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Fifth Grade Dare Graduation

Plymouth County Deputy Sheriff Lynn Steckelberg will host the DARE graduation ceremonies on Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 PM in the school gymnasium. All fifth grade students and their families are invited to attend.

DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) is provided at no cost to the school district by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Sheriff Steckelberg met weekly with the fifth graders throughout the first semester. The program concluded with an invitation to students to write an essay about what they learned from the program. These essays were entered in a contest sponsored by the Sheriff's Office. The winners of the DARE essay contest will be recognized at the graduation ceremonies, and the students will all receive certificates of graduation from the program.

Calendar Change

The in-service scheduled for Monday, March 5 has been changed to Wednesday, March 14. The Hinton staff will be involved in writing action plans to increase student achievement and writing curriculum. Please note that school is scheduled to be in session on March 5 with no school for students March 14.

Calling All Parents of



Preschoolers



If you have an eligible child that will be attending kindergarten roundup on March 30, 2001, please call the office to register them. An eligible child must be five years old on or before September 15, 2001. Once your child is enrolled, a packet of information will be sent to you detailing the events of the day. You can call the Hinton School at 947-4328 and ask for Mrs. Janet Held to register your child.

Cupcake Fund-Raiser

By Mrs. Mary Ruger

The Hinton FCCLA chapter, or Future Career and Community Leaders of America, again this year sponsored a Valentine's day cupcake fund-raiser. The members of the FFCLA made, filled and decorated the cupcakes on Tuesday, February 13 and distributed them on Wednesday, February 14.

Money raised from this will help to sponsor students that are participating in the state meeting that will be held March 26-28 in Des Moines. This year seven students will be participating in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events. This is a competitive event in which members are recognized for achievement in chapter and individual projects, and leadership skills. The following members will represent Hinton: Amy and Lisa Held, Onna Behan, JaMaine Mauer, Daniel Moser, Katie Roehrich and Matt Held. Also Zack Barkley and Joel Bertrand will be applying to qualify to be on a State Pep Team concerned with fitness.

Facility Committee Update

By Mr. Al Steen

By the time this article is published our facility consultant, Jerry McCall, will have met with 16-20 focus groups composed of 4-10 people in each group. Approximately 160 patrons will have shared their thoughts on our school facilities and on our community. These groups represented a good cross section of our community and school district.

The purpose of these meetings was to gather information from our patrons relating to our school facilities now and in the future. It is our hope that the facilities committee will be able to recommend a strategic plan to the school board relating to school facilities by May or June. This plan will be developed from the input received from the focus groups, school personnel, community leaders and the school board. The strategic plan will take all factors into consideration such as projected growth, educational programs, finances of the school district, and the financial capacity of our patrons to support our school district.

If you have any questions relating to the facility committee's work, please contact one of the facility committee members or feel free to attend any meeting. All meeting times and locations are published and may be obtained from the superintendent's office.

Committee members include Nadine Binneboese, Mark Wilson, Wanda Veltkamp, Al Steen, Leathan Richards, Lori Lorenzen, Dena Johnston, Diane Joanning, Katie Huggenberger, Dan Hudek, Penny Hofer, Rob Held, Diane Hay, Kevin Hart, Gregg Gesche, Loren Field, Ray Edgington, Steve Eddy, Gloria Eddy, Lori Doeschot, Barry Dittmer, Mari Dahlen, Kermit Dahlen, Esther Coffman, Peg Becker.

Blood Drive

The Hinton Community School High School Student Council will again be sponsoring a blood drive on March 23. The blood drive will take place in the Hinton School library from 9:00-4:00. All members of the community are invited to participate. The Siouxland Community Blood Bank serves all the blood needs of 16 area hospitals and their patients. To do this they need to bring in 700 units of blood each week. At the fall blood drive fifty-two people registered to donate and a total of 36 pints were collected. Also there were 18 first-time/new donors at that drive.



First Graders Are Jumping Through Hoops

By Mrs. Diane Culver and
Mrs. Jan Heimgartner

First graders jumped through the number 100 all day on January 26, to celebrate the 100 day of school. First graders read *One Hundred Hungry Ants* and *The One Hundredth Day of School*. They also were quiet 100 seconds and wrote their numbers to 100 by ones, twos, fives, and tens. After many other activities based on 100, they celebrated with a 100 party. The food was, of course, ten different types of food, with the students taking ten of each.



March 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 JH Wrestling vs. Westwood @ Sloan 4:00 PM	2 Read Across America Day	3
4	5	6	7 First Round Girls State 1:00 PM	8 End of Quarter	9 Second Round Girls State 2:30 PM	10 Finals Girls State 6:00 PM Heelan Shout Choir Invitation
***** Girls State Tournament *****						
11	12 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00	13 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 First Round Boys State 1:00 PM	14 No School Inservice	15 Band Extrava- ganza 7:00 PM	16	17 Girls Shoot Out Westwood Show Choir Invite <i>Happy St. Patricks Day!!</i>
***** Boys State Tournament *****						
18	19 Track B/G Indoors War Eagle Conference @ Dordt College G/B 5:00 PM Golf Starts	20 WEC Academic Banquet @ Granville 6:30 PM	21	22 DARE Graduation 7:00 PM	23 Blood Drive @ Hinton 9:00- 4:00 Carnival 5:30- 8:30 PM	24
25	26 No School Inservice **FCCLA Members in DesMoines**	27	28	29 Vocal Night 7:00 PM	30 Galva Holstien Relays-G/B @ Holstien 4:00 PM Kindergarten Round-up 9:00- 11:00 or 1:00-3:00	31

Mission and Beliefs

By Mr. Al Steen

Our advisory committee and faculty have spent a great deal of time over the last 1-1/2 years on our Mission Statement and our Belief Statements. These two statements are the guiding principles of our school district. Everything we do, every way we act, and every decision we make should be a reflection of these two statements. In previous articles we have discussed the importance of our Mission Statement which states that we are:

**A Community Dedicated
To Developing
Responsible Lifelong
Learners Prepared For
Future Challenges.**

To me the key word in this phrase is community. We need the community, not just the parents, to be successful in our endeavor of educating the students of Hinton Community School District. It is great to see the number of community members without children present at our school activities. We welcome you and value you as our patrons. Please never hesitate to call on us if we can be of any service to you, your business or your organization.

Let's take a moment to look at the eight belief statements and what they mean to us as a community and as a school district. These statements were developed by our advisory committee and approved by our school board last school year.

**A committed community and parents are vital to a successful school.* This belief statement again points out the importance of the community and parents to our school. We will not be successful unless both of these groups are active and supportive of our district.

**High expectations need to be held for all members of the school and community.* High expectations

relating to effort, behavior and relationships with others needs to be demonstrated by our students, staff members and our community members. For our school to be successful we need to hold high expectations for all of us.

**Responsibility and respect are important within the school and community.* Our students, staff and community members need to be respectful of each other while being responsible in our actions, thoughts, and words.

**An organized and safe environment enhances learning.* Our school will always provide a safe and orderly learning environment for our students. This will ensure students have the opportunity to excel within the learning environment.

**Education is a fundamentally necessary investment that develops individuals prepared for the worlds of family, work and citizenship.* This belief statement challenges the community to remember that to develop and prepare students for the future, we must be prepared as a community to make the necessary financial investment that is required to accomplish this goal.

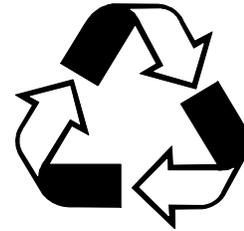
**All students learn in a variety of ways and at different paces.* This statement serves as a reminder to our staff that we must individualize instruction while striving to meet the needs of a variety of student learners. We can no longer teach one way, the same way, each and every day.

**Problem solving and critical thinking are essential life skills.* Students today must be critical thinkers capable of solving a variety of problems that will arise in their work and personal lives. As your school district, it is our responsibility to help your students become responsible, thinking individuals.

**Social skills and understanding of diversity are important.* We live in a fast-paced world that is changing and growing "smaller" every day.

Our students and community need to understand and have the skills necessary to interact with an ever-changing diverse population.

Our advisory committee is to be commended for developing these outstanding belief statements. With our community and school district working together as partners we will experience many successes now and in the future.



Recycling

By Mrs. Mary Ruger

This past October Mrs. Ruger's health class again started recycling. Each classroom was given a collection box to use that was decorated with the recycling symbol. Approximately every two weeks the students collect the paper on one day and then deliver it to the Siouxland Recycling Center in Sioux City the next day. The amount of recycling that the class has delivered so far is approximately 900 lbs. We would like to say thanks to the students for pitching in and recycling papers that they didn't need. Next time you are considering tossing away a piece of paper, think again and recycle it instead.



Local Option Sales and Service Tax for Schools

By Mr. Al Steen

In passing the Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSS) the state legislature provided means for school districts fortunate enough to be located in larger retail market areas to take care of their school districts' infrastructure well into the future. Now it is time for the legislature to design a similar structure to take care of the other 50 percent of Iowa students that don't benefit from this program.

When looking at the LOSS legislation several facts come to mind:

1) When looking at the sales in these larger retail market areas it has been proven that a great deal of funds come from people living outside of those counties. For example, Woodbury County will collect \$11.98 million from non-county residents. Polk County will collect \$239 million from Non-Polk County residents.

2) The tax collected per student in the counties that have the LOSS are not even equitable. For example, Polk County collects approximately \$900/student while Woodbury County collects approximately \$700/student. If Plymouth County approved a LOSS we would receive approximately \$300/student. Is this equitable and fair?

3) In working with legislators we have been taking the approach that we are not requesting to take money away from the counties fortunate enough to be located in large retail areas-but rather we are encouraging the legislature to not leave the majority of Iowa's counties "behind" in this issue. 86 out of 99 counties do not have large retail markets.

A recent study done by Kenneth Stone of Iowa State University, states that the local option sales taxes in Iowa have the potential to transfer over \$1.1 billion from essentially rural counties to urban counties over a ten-year period. Rural Iowa counties are not only losing sales tax revenue for their school infrastructure, but also have no option but to raise property tax to keep facilities current and well-maintained.

The bottom line is the legislature needs to find a tool much like the Local Option Sales and Service Tax for the rest of the Iowa schools and communities. We do not fault those school districts that are fortunate enough to be located in high retail market areas as they are merely utilizing the resources made available to them by the legislature. The remainder of Iowa's schools and communities are in need of a similar equitable resource. Ask your legislator how they plan to provide equitable infrastructure resource for schools such as ours.



Jonathan Youtzy Allison Gipple

Two Students Participate in Regional Spelling Bee; Jonathan Youtzy Advances to State

By Mrs. Jennifer Drees

All eyes were on the student in the middle of the floor. He was visibly nervous; this was a high-pressure situation. What happened in the seconds to follow would determine victory or defeat.

Are these the nail-biting moments before a basketball player shoots a final-second, tie-breaking free throw? No, this breathless audience and anxious student were part of the recent regional spelling bee.

On Saturday, January 20, Hinton seventh grader Allison Gipple and eighth grader Jonathan Youtzy were two of the 56 participants in the Western Hills AEA Spelling Bee at Klinger-Neal Theatre at Morningside College. After mastering such words as "clog" and "reproach," Allison was eliminated from competition by the word "plutonian." She placed respectably in the top 25.

Jonathan breezed through words like "omens," "conscience," "tournament," "tentacle," and others, finding himself progressing to the top five, four, and then three contestants. Jonathan proudly took second place in the bee, correctly spelling "potency."

As a result of his second place finish, Jonathan will travel to Des Moines on March 3 to participate in the Des Moines Register-sponsored state spelling bee. Congratulations, Jonathan! Hinton is proud of you!



March Lunch

			<p><u>1</u></p> <p><i>Scrambled Eggs Ham Juice and Milk Sliced Ham Mashed Potatoes corn Fruit Milk</i></p>	<p><u>2</u></p> <p><i>Cereal Donuts Juice and Milk Cheese Sandwich French Fries Ice Cream Bar Milk</i></p>
<p><u>5</u></p> <p><i>Egg Biscuit Juice and Milk Beef Stew Peaches Roll Blueberry Muffin Milk</i></p>	<p><u>6</u></p> <p><i>French Toast Sticks Juice and Milk Hamburger Potato Wedges Fresh Fruit Brownie Milk</i></p>	<p><u>7</u></p> <p><i>Breakfast Pizza Juice and Milk Tacos Let/Tom/Cheese Mixed Fruit Bread Icy Milk</i></p>	<p><u>8</u></p> <p><i>Cheese Omelet Juice and Milk Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread Milk</i></p>	<p><u>9</u></p> <p><i>Sausage Biscuit Juice and Milk Tuna and Noodles Green Beans Pears Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk</i></p>
<p><u>12</u></p> <p><i>Cinnamon Pastry Juice and Milk Lasagna Corn Applesauce Bread Milk</i></p>	<p><u>13</u></p> <p><i>Scrambled Egg and Bacon Juice and Milk Mac and Cheese Peas Lettuce Salad Applecrisp Milk</i></p>	<p><u>14</u></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><u>15</u></p> <p><i>Breakfast Sausage on a Stick Juice and Milk Chicken Patty Tater Tots Corn Fresh Fruit Milk</i></p>	<p><u>16</u></p> <p><i>Ham and Egg Biscuit Juice and Milk Cheese Pizza Green Beans Peaches Muffin Bread Milk</i></p>
<p><u>19</u></p> <p><i>Scrambled Eggs and Biscuits Mr. Ribb Mixed Veggies Peanut Butter Cookies Milk</i></p>	<p><u>20</u></p> <p><i>French Toast Sticks Juice and Milk Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread Milk</i></p>	<p><u>21</u></p> <p><i>Breakfast Burrito Juice and Milk Taverns French Fries Mixed Fruit Cutie Pie Milk</i></p>	<p><u>22</u></p> <p><i>Cereal Donuts Juice and Milk Spaghetti Green Beans Pears Garlic Bread Milk</i></p>	<p><u>23</u></p> <p><i>French Toast Sticks and Sausage Juice and Milk Fish Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Brownies Milk</i></p>
<p><u>26</u></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><u>27</u></p> <p><i>Egg and Cheese Biscuit Juice and Milk Corn Dogs Chips Carrot Sticks Fresh Fruit Milk</i></p>	<p><u>28</u></p> <p><i>Breakfast Pizza Juice and Milk Chili Peas Pineapple Cinnamon Roll Milk</i></p>	<p><u>29</u></p> <p><i>Cinnamon Pastries Juice and Milk Pizza Pasta Wheels Peaches Sugar Cookies Bread Milk</i></p>	<p><u>30</u></p> <p><i>Egg and Cheese Biscuit Juice and Milk Buttered Noodles Cheese Sandwiches Peas Applesauce Milk</i></p>

**Hinton Community School
Summer 2001 Driver's Education
Registration Procedures**

Hinton Community School will be offering driver education this summer in the months of May, June and July. The class consists of thirty (30) classroom hours and six (6) hours of behind the wheel instruction for each student. These hours are state guidelines, and must be met in their entirety to complete the course. Mr. Bruce Held will be the lead instructor, and Mr. Dewey Hupke will assist with driving hours.

The classroom instruction will be held at the school from 8:00 - 10:00 AM for fifteen (15) days starting June 4, 2001. **This date is subject to snow days and final days of school.** There will be two (2) makeup days offered for those who miss a class. The driving instruction will be in three (3) hour shifts with three (3) students in a group. Each student will be required to drive six (6) times. Our goal is to have everyone done with the classroom instruction by June 27, 2001 and the driving by July 6, 2001. Certificates of completion will be issued after July 10. Enrollment will be limited to sixty (60) students, on an age priority basis.

Requirements of the class:

- 1.) Students must be at least 14 years of age
- 2.) Students must hold a valid Iowa driver's instructional permit
(when going to get your permit, you must take along a state of Iowa birth certificate, not a hospital one. They will not let you use a hospital birth certificate)
- 3.) Students must pay a fee of \$200.00 before June 4, 2001
- 4.) Students must pass the classroom portion of the class with at least a C- (72%) grade
- 5.) Students must pass the driving portion of the class with at least a C- (72%) grade

To preregister, fill out the following form and send \$100.00 (half fee) or \$200.00 (full fee) to:

**Hinton Community School
Driver's Education Program
315 W. Grand St.
PO Box 128
Hinton, Iowa 51024-0128**

**Make checks payable to: "Hinton Community School"
(If you pay \$100 to preregister, the other half of the fee is due June 4, 2001)**

*****Detach Here*****

Student's Full Name: First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Social Security # (driver's permit #): _____ - _____ - _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____

Transitional Kindergarten Survey

Do you have a child who will be five by September 15, 2001, but may benefit from an additional year of preschool or transitional kindergarten? If so, please fill out the information below and send it to school office or call 947- 4428.

Parent/Guardian _____

Child _____

Date of Birth _____

Preschool: No Yes

If yes, please list preschool attended: _____

Special needs or concerns: _____