to the District Championship game. Centennial had one loss under their belt, and went back to compete with Twin River to move to the Championship Game. The game went into OT, and Centennial came back to beat the Titans 10-8, ending their season. So that was that, The Panthers were set up

to play Centennial in the final game of the tournament, it was actually their third time playing the Broncos in one week. The Panthers were down 3-1 in the second, but then fought back sweeping the Broncos, again, 12-3 and punched their way to Smith Complex in Hastings, Nebraska to the NSAA State Tournament.



Knowing the season wasn't over yet, the Panthers celebrated their win, but strictly got back to business, preparing themselves for the hard competition they would see in Hastings. The first game was scheduled for Wednesday morning, at 9:00 a.m. against the Fairbury Jeffs. The attendance for the first round of the State Tournament was outstanding. The number of students from just Fillmore Central was a whopping 101 kids from 9-12, along with the parents, and spectators. Even though the temperature wasn't pleasing for anyone, both teams fought hard to the end. The Fairbury Jeffs won 15-5, leaving the Fillmore Central/Exeter-Milligan Panthers to play Auburn on Thursday. The next day started off with a lot of energy, but it ended in a loss against Auburn with a 4-15 final score. Even though, the Panthers didn't make it far, what really matters is the experience. This team hadn't made it to the State Tournament for five years, and hadn't had a winning record since then either. They ended the season with a 17-11 record, a Conference Runner-Up Title, a District Championship Title, a ticket to the State Tournament and most importantly, memories and relationships that will last for a lifetime. As a senior, I just want to say to the coaches, the student managers, my teammates, thank you for this unprecedented opportunity and I know the fellow seniors and I will forever be grateful.



Volleyball Battles for Fourth Place Finish at SNC

Written By: Sydney Jividen

Conference volleyball took place on Monday October 16th, Tuesday October 17th, and Thursday October 18th. Fillmore Central hosted one of the first round games of conference on Monday October 16th. Fillmore Central defeated Thayer Central in a hard 3 set battle. Fillmore Central won the first set in a close match 25-23. In the second set Fillmore Central lost another close one 23-25, bringing the game to a third and decisive set. Fillmore Central came out on top in a tough final call to end the game 28-26, with Thayer Central being called out of rotation.



In the semi-final match, Fillmore Central faced Superior. Fillmore Central lost a hard 4 set battle. Fillmore Central lost the first and second set in a very hard fought battle. They came back in the third set but were unable to win the fourth set. Fillmore Central played in the 3rd place match against Heartland. Fillmore Central played very hard in the first game but lost a close one. Fillmore Central won the second set bringing the game to a winner take all third set. Although Fillmore Central fought hard, they lost the third set and ended up 4th in the SNC Conference.

“JUST SEND IT”

Athletic Spotlight

Written By: Riley Moses

On this week's edition of the Athlete Spotlight we are shining the light on Sophomore Setter **Macy Scott**. Scott has started Varsity since her freshman year. She is a big component to the Volleyball teams' success. On October 10th, Scott played 4 sets against Centennial. Her 39 assists helped lead the Panthers to a 3 sets to 1 victory against the Broncos. Scott was playing very well that night. She averaged 9.8 assists per set. So far in her first two years of playing for the Panthers, she has played 108 sets. Macy has an average of 6 assists per set in her high school career. Also in her career, she has a total of 652 assists, 56 aces, 337 digs and 59 kills.



Academic Spotlight

Written By: Dakota Wilkins



This month Lauryn Monteforte has been nominated for the student spotlight. She was recently nominated for student of the month. She was nominated by Mr Verhage and Mrs. Lauby. Mr. Verhage said, "She is willing to help when you need something and very personable and respectful in the hallways. Mrs. Lauby said, "Lauryn is always

polite, greets everyone she sees with a friendly hello. She has also been a member of NHS this year. Lauryn is a great example of a good school student, said the staff.

Teacher Spotlight

Written By: Travien Motis



The yearbook class had a class discussion and came up with a Teacher that we wanted to spotlight this month. Mrs. Talley has put in endless amounts of time working and volunteering at the school with FBLA to the china luncheon. She is well deserved of this spotlight.

Travien Motis came up with some questions to ask and this is the article of the questions asked and answered.

1. **How long have you been a part of this school?** This is my 38th year of teaching in this district.
2. **How long have you been a part FBLA?** Actually I was a member of FBLA at Fairbury High School and a four year member of the collegiate version, PBL. When I first began at what was then Geneva High School, we had three business teachers. I would help out with certain activities and as a chaperone for the chapter when they went to SLC. When the existing adviser left, the other business teacher and I co-sponsored for 14 years together. I have now been the solo adviser for 17 years, so I've officially been an adviser for 32 years.
3. **Did you always know you wanted to be a teacher?** No, I did not always know I wanted to be a teacher. At first I thought I'd go into nursing. Then I realized I really did not do well with blood, shots, etc., so I started taking business classes in high school. These were interesting and easy for me, so I decided to pursue a business major in college. It wasn't until I met my husband, who encouraged me to get my teaching degree, that I seriously decided to merge my interest in business with an education degree.
4. **Where did you go to college?** I attended college at Southeast Community College in Fairbury where I earned an associates degree in secretarial studies. It was my sophomore year when I decided to pursue teaching, so I then transferred to UNL to finish my bachelor degree. After that during

the first six years I taught, I attended classes in the summer to earn my masters degree.

5. **When did you first want to start teaching business?** I was fortunate to have some really great business teachers throughout high school and college. They encouraged me starting my junior year of high school, but it wasn't really until my sophomore year in college when I was chosen as the Future Business Teacher at a PBL Conference that I saw this as a reality.

Ag Corner

Written By: Amy Maciel

This month FFA helped sort and bag food for the Elementary Backpack Program. The Backpack program was a big hit! They also served sack lunches for the Harvest Bonanza at Farmer's Cooperative in Milligan. FFA members need to sign up for the Fairmont Halloween event by Friday. Kenna Asche attended the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute the week of October 16th. The week of October 23rd members (Kyle B, Gunnar C, Jared E, Macey N, Sadie B, KayLynn S, Kaylea G, Tucker S, Trenton S, Conner N, and Gunner G) will leave for the National Convention. FFA members worked on organizing a door-decorating contest for Red Ribbon Week!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Written By: Riley Moses

Fellowship of Christian Athletes has had quite a few of events in the past two weeks. After the Sutton Football game was concluded, both teams met in the center of the field and held a prayer. Students and athletes from both teams contributed a prayer. Then, next Friday, we held a meeting and had pancakes at the Eastside Event Center. Fillmore County native Joe Miller shared his story. After he spoke there was a drawing and then everyone came together and ate pancakes, sausage and breakfast burritos supplied by the parents.

Striv Fall Conference

Written By: Tessa Bridges

On October 3, 2017 Fillmore Central students involved in Striv headed to Lincoln Nebraska for a Striv Conference. Nick Andrews, Parker Trowbridge, Riley Moses, Chandler Schelkopf, and Tessa Bridges are the students that have been involved this school year. This conference was based on story telling, which involved the students to meet before the conference to collect 10 pictures and 1 story about the pictures for every three students. When they got to the conference they listened to Taylor Siebert, Eric Allgood, Austin Penfield, and Sara Brune speak about their roles in Striv. They broke up into group with other student from other school to write up story with pictures to post on their Striv account. At the end of the day the directors that look the students voted on who had the best story. Riley Moses' and his group received third place, and Tessa Bridges' group received second place. This student learned a lot on how to tell a story through social media to promote our school.



Fun Filled Trivia

Written By: Rae Chapman

This week, we decided on the pet category for facts and trivia.

Pet Trivia

- How many teeth do normal adult dogs have?
- Through what parts do dogs sweat?
- Which dog breed has a black tongue?
- True or false: Dalmatians are born with spots?

Pet Trivia Facts

- A domestic cat can sprint up to 31 mph.
- Cats spend up to 30% of their lives grooming.
- Cats cannot taste sweets.
- Scientifically proven, stroking a cat can lower your blood pressure.
- There are 701 types of purebred dogs.
- The dog on the front of the Cracker Jack boxes name is Bingo.

Pet Trivia Answers

- 42 Teeth
- Their Paws
- Chow Chow
- False. (Their spots come in later, as they are born all white)

Football Closes out Season with Arcadia/Loup City

Written By: Shalin Bhakta

The football season ended with a 36-6 loss to Arcadia/Loup City. If you look at the season through the wins and losses column, the season didn't show many signs of life. The record was 1-8, and the only win was against Sandy Creek. The score of that game was 7-0 with Kole Karcher's touchdown and PAT. Kole Karcher was our senior quarterback; he threw for 487 yards and rushed for 67 yards and two touchdowns on the season. Freshman, Jake Stoner was the team's wingback. He rushed for a total of 740 yards this season. The leading tackler with 80 tackles on the season was Kole. The team total was 533 tackles, 56 of which were tackles for loss (TFL). The team motto for the 2017 season was "what can you give?" The motto never left the minds of the coaches and players. Everything that the team did was for the betterment of the team. The team was led by seniors: Kole Karcher, Parker Trowbridge, Shalin Bhakta, Jordan Adams, Gatlin Motis, Travien Motis, Tanner Nun, Taggert Osborne, Gaven Turgeon, Josh Hanson, and Isaah Stucky.



Jacobson and Schelkopf finish Cross Country off with State Berth

Written By: Shalin Bhakta

The Cross Country team competed at Camp Katari for Class D-3 districts. The girls ran first with Grace Jacobson finishing second with a time of 20:34.65. Lauryn Monteforte place 17th, two spots shy of state. As a team, they finished fifth with 89 points. On the boys' side, Chandler Schelkopf finished 14th, with a time of 18:53.80. Freshman, Garret Nichols finished 21st in that race as well. As a team they tied for 6th with 150 points.



Seniors Grace Jacobson and Chandler Schelkopf both qualified for state. They competed in Kearney, NE at the country club where all classes were present. The girls again ran first at 2:00 p.m. Grace finished 7th with a time of 20:29.6, missing out on 6th place by .3 seconds. As the girls' races completed, the boys' races began. Chandler Schelkopf ran at 3:30 p.m. placing 59th, with a time of 18:50.4. The senior runners for the 2017 cross-country team are: Grace Jacobson, Kenna Asche, and Chandler Schelkopf. Congrats to them finishing the season strong.



Things you should know about before Halloween

Written By: Maddi Galusha

History

With Halloween approaching, there is nothing more suitable to discuss than things you don't know, but probably should, that relate to Halloween. For example, when asked, "Who is Frankenstein?" Many of you would say that he is a giant, green monster with bolts coming out of his head. And if you are one of those people, you are wrong. Frankenstein is actually the name of the doctor who created the Halloween favorite that actually goes by the name "The Monster." Halloween originated over 2,000 years ago with the Celtic people. Back then, people would go from door to door, but they weren't trick-or-treating. They were "souling," or asking for soul cakes (small bread) in exchange for prayer. As they walked, they might have seen jack-o-lanterns like children see today, but instead of carving pumpkins, they used turnips. Legend has it that the jack-o-lantern got its name from a man named Jack that, when he died, wasn't granted access into neither heaven, nor hell, so he was forced to wander around the Earth with nothing but the flickering light of his lantern. I don't know about you, but that would be a terrible way to spend eternity.



Halloween Recipes

There are many ways to get creative on Halloween that don't require you to dress up. One of those is keeping it festive with a snack. A really popular Halloween treat is dirt cups. These simple snacks take little preparation. All you need is a clear plastic cup, chocolate pudding, crushed oreos, and gummy worms. Put a layer of pudding at the bottom of the cup, then a layer of oreos. Repeat those layers once more and then add some gummy worms on top.



A healthier option for your Halloween snack could include just blackberries and cantaloupe. Chop up the cantaloupe and throw it in a bowl with some black berries and there you have a simple healthy snack that goes right along with the colors of your decorations.

Halloween Celebration at FCHS

This year you may dress up with any school appropriate costume if you bring in ONE CAN of a NON PERISHABLE food item ON THE DAY OF HALLOWEEN. Thank you for your participation.