



DECEMBER  
AND  
JANUARY  
NEWSLETTER

# Upcoming Events

12/9- JH GIRLS BB HOME @6:30

12/10 WRESTLING @ SARGENT 1:00

12/10- BB HOME @3:30

12/14- WINTER CONCERT

12/17- G&B BBALL HOME @6:00

12/18- WRESTLING @KEARNEY 9:00

12/22- 1:00 O'CLOCK OUT

12/23-1/3 NO SCHOOL





# One Act News



## BURWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2021 Burwell One-Act play called “ Double Trouble on the Prairie” by Sean Abley debuted on Monday, November 8, at the Ord Play Festival. The cast and crew is coached by Candace Cain and Lisa Petersen and produced with permission from Brooklyn Publishers. Awards earned at the first two performances were Outstanding Actress at Ord and Goldenrod Outstanding Supporting Actress- Ella Vore , Outstanding Actor Ord and honor at conference- Carter Mann, acting honors at Ord- Calah Archibeque, acting honors at conference- Shaylee Hulinsky.





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On Tuesday, November 16, 2021, the play was shared with the Burwell community. The play is about identical twins, Timothy and Jimothy Scrubb, who aren't the smartest brothers in Virginia City. In fact, the brothers won the Dumbest Twins in the Montana Territory contest. But when Victoria Horrible (that's Horr-EE-blay) swoops into town and begins killing off the shareholders of the Opera House in a plot to replace it with a new development, The Scrubb Brothers must use their collective smarts to save the theater and Miss Mary Sarah Sue Laura's reputation! Other 2021 performances this year were at Goldenrod Conference on November 23 Central City High School and the NSAA District contest on December 1 in Creighton.





# FFA NEWS



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### District Livestock Evaluation Contest

Burwell FFA members attended the District 10 Livestock Judging contest in Ord at the Valley County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Nearly three hundred area FFA members participated in the contest twenty three which were representatives of the Burwell FFA Chapter. Those from the Burwell FFA Chapter that participated were: **Seniors** - Maryssa Archibeque, Alex Gideon & Aleksus Wegener - **Juniors** – Woodrow Dilsaver, Devin Konicek, Jaci Larsen, Jayna Moses, Dylan Petersen, Cooper Phillipps & Madelyn Reiter. **Sophomores** – Wyatt Larsen, Dillon Simpson, Jaxon Thoene, Miles Wright, & Hannah Carstens. **Freshman** – Calah Archibeque, Cody Burson, Cale Buss, Kallista Joy, Josiah Koenigsberg, Austin Mayfield, Kaitlyn Simpson & Colter Wright.

In the Senior Division finishing in the top 25% of competitors were: Alex Gideon finished as the District X Senior Division Champion. Others were Madelyn Reiter 5<sup>th</sup>, Dylan Petersen 15<sup>th</sup>, & Jaci Larsen 17<sup>th</sup>. In the Junior Division finishing in the top 25 % of competitors were: Kallista Joy 6<sup>th</sup>, Jaxon Thoene 11<sup>th</sup>, Dillon Simpson 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wyatt Larsen 24<sup>th</sup>, Cody Burson 32<sup>nd</sup>, Colter Wright 39<sup>th</sup>, & Kaitlyn Simpson 44<sup>th</sup>.





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The top Junior Team of Kallista Joy, Jaxon Thoene, Dillon Simpson and Wyatt Larsen finished as the third place team in the junior division which earns them the right to compete in the State Livestock Judging contest held during the State FFA Convention in April. The Senior team consisting of Alex Gideon, Madelyn Reiter, Dylan Petersen and Jaci Larsen Finished as the District 10 Champion Senior team earning the right to compete in the State Livestock Judging contest held during the State FFA Convention in April.





# Nurse Notes by Linda Finney

## Stop Germs! Wash Your Hands.

### When?

- After using the bathroom
- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage



### How?



**Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.



**Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.



**Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.



**Rinse** hands well under clean, running water.



**Dry** hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

**Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.**

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**CLEAN HANDS**



[www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing)



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## COUNSELOR'S CORNER



# BURWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### **Counselor's Corner** by Miss Tetschner

The first semester is going quickly, however, many of the high school students have been very productive with great questions about future classes, college planning, and scholarship information. I look forward to being in the junior high and high school classrooms with a variety of mini-lessons for students to help make a better connection to what they are doing in their everyday class work and how that will affect their future.

**Junior High School:** Many junior high students have a difficult time adjusting to the academic responsibilities and the new atmosphere of the high school building. There are several dependable students that have volunteered to tutor and offer suggestions on how to better adjust to the expectations of junior high school. If you think your son/daughter could benefit from a one-on-one session, please contact me.

**7-11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** I have met with each grade, 7-11, to discuss their academic career, academic planning, transcripts, test scores, academic/activities resume, etc... and how that all works together and a holistic picture of them as an academic student. I strongly believe the more informed students are in regards to their academic status, what colleges and scholarship committees look for, and employers consider, the more students comprehend the importance of a quality education and the seriousness of their studies.

Second semester I will meet with students to do more career exploration, what high school classes students should take to prepare for that career, academic resume building including getting involved through school and community activities, as well as seeking ways to volunteer.

**College Reps:** Any student 9-12 can stop by to visit with College Reps that come visit our school and students can gather information. Please keep posted on college visitors in the daily bulletin, emails, and posters in the hallways. Take the opportunity to meet with these college reps, ask questions, and gather information. All college reps are scheduled during Encore time in the library.





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**Juniors:** Now is the time to start attending college “Junior Days.” These are college visits especially for high school juniors. If you have a college of interest, I highly recommend going to visit, researching their admission requirements, financial aid information, and in some cases applying. A campus visit is a great way to get a good feel for the college and the atmosphere, and ask yourself “is this college a good fit for me and my interests?”

It is easy to explore colleges online and gather information – just do it! Also take advantage of the days we don’t have school to schedule a college visit. Don’t wait until your senior year to start the pursuit of a college career. It is important that you take time to look at your options because if you wait your options may not be available.

Juniors who are looking at a 4-year college are encouraged to take the ACT Test at least twice their junior year. The ACT Test score is used for college admission, class placement, and scholarship purposes. Most colleges only take the ACT Test through December of their senior year, so taking the ACT Test early their junior year is important. For more information go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or stop by my office. Juniors are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the ACT Academy and learning tips and tools about taking the ACT Test through John Baylor.

Juniors who plan to attend a 2-year school should apply NOW as programs tend to fill up fast. It is better to be on a waiting list now, than to have to wait a semester or year after you graduate from high school to get in. Stop by my office and I can help you.

**Seniors:** Seniors have been asking excellent questions about colleges, careers, scholarships, etc... Encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of early deadlines as there are several benefits to applying early especially financial benefits and scholarships.

Apply for admissions. Seniors, it is important to apply early for college admissions. If you are interested in a two-year program apply ASAP as some programs fill up fast. Please apply to your top college choices by the end of December. Once you apply the college will send you an acceptance letter and other information about scholarships, etc... but you must apply to get the process started.

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**Scholarships are hot, hot, hot!!!** This is the time of year when scholarships are posted and deadlines are due. Many college scholarships have deadlines in January and early February but there are also several that have deadlines in March and April. Be sure to check with the college you apply to as to their scholarship process and scholarship deadlines.

This is also the time of year that many local scholarships are posted. Check your email daily as I have been emailing you scholarship information as soon as it comes across my desk. However, not all scholarships come across my desk, so sign up with [www.ScholarshipQuest.org](http://www.ScholarshipQuest.org) and check your account regularly. Also check with organizations or businesses that you or your parents are associated with as they may have scholarship opportunities as well.

There are several scholarships out there but you must apply. The people that receive scholarships are the ones that do the work (some are online), write the essay, get letters of recommendation, and put a little time and effort in to completing the needed information. You can't be awarded anything if you don't try.

### **Important Dates:**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** – ACT Test

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** – Last day to change 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedule

**January 7<sup>th</sup>** – ACT deadline to register for February 12<sup>th</sup> test

### **Junior and Seniors To Do List:**

- Go on College Visits
- Get involved in school and community activities
- Register for ACT Tests
- Look for scholarships
- Apply to colleges
- Stay informed
- Read the daily bulletin
- Email – check your emails daily

**PARENTS** – of juniors and seniors who would like instant messages of important information that comes through my office, please share your email address with me. Simply send me an email: [julie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com](mailto:julie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com)

# Technology

By; Ronda Weber

## **Burwell Public Schools Marks Technology Staff Development A Priority**

In an effort to provide the best possible educational experience for students and to create 21<sup>st</sup> century learners, Burwell Public Schools has made staff technology training a priority for the 21-22 school year. An instrumental part of this decision is the continuation of MobileMinds staff development and training in the area of technology.

“While the use of mobile technology in education has risen sharply, many schools have a difficult time keeping their educators up to speed,” says MobileMinds CEO, Tyce Miller. “Much like their students, each educator is different, so MobileMinds created a tailored learning program that all stakeholders can benefit from.” For Burwell Public Schools, much of the teacher training focuses on the implementation and integration of Google products into their curriculum and everyday use, as BPS is a “Google School.” In fact, many teachers have already taken advantage of the opportunity to earn professional growth credits by completing MobileMinds training.