

THE HOOFPRIENT

TRACKING EVERY STEP OF BRONCO PRIDE



Meg Hoffschneider (12)



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

TYLER OPFER

On Monday, August 24, the Bronco high school volleyball team competed against the Raymond Central Mustangs at home.

This jamboree kicked off the Broncos' season after practicing hard for two weeks. Even though it was only a jamboree, the Broncos showed a lot of fight.

"A jamboree is a practice game that does not count to the season record," said Hurley Harroun (12).

Since it was a practice game, the coaches tried lots of different lineups. Each and every varsity player got to improve and have fun.

"My favorite part was taking on a new position and setting up Jaci for a monster kill," said Meg Hoffschneider (12).

For the first game of the season, the girls did lots of things well; even when challenges were thrown at them, they persevered.

"We showed really good energy, played well together, and handled lineup changes," said head coach Alex Anstine.

Next up for the volleyball team is a game in Hastings on Thursday, August 27.

"Come cheer us on!" said Harroun.

SOFTBALL

JARRET WHITE

On August 21st, the Centennial Lady Broncos kicked off their softball season with a Jamboree in Beaver Crossing against the Palmyra Panthers. They came back from a 2-11 deficit and ended up on top.

"I think the season is going well; we definitely have a few things to work on, but we're doing good so far," said key player, Paityn Scheele (11). "I think the jamboree went well, and I'm glad we came back and won it,"

It is Dakota Boyer's senior season, and she is a key part of this team. There are 3 returning seniors: Madisyn Shufeldt, Faith Scamehorn, and Dakota Boyer.

"I think the Jamboree went spectacular," said Boyer. "I think the season will go great."

Centennial Softball just got a new assistant coach, Miss Engleman. She played softball in high school and can add experience to the team.

"I have high hopes for this team and hope we continue to play well in the future". said Engleman.

They had a hard-fought game against Bishop Neumann the following Saturday but Centennial lost 0-8.



THE START OF A NEW SEASON

HURLEY HARROUN

With the first game being days away, Bronco football is preparing for a new season with 26 boys out for the team. After working hard during the preseason, the team is focused on building a strong culture and competing every time they step on the field.

For senior Kade McFadden, football is more than just a sport. He described it as a fun, therapeutic activity that lets him enjoy the game and spend time with teammates.

"If you're going to do something, do it 100%," said McFadden.

With the team focused on giving 100% effort, senior Marshall Pankoke is also looking forward to making the most of his first football season. Pankoke has never played football before, but he decided to join the team before graduating.

"I have never played before and wanted to before I graduated," said Pankoke.

While new players like Pankoke bring fresh experiences to the team, head coach Mr. Ostendorf has noticed changes in the team's overall mentality. The Broncos have been working hard in the weight room and are beginning to buy into a new culture centered around effort and competition.

"We are fed up with losing and are ready to compete," said Ostendorf.

With 26 players working toward the same goal, the Broncos are ready to put their preseason work to the test. Their first game is Friday, August 28, giving the team a chance to show how their hard work, new mentality, and determination will transfer onto the field.



**Evan Crawford (11) and
Lane Johnson (11)**

CROSS COUNTRY PRE-SEASON

BRAEDEN BLOEBAUM



The 2026 Cross Country team is the largest team we have had at Centennial, consisting of 14 members this year. Additionally, the team has four positive seniors this year to lead the team.

Coach Johansen said, "The team is much larger this year compared to some past years, and both boys and girls are looking pretty promising."

The whole team is very excited to start a new season and see how everyone improves.

"I was kinda nervous coming in at first after being in Softball for 3 out of my 4 years of high school," said Nya Fischer (12). "But the team is great, and I really want to see how I can do."

In the end, the runners love having support when they run a meet, so come watch our Bronco runners push through these long runs.

Marley Olson (12) says, "The team bonds are the key moments in this sport."

The high school team will plan its first Jamboree-type meet on August 27th in McCool Junction. They will be running only 3k compared to 5k.



**Nya Fischer (12), Marley Olson (12), Chelsy Hernandez (12), Josie Butzke (12),
Stella Steele (9), Memmorie Singleton (10)**

BRONCO BAND

FAITH SCAMEHORN

The band has 30 members this year. Most of last year's band members have returned beside last year's seniors and some others. We have also gained a lot of new members!

For students considering joining the band, current members say it's more than just an elective class—it's a family where students build close friendships, learn new skills and share a deep love for music.

Since the band is built on strong bonds, students are encouraged to show their independence and take pride in musical growth. The result is a culture where individual expression and ensemble come together to make music.

"Seeing students accomplish things on their own, like making beautiful music, is the best part of band," said Director Everson.

Those accomplishments often start with taking on a brand new challenge, such as learning how to read sheet music or picking up an instrument for the very first time. What looks like a small step figuring out a single note or landing your first clean chord—can feel huge when you're the one doing it all. Over time those small wins stack.

"I joined the band because I wanted to learn an instrument," said Leah Ahrens (10).

While learning an instrument takes dedication and practice, the hard work pays off when students travel together to showcase their skills at competition. It is more than just playing the music, it comes with all the time it took to get the notes and to be able to come together to be able to play music as one instead of by yourself.

"My favorite part of band is the bus rides competitions," said Stephanie Hoops (10).

Whether it is the excitement of bus rides on competition days, the pride of mastering a new song, or the lifelong friendships made along the way, joining a band gives students a supportive community to call home throughout their high school years.



ED RISING

CHLOIE EDWARDS



The fight against the national teacher shortage began locally on Wednesday, August 26th, with the launch of EdRising led by Mrs. Bargaen. This national career and technical student organization serves as a "grow your own" pipeline. With a goal to create a direct path for students to train as educators; ensuring our schools are filled with teachers who truly understand our communities.

"It is my dream career to be an educator," said senior Hurley Harroun.

That dream matters more than ever, with a nationwide teacher shortage leaving classrooms empty; programs like EdRising step in to turn students into the next generation of educators, and that impact is already being felt.

"I just hope to inspire future generations," said sponsor Mrs. Bargaen.

That kind of impact doesn't happen by accident. Behind every inspiring educator is a year of dedication, training, and a genuine love for helping students grow. The very qualities Edrising aims to build in its future teachers. The program doesn't just recruit future educators. It shapes them into the kind of leaders who leave lasting marks on their students, creating a ripple effect that stretches far beyond any single classroom.

"I have a desire to teach little minds," said senior Josephine Butzke.

That's the power of a great educator; they don't teach lessons; they leave lasting impressions that shape lives for years to come. "The best teachers don't just fill your mind with facts; they light a fire that doesn't go out," said William Butler Yeats.

CENTENNIAL QUIZ BOWL

CHASE ROBINSON

Centennial High School Quiz Bowl is a fun opportunity to share your general knowledge and compete against other schools to see who is the top dog in intellect.

Quiz Bowl is basically a team Jeopardy. Individuals buzz in and answer the question, but they are with 3 other people on their team, going against the other four people from the other school.

"You don't have to be smart," said Ella Baack (12). "You just have to want to have fun."

Most people are just there to have fun, meet new people, and show off their knowledge.

"Quiz Bowl is a fun opportunity to show off my wisdom," said junior Luke Steele.

General knowledge is what Quiz Bowl is mostly about, so you don't need a 4.0 to be good at Quiz Bowl. Topics the questions go over would be like moments in history, what animal does this, who did this, what people did this, etc.

"Smartness isn't key; it's all about general knowledge," said Steele.

In conclusion, being a genius isn't needed to be a competitor at Quizbowl meets. It's all about having fun and getting the opportunity to share your knowledge. The first meet is at Seward, and practices are every now and then with Mrs. Struckman. If you have any more questions, ask Struckman.

"Don't be stupid; it's not smart either," said Steele.



CATCH UP WITH THE CENTENNIAL FFA

GENTRY ZIMMER

The Centennial FFA chapter has four newbies this year in office. They have all been working hard on learning their new roles in the chapter and have been doing a great job so far.

Jaci Prigge (12), Secretary; Sophia Benedict (12), Reporter; Jake Hoffschinder (10), Sentinel; and Ashton Wolf (10), Treasurer. These officers went through an application and interview process that placed them in the positions that best fit them. This process began last May, and their work started right away.

"As president, this group is great, we bond together and get done with what needs to be done," said President Dakota Boyer (12). "I'm grateful to have this group and to lead them."

"Give FFA a try! It is fun, and there is something for everyone!" said Advisor Engelman.

A big misconception of FFA is that you have to come from a farm or agriculture background. This is not true. FFA is an inclusive national organization, and we want anyone to join if you want to learn more about agriculture or anything FFA has to offer. You will learn a lot more than just what you're competing in. You will learn life skills!

"I'd say I already have a lot of personal growth," said Benedict. "I push myself to learn and grow more than I ever have."

The wish for everyone to experience what FFA has to offer is a big one. I have personally met so many people from events like district CDEs to National Convention. I've learned how to speak to people properly and how to voice my opinion in a strong way. I hope that everyone gets these chances in life in some way.

"Join FFA; it's a blast, we can't wait to see you!" said Engelman.

