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Dennis Bullock of KSUX and Jane Krehbiel

Powell Group Funds After School Program

*By Mrs. Jane Krehbiel
Curriculum Coordinator*

Hinton Community School has received a grant from the Powell Group Fund to provide an after school program focusing on the educational needs of students. The Powell Group, affiliated with the KSCJ/KSUX radio stations, established a Fund at the Baton Rouge Area Foundation to give back to nonprofit organizations in the communities where participating businesses are located.

The \$4000.00 grant will aid in providing after school care for more than thirty students enrolled at Hinton Community School. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe, structured environment for children after school. Sara Chinn, program supervisor, prepares various activities that include board games, computer lab, story time, homework aid, physical activities, crafts, and snacks.

Music Trip to Chicago

By Mr. John Price

The high school band and choir students have been busy selling pizza and pies as a fundraiser for their trip to Chicago in March. The music students will be traveling to Chicago, March 21-24, with the band performing at the Daly Center (city hall) and the chorus at Navy Pier.

While in Chicago, the group will tour the Sears Tower, Buckingham Fountain, Shedd Aquarium/Field Museum, and an I-Max theater.

Scheduled evening entertainment is Medieval Times and the Blueman Group Concert.

Medieval Times is an arena style dinner theater, which includes live horses, jousting knights, costumes, and a dinner served medieval style (without silverware).

The Blueman Group is a contemporary music group that composes and performs music using instruments made of hoses, pipes, and many materials generally thought of as being non-musical. Blueman performs in New York, Chicago, and Las Vegas and has been on national television shows and television commercials.

The music students are looking forward to the trip and would like to thank the many people that helped them by purchasing their pizza and pies. In addition, a big "Thank You" to the parent volunteers that helped with unloading and organizing our food orders on delivery day.

February 11 & 14 — No Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 15 — There **will** be school for students

February 26 & 28 — Parent/Teacher Conferences (5-8 p.m.)

March 1 — **No School**

Computer Technology Classes

By Mr. David Attrill

The technology curriculum at Hinton Community School has added a new course called A+ Computer Systems. This course is designed to familiarize the student with the components and operating system of the basic PC and to help them understand how each component functions. Students that are successful with this course will be able to identify all of the components of a PC, build a fully functioning system, and trouble shoot many problems associated with PC's. This course provides a good foundation for taking the A+ Certification class.

The instructional objectives for the class are as follows:

- 1) Identify and describe computer objectives.
- 2) Identify the levels of computer languages.
- 3) Describe the purpose of operating systems.
- 4) Use CMOS and OS commands to optimize system performance.
- 5) Troubleshoot hardware related problems.
- 6) Troubleshoot software related problems.
- 7) Troubleshoot a PC based system.

As the pictures show, the class disassembles the computers and must put them back in working order. The practice lab computers are old computers that have been donated to the school from different companies after they upgraded their own systems. This is a great help as there is no cost to the school for the practice system.

The technology curriculum will also offer our students courses in computer networking called Cisco. This certificate program was developed in response to the growing demand for network technicians throughout the world. Cisco is recognized as an industry leader in developing computer network hardware such as routers, switches, hubs, etc. Western Iowa Tech



is a Cisco Regional Training Academy and Hinton Community School has become a Cisco local academy. The plan is to offer Cisco 1 second semester this school year. Next fall the technology curriculum will include not only the A+ and Cisco 1 courses, but will expand with Cisco 2 and Cisco 3.



A+ Computer students having fun taking apart their computer systems. Will the computer ever work again? Time will tell.

Physical Education

By Mr. Loren Menke

This semester in high school PE the students have experienced five different activities. For the first 4 ½ weeks we took advantage of the warm weather by going outside and playing lacrosse and soccer. The next 4 ½ weeks we moved inside and played volleyball. With the use of two nets, we divided the students into 4 teams and ran a volleyball league. At the beginning of the second quarter, PE classes moved to the weight room for some weight training and after 4 ½ weeks of weight training we finished the semester with Tae Bo. Next semester the students will participate in basketball, pickle-ball, ping-pong, wiffleball, inside soccer, gatorball, and softball.

In junior high PE, I only see the students for a 4 ½ week exploratory.

We spend that time weight training. The students are taught how to perform lifts correctly and then are given a workout to follow and checked for improvement.

In elementary PE this semester the students learned about and experienced a variety of different activities. To start the semester, students spent time outside playing soccer on the nice days and were inside playing volleyball on the not so nice days. After volleyball and soccer we spent a couple weeks playing tag games as well as other fun games in the gym. Next we moved to the wrestling room for a unit on tumbling

and we will end the semester riding scooters in the gym. In store for next semester we will have units on basketball, jump rope, softball, and kickball as well as many other fun activities.



Citizens Committee To Be Formed

By Mr. Al Steen

Last year we had a committee working on our school facility needs. This committee's task was to review our needs and to present a facility recommendation to the school board. The committee spent a great deal of time researching enrollment trends, educational programs, physical conditions of facilities, bonding capacity of the district, economic trends, and other pertinent information.

The school board has reviewed the recommendations from the committee and has developed a priority list based on educational needs. The next step in this process is to form a large broad-based citizen committee.

The citizens committee will review the recommendations and priority list of the school board and determine what is possible to accomplish within our district. Some of the tasks this committee will be asked to do include:

Research

1. Conduct phone/mail surveys
2. Develop awareness/support levels for facility needs
3. Develop a major issue/theme (Ex: "No Frills, Just Basics")
4. Monitor and evaluate the reaction to facility needs/recommendations
5. Determine the tax tolerance level within our community

Polling

1. Pre-polling to determine if a bond referendum may be successful.

If you are interested in serving on this citizens committee or have any questions, please call the superintendent's office at 947-4329.



Elementary Student Council News

By Mrs. Mary Daniels, Advisor

"How can we help?" That's the question that the members of the elementary student council often ask, as they seek new ways to serve their classmates, school, and community. They have been a very busy group this year. These twelve energetic students helped boost school spirit in September by marching in the Homecoming parade, raised over \$1,000.00 for the American Red Cross, delivered a strong message against substance abuse with Red Ribbon Week activities, raised money and purchased gifts for the elementary school's "adopted" family for the Holidays, and organized the elementary school's participation in the KMEG Community Food Drive.

The goals of the elementary student council program are to provide training in leadership skills, provide all students with experience in the democratic process, and address the needs

of the school and community through service projects. The council members each represent an elementary classroom. They provide information to and solicit project ideas from the students in those rooms. All projects are approved by Mr. Stuerman before final plans are made.

The Council is already discussing ideas for the Elementary Fun Night in February and a spring Earth Day project. They will end the year with the presentation of the Elementary Teacher of the Year Golden Apple during

a K-6 assembly in May.

Pictured here are this year's student council members: Top Row-Ryan Wenzel, Kinsey Bak (president), Zach Schoenrock, Laura Binneboese (vice-president), Justin Ream. Middle Row-Mackenzie Small (treasurer), Kandace Eddy (secretary), Carissa Courtright, Timothy Youtzy. Bottom Row-Daniel Grigsby, Ryann Mycka, and Carlee Riediger.



Slumber Party

By Mrs. Diane Culver

Students and teachers from Hinton School helped celebrate the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life kick-off party at KTIV Channel 4 in Sioux City.

Hinton is well represented with four teams. The staff, Jr. High, and two High School teams will participate in the February 1 and 2 Relay for Life event.

The theme this year is "Up All Night for the Fight." The students dressed in pajamas to get in the mood for the actual event. Participants at the kick-off party learned about the event, ate pizza, and watched a live taping of the six o'clock news.

Anyone wishing to donate money to the Hinton Relay for Life teams can

send checks to the school, in care of the team captains, Amy Eaton, Diane Joanning, Jennifer Drees, or Jennifer Holtgrew. If you would like more information about putting together your own team, please contact Diane Culver, or the American Cancer Society, 233-1148.



School Infrastructure Equity & Property Tax Relief

By Mr. Al Steen

Equitable funding for school infrastructure needs and property tax relief interests all Iowans. We have the opportunity to accomplish both of these objectives this next legislative session. A bill (HF 660) was introduced in the legislative process last year promoting equitable infrastructure funding and property tax relief. This bill is gaining wide spread support from individuals, schools, agencies, and associations such as The Iowa Farm Bureau.

Some general goals and objectives of HF 660 include:

- *Equalize educational opportunity for Iowa's children.

- *Provide a good education for all the children of Iowa, regardless of wealth, income, or region.

- *Provide property tax relief.

- *Improve total tax equity, taking into account both property tax and sales tax bases.

- *Heal the urban/rural conflict in Iowa's schools by providing adequate and equitable resources and relief for all Iowa districts and constituents.

HF 660 would create a statewide sales tax for school infrastructure and property tax relief. This sales tax would replace the current local option sales tax program. 50% of all sales in Iowa are already subject to the local options sales tax. Every time Hinton School District residents spend money in Sioux City we are contributing to the new schools that Sioux City is building. A statewide sales tax would ensure that your money is supporting your school district infrastructure, not Sioux City School District needs. Concepts of a statewide sales tax for school infrastructure and property tax relief include:

- *The state sales and use tax will be extended to six cents statewide. All revenues will be dedicated for school infrastructure and property tax relief.

- *Automobiles and all other

items currently exempt from sales tax will be exempt for this tax also.

- *Schools having voted local option tax for school infrastructure prior to the effective date of the statewide sales tax may choose to retain the same amount as generated under the current law.

- *All remaining funds from the statewide sales tax will be placed in a pool and distributed statewide on a per pupil basis. The minimum distribution will be approximately \$690/student. This year the Hinton Community School district would receive about \$418, 830.

- *The maximum debt levy will be reduced from \$4.05 to \$2.70 per thousand of assessed valuation for new debt and new revenues will buy down debt to \$2.70.

- *School districts will develop plans on how to use the revenues for infrastructure.

If community consensus is not reached, 5% of the voters may protest, thus forcing an election. If the voters fail to approve the plan the money must first be used to relieve all infrastructure levies before using monies on new projects. This restriction does not apply to sales tax revenues already received by school districts under current law.

We need your help. Please contact our legislators letting them know that you are in favor of equitable school infrastructure funding and property tax relief. First, let our legislators know that all children deserve safe, technology-ready facilities designed for student learning. Second, inform the legislators that this is not a tax increase-Iowa has already decided that sales tax will pay for schools. What we now want is a fair and equitable distribution of the money. The sales tax that we pay while shopping in Sioux City should go to our student needs, not to neighboring district student needs. Lastly, stress to our legislators that this is the largest property tax relief bill in history of the State of Iowa.

Legislators representing the Hinton Community School District are:

Senator John Redwine
33533 S. Ridge Road
Sioux City, IA 51108
Home Phone - (712) 239-5664

Representative Ralph Klemme
13191 Hickory Avenue
LeMars, IA 51032
Home Phone - (712) 533-6364
Work Phone - (712) 279-4995

If you agree with the above information, please contact these individuals and urge them to support a HF 660 and implement a statewide sales tax for school infrastructure and property tax relief.

District Gives the Gift of Food and Coats

By Miss Jennifer Holtgrew

Green beans, soup, and ramen noodles. It has to be the annual KMEG Food and Coat Drive making its way into Hinton School again.

School wide, students are bringing in their cans of food and used coats. The items being collected will be picked up by KMEG to be delivered to needy families in the Siouxland area.

"I want to help people in need, so I brought in whatever I could", said senior Sam Jaros.

To help get the students involved, the high school student council offered a pop and popcorn party to the class with the most items donated. The freshmen used Miss Holtgrew's room for their storage, while the sophomores were based in Mr. Wilson's room, the juniors in Mr. Dahlquist's room, and the seniors used Mrs. Johnson's room. The faculty and staff also got into the action by bringing in five cans or a coat for a dress down day school wide.

"Helping others gives more satisfaction than receiving monetary rewards. It makes you realize the value of what you have," added senior Laura Pollard.



Blackhawks Collect Post Season Honors

By Mr. Steve Diediker

The Blackhawk football team recently completed a very successful season with a 7-2 record. Many different players reaped post season honors for their play during the season.

The Iowa Newspaper Association, which consists of sportswriters from newspapers across Iowa, picks an All State team. Heath Hageman won honorable mention distinction on the Class 1A team.

The Des Moines Register also chooses an All State team for each class. Kyle Held was selected to the 2nd team defense of the Class 1A squad as a defensive lineman. Bryan Diediker was named to the second team offense of this squad as an end.

The Omaha World Herald picks an All Western Iowa team from the schools it covers. The Blackhawks had finished the season ranked 5th in the World Herald Western Iowa Class 1A/2A rankings. Four players represented Hinton on the Class 1A/2A squad. Bryan Diediker was selected to the first team offense as a receiver. Kyle Held was named to the first team defense as a defensive lineman. Heath Hageman and John Zevenbergen garnered honorable mention recognition on the All Western Iowa squad.

The LeMars Daily Sentinel picks an All Plymouth County football team each year. Six Blackhawks were named to the first team of this squad. John Zevenbergen (defensive back), Heath Hageman (linebacker), and Kyle Held (defensive lineman) were named to the 1st team defense. Michael Millage (running back), Joel Bertrand (offensive lineman), and Bryan Diediker (kick returner) were named to the offensive first team. Nick Beaulieu (defensive lineman), Ryan Wilson (defensive back), Adam Albert (linebacker), and Nathan Clausen (wide receiver) were named to the honorable mention section of this squad.

The district football coaches also vote on an All District team to which ten Blackhawks earned honors. The 1st team offense for this squad included John Zevenbergen (quarterback), Bryan Diediker (receiver), Joel Bertrand (lineman), and Michael Mill-

age (runningback). The 1st team defense included Kyle Held (defensive end) and Heath Hageman (linebacker). Nathan Clausen and Nick Beaulieu were named to the second team All District squad. Carl Binneboese and Ryan Wilson rounded out the Blackhawk All District honors by being named to the honorable mention list.

Congratulations to these Blackhawks on their awards.

Financial Aid Information

*By Mr. Daniel L. Hudek
7-12 Guidance Counselor*

Hinton Community School provided a financial aid planning night for Seniors and their parents on November 29th. It was attended by many parents and students. However, not all were able to attend. Parents who were unable to make the meeting are encouraged to call the guidance office with questions or concerns. (947-4328)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now online (www.fafsa.ed.gov) It is fast, free, secure and easy way for students to apply. Students who apply online will get their application results 7 to 14 days faster than if they mail a paper to FAFSA.

The Iowa Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators will provide an online chat room to answer financial aid questions on February 18 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This is a free service and will provide you with answers to questions you may have concerning financial aid. Go to: www.mapping-your-future-org

Thank You

By Ms. Susie Wright

Ms. Wright's fourth grade class would like to say a big thank you to Mozak's Carpets in Sioux City for donating a carpet remnant to the classroom. The students use the carpet for reading during D.E.A.R. time, working with partners in different subject areas, and listening to Ms. Wright read a chapter book out loud during teacher read. Thanks again to Mozak's Carpets for their kindness and generosity.

Night of the Notables

By Mr. Gary Dehoff

On Thursday, November 1, Hinton's Talented and Gifted program held the annual Celebration of Notable Persons. This event took place in the Hinton multi-purpose room. Twelve students selected an important person that they were interested in to report on.

Every student improved their research skills by investigating their person, and also their writing skills by preparing a rough draft report and a finished copy. They also enhanced their creative thinking skills by designing a display booth. Every student was responsible for an activity involving their "notable person" that visitors to their table were encouraged to take part in.

Student names followed by their Notable Person were as follows:

Kelci Teut- Laura Ingalls Wilder
James Vondrak- Benjamin Franklin

Ethan Bak- Stephen King
Aaron Book- Neil Armstrong
Timothy Youtzy- J.K.Rowling
Pat Flannery- Steven Spielberg
Andrew Quandt - Rudolph Giuliani

Doug Koithan- Walt Disney
Eli Kroll- Charles Schultz
Ryan Wenzel- Isaac Newton
Amanda Schindler- Albert Einstein

Daniel Grigsby- John Glenn.

All of the students did a great job and were enthusiastic about this activity. A good crowd was in attendance which made it an extra special event. Thanks to all students and parents for your help and cooperation.



January Lunch

<p><u>31</u></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><u>1</u></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><u>2</u></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><u>3</u></p> <p><i>French Toast Sticks</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Pizza Green Beans Peaches Bread and Milk</p>	<p><u>4</u></p> <p><i>Cereal & Donuts</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Chicken Patty French Fries Mixed Fruit Sugar Cookie Milk</p>
<p><u>7</u></p> <p><i>Scrambled Eggs & Bacon</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Beef Stew Pears Lettuce Salad Blueberry Muffin Milk</p>	<p><u>8</u></p> <p><i>Sausage Biscuit</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Taverns Tri Tater Applesauce Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk</p>	<p><u>9</u></p> <p><i>Cinnamon Pastries</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Chicken Noodle Soup Cheese & Crackers Carrot Sticks Icy Milk</p>	<p><u>10</u></p> <p><i>Breakfast Stick</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Taco Grande L/T/C Peaches Corn Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>11</u></p> <p><i>Omelets</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Baked Potato Bar Applesauce Green Beans Roll Milk</p>
<p><u>14</u></p> <p>No School</p>	<p><u>15</u></p> <p><i>Pancakes & Sausage</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Peas Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>16</u></p> <p><i>Cereal & Muffins</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Hot Dog Corn Pears Ice Cream Bars Milk</p>	<p><u>17</u></p> <p><i>Egg & Cheese</i> <i>Biscuit</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Spaghetti Peaches Lettuce Salad Garlic Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>18</u></p> <p><i>Breakfast Burrito</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Crispito Corn Chips Applesauce Brownie Milk</p>
<p><u>21</u></p> <p><i>French Toast Sticks</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Pizza Corn Peaches Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>22</u></p> <p><i>Sausage Bites</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Goulash Green Beans Cookies Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>23</u></p> <p><i>Scrambled Eggs & Ham</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Corn Dog Chips Pears Ice Cream Bar Milk</p>	<p><u>24</u></p> <p><i>Cereal & Donuts</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Peas Homemade Roll Milk</p>	<p><u>25</u></p> <p><i>Breakfast Pizza</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Pizza Burger Potato Sticks Corn Fresh Fruit Milk</p>
<p><u>28</u></p> <p><i>Ham & Cheese</i> <i>Omelets</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Chicken Wraps Chips Peaches Peanut Butter Cookie Milk</p>	<p><u>29</u></p> <p><i>Sausage Biscuit</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Hot Ham Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Apple Crisp Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>30</u></p> <p><i>Cinnamon Pastries</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Lasagna Mixed Veggies Apples w/Cinn& Sugar Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>31</u></p> <p><i>French Toast</i> <i>Juice and Milk</i> Cheeseburger Tri Taters Pickles Baked Beans Milk</p>	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 No School	2 No School	3 School Resumes JV BB @ Remsen- Union WT vs KP & SB-L	4 G/B BB vs Gehlen JH BBB vs AW JH GBB @ Akron Westfield	5 WT @ West Sioux CBB @ Gehlen
6	7 JV G/B BB @ Westwood JV WT @ West Sioux	8 G/B BB vs West Sioux WT @ West Sioux	9 2 hour early out - inservice	10 JV G/B BB @ Remsen St. Mary's	11 End 2nd Qt/1st Semester - 44 days/91 days G/B BB @ South O'Brien JH GBB @ Cleghorn	12 C-BB vs SB-L
13	14 HPA Skating 6:30- 8:30 p.m. JV G/B BB vs Akron-Westfield Make up Day#1 No School - Inservice	15 Begin 2nd Semester G/B BB @ Gehlen	16	17 JV G/B BB @ Lawton-Bronson	18 G/B BB vs Spalding JH GBB @ LeMars	19 Large Group Speech Contest Mathawk WT Tourney
20	21 JV G/B BB @ SB-L School Board - 7 p.m.	22 G/B BB vs SB-L JH GBB vs West Sioux WT @ A-W JH WT @ West Sioux	23	24 JV G/B BB vs Woodbury Central JH WT @ A-W	25 G/B BB @ West Sioux	26 C-BB @ West Sioux WT @ Sioux Center
27	28 JH WT @ LeMars State Show Choir Contest JV G/B BB vs SBL	29 G/B BB @ Spalding WT vs Westwood & Cherokee	30	31 JV G/B BB @ K-P JH WT VS SBL		