

By: Reaching out grows programs

Newton Daily News, Iowa

October 16, 2019 Wednesday

Copyright 2019 Newton Daily News, Iowa

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Section: STATE AND REGIONAL NEWS

Length: 578 words

Byline: By, Newton Daily News, Iowa

Body

Oct. 16-- Oct. 16--Grow a program. Grow tradition. Grow pride. Grow respect. Grow sportsmanship. Grow confidence.

It's all connected. No one likes to lose. But in athletics there is a winner and a loser.

Those teams and schools which play hard but fair and respect each other on and off the field of competition are winners no matter what the score. Players, coaches and fans who play the blame game or resort to jeering the other team instead cheering their own team come out losers.

Be a winner. Reach out and help grow a program. The program you help build could be athletic or it could be the band, the art club, the forensic team, the science club.

Reaching out to grow a program starts from the top. Seniors on a team should extend a hand and say "come be a part of our team. We'll help you learn to do things correctly. Have fun."

Be leaders. Not by yelling and pushing people around but by teaching and guiding people toward goals. Coaches are not the only ones who can teach in athletics. Teach the right lessons and pass it forward.

Grow pride, respect, confidence and tradition in each other and in the program. You do it and it inspires the next person to reach out.

Grow a program.

To do that is not just up to the players. Coaches are the teachers in athletics. They too have to reach all their players and bring them into the program and show they have confidence in the players as the players learn.

Yes, experience is important but players can't get experience if left standing on the sidelines during practices or games. Expect the best and people will give you their best.

Communication is a core product of growing programs. Keep the lines open to all levels.

Parents and family, yes, you help grow programs also. Respect the coaches and players. You may not agree with the coaches but respect them. Grow confidence in your children participating.

Be good examples of sportsmanship and pride.

By: Reaching out grows programs

Fans come to CHEER for their team. There's no need to belittle and use inappropriate language to jeer the other team and officials. Not good. Not good.

Have pride in yourselves as fans and in your school and community. Represent in positive ways.

Help build programs at your schools that are respected, win or lose the contest. We all need to help grow programs, traditions, pride and sportsmanship.

A COUPLE OF THINGS:

When the Newton Daily News sports staff does Friday night game stories for our area roundup of football or basketball games to go on our website appearing over the weekend, most of the statistics we use are unofficial. Either teams provide us with quick stats right after a game or we use our own stats we've kept at games we attend so numbers will differ from the official statistics we hope will appear in our Monday game stories.

Just a reminder we continue to provide the best coverage we can of area Jasper County high school sports in the fall, winter, spring and summer, but in the Newton Daily News physical newspaper we are dealing with room limitations. Take this Wednesday, we only have a half of a page so only the NCMP Aquagirls' home swim meet and the Newton High volleyball match stories will be in the newspaper. Stories on the South Iowa Cedar League cross country meet. PCM volleyball will only appear on the NDN website.

Contact Jocelyn Sheets

at jsheets@newtondailynews.com

____ (c)2019 the Newton Daily News (Newton, Iowa) Visit the Newton Daily News (Newton, Iowa) at www.newtondailynews.com Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

Classification

Language: ENGLISH

Publication-Type: Newspaper

Journal Code: 1NI

Acc-No: 20191016-1NI-By-Reaching-out-grows-programs-1016-20191016

Subject: SPORTS & RECREATION (90%); COACHES & TRAINERS (89%); CUSTOMS & CULTURAL HERITAGE (76%); SPORTS & RECREATION EVENTS (75%); CHILDREN (75%); EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION EMPLOYEES (75%); SPORTS FANS (75%); TEACHING & TEACHERS (71%); BASKETBALL (70%); FORENSICS (52%)

Industry:

Load-Date: October 16, 2019

By: Reaching out grows programs

End of Document