THE HOOFPRINT

TRACKING EVERY STEP OF BRONCO PRIDE

SENIORS' LAST RUN

BRAEDEN BLOEBAUM

The 2026 Centennial cross-country team has five seniors running this year. On October 2, 2026, they and their parents were all recognized before the football game against Conestoga.

Each of the seniors had to make a video presentation to play in front of the crowd. These videos gave a quick overview of how they each came to cross country and what they will miss most about it.

"My video actually didn't turn out too bad, and it was really nice out, so I'd say it was a good time," said Nya Fischer (12).

The cross-country team's coach, Rob Johansen, also made a video to show everyone. This season is the last season that he will be the coach. So he told everyone the runners' mileage and how long they've all been running.



"It was a good night; it went very quickly, though. Sad to know we only have two meets left in our last season," said Chelsy Hernandez (12).

"It is definitely bittersweet leaving my position after so many years, but I do think it's also time for some change; we'll see what happens next," said Johansen.

The team is definitely going to miss having Johansen as their coach, as he has been the coach for so many years. Most of the team has had him as their coach for four-plus years.

"Jo is a very cool coach, he doesn't even take a lot of things seriously. He just laughs about everything while also being a coach that makes us all better. Watching him not be our track or XC coach definitely makes me sad, but everyone needs to continue their journey in life," said Carter Fritz (11).

Furthermore, the team has been doing a great job this year, making sentimental T-shirts for Johansen's last year and more. The team still looks forward to the coming years.

A SEASON OF GRIT AND GROWTH

GENTRY ZIMMER

The Centennial Softball season has come to a close. They played against Cozad in districts at Hastings on October 5th. Unfortunately, the season ended with a great fight, with a final score of 3-6 to Cozad.

"I was actually kind of speechless after that game because I couldn't name one thing we should've done differently. We all wanted that win SO bad! The girls played one of their cleanest games defensively, all year long. I was so proud of their focus and energy during the game. We outhit Cozad overall but couldn't string hits together with runners on base. Offense just wasn't going our way that day. We were all sad to have our season come to an end, but now we move on and get ready for next year!" said head coach Holly Borchers.

The team finished with a solid 10-16 record. Overall, the softball team had a very successful and hard-earned season. They battled tough teams and continued to show out and hustle for every ball and each play.

"Leaving this team will be hard, but I know that the upcoming seniors will take the role well and really elevate the team," said Dakota Boyer (12).

The team has three seniors this year: Dakota Boyer, Madison Shufeldt, and Faith Scamehorn. The team will really miss their leadership next year, but looking forward, we have leaders filling those spots. As well as a freshman filling the slots.



"As an upcoming senior, I plan to keep the culture positive and continue to bring strong leadership and always encourage underclassmen to do the same!" said Lynly Leif (11).

Looking back, softball had a great season, and we are looking forward to seeing what great things next year will bring.

MEANING OF A DAY

JARRET WHITE

Every year on November 11th, Americans recognize Veterans Day, Also known as Armistice Day. People honor the men and women who have served in the United States military. Towns and schools recognize veterans through ceremonies, parades, and other events to show their appreciation.

Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11th since the armistice that ended the fighting in World War I took effect on November 11th, 1918. The holiday honors all who served in peace time and wartime.

“My family has a tradition of military service dating back to the Civil War, World War I, and World War II. The sacrifices soldiers have made for our country are amazing and inspired me to serve as well. Veterans Day is a great reminder and recognition for all who have taken the oath to serve and protect our country.” Said Laura Pulliam, a teacher at Centennial High School.

“I always love the music selections (band & choir) and the attendance of our community members at our Veterans Day program,” said Pulliam.



In addition to honoring veterans, Veterans Day gives younger generations the opportunity to learn about military service and the sacrifices the brave men and women have made.

“To me, Veterans Day is a way to show our appreciation to all those who fight for us, and to honor those who have died doing it. I love that the whole school is involved in making it special; choir and band perform, elementary students draw pictures, JH kids talk and serve breakfast, and we all come together to celebrate them.” said Nya Fischer (12).

As communities continue to recognize Veterans Day each year, the holiday serves as a reminder to thank veterans for their service and sacrifices the brave men and women have made.

“I like our Veteran's day program, I like that we invite local veterans and families to come before the program to have some coffee and cookies. Our program and video for Veteran's day is always very good-great music and meaningful speakers.” said Emily Peterson.

Ultimately Veterans day is more important than just a ceremony. It is a day to remember the sacrifices the veterans have made to protect the country and to show appreciation for everyone who has served. By taking the time to thank veterans, Americans can help ensure their serve and dedication are never forgotten. Thank you veterans!

HOLIDAY TRAVELS

CHLOIE EDWARDS

As the weather begins to cool down and fall arrives, families look for ways to spend time together and make new memories. One way families can enjoy the season is by taking a trip to a new place. Traveling gives families a chance to take a break from their normal routines, explore different areas, and spend quality time together.

For one student, a family trip is the plan for making the most of the season. When asked what they were looking forward to, Mya Bartholomew (10) said, “Taking a family trip up North to South Dakota.”

South Dakota is a popular destination for families because it offers many different places to explore. A trip there can include sightseeing, visiting outdoor attractions, taking pictures, and enjoying time with family. Traveling can also give people an opportunity to experience places they may not normally get to see.

PICKING A PUMPKIN



FAITH SCHAMEHORN

Every fall, there is one vegetable that brings families together: the pumpkin! Whether you pick them or head to a patch to find them or carve or use them for pie; the pumpkin is a vegetable everyone can have with. And for one of our students, providing the pumpkins is the yearly tradition her family takes part in.

“My family grows pumpkins ourselves,” said Vivian Heine (10). “ I pick more than 150 every year.”

Pumpkins take several months to grow before they are ready to be picked.

“My family plants the seeds, waters the plants and watches the vines spread. We also check the pumpkins throughout the season to make sure they are growing well and properly,” said Heine.

Even though picking pumpkins is hard work, it feels good when you get to the end of harvesting them.

“The harvesting part of the pumpkins takes a lot of time,” said Heine. “You have to cut each pumpkin off the vine and carry it to a certain spot.”

Pumpkins can be used in so many different ways, and there are many ways to get pumpkins. But whether you plant and grow them or buy them; they are all the same.

THANKSGIVING MOVIES

MOST POPULAR MOVIE

The most popular movie is a film that follows Neal Page (Steve Martin), a high-stress marketing executive who is desperately trying to find his way back home from NYC down to Chicago. The name of the film is "Planes, Trains and Automobiles", made in 1987.

FIRST MOVIE

There is always a first to everything, but I'll tell you when the first ever Thanksgiving movie was created. It was a while back, all the way back in 1908 on November, 26. The film was named, "On Thanksgiving Day". It is a very dramatic film and gets climatic when dinner is served.



FUN FACT

In the 2002 superhero classic Spider-Man, the iconic tense Thanksgiving dinner scene features a massive, hidden costume easter egg right in plain sight.

THANKSGIVING ARTICLE

I personally love the time around Thanksgiving. The air is getting much colder, and the mosquitoes are falling. Sitting and watching a good traditional movie feels extra good around this time. The orange and golden trees make vibes around this time of the year perfect. Nothing beats a sunny day with a nice cool breeze as Thanksgiving approaches. Cheers to a happy Thanksgiving!