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## Sportsmanship Votes Are In

*By Mr. Bruce Held - AD*

The Iowa High School Athletic Association has their referees rate coaches, fans, and players each year in all the boys' sports. The winter sports ratings have just been received from Boone. We are happy to report some very favorable ratings this year in wrestling and boy's basketball. The rating scale ranges from 1.00 being the best to 3.00 being the lowest. Our wrestlers, led by coaches Dan Sitzmann and Chet Verschoor, earned ratings of: coach - 1.36 (state average - 1.45) wrestlers - 1.18 (state average - 1.34) fans - 1.18 (state average - 1.37). As you can see, we were above average in all categories. Congratulations to the entire team and fans for their efforts this year!

The boy's basketball ratings were just as impressive. Coaches Loren Menke and John Spies led our Blackhawks not only to a 20-5 record, but also to the following sportsmanship ratings: coach - 1.16 (state average - 1.45) players - 1.20 (state average - 1.43) fans - 1.28 (state average - 1.69). Again, we were well above the state averages. Sportsmanship is a high priority here at Hinton, and we appreciate everyone's efforts to make our school and community a better place to live! Thank-you!

## Sports Physicals - When Is the Best Time?

*By Mr. Bruce Held*

Are you caught with your son or daughter needing a physical examination at the last minute so they can participate in a sport here at school? Has your son or daughter ever missed a game or practice because they did not have a physical on file here at school in the nurse's office? It might be wise to follow this plan:

Have your child's annual physical examination scheduled for the months of June or July each year. This is the optimal time of year to have this taken care of. The physicals are good for 13 months. If you have a June or July physical, you will never miss or worry about missing a day of practice or a game because it runs out at the wrong time. The doctor's offices are swamped with athletic physicals in early August, and sometimes it is hard to get an appointment. If you schedule your appointment for June or July, your child will not have to miss school to go to the appointment. If everyone got on the summer schedule, it would make it a lot better for you, your child, and your coaches. Consider a summer physical for your child. Forms can be obtained in the main office, the nurse's office, or from one of your coaches.

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## Industrial Arts News

*By Mr. Arie Reekers*

Another school year is quickly coming to a close and, with that in mind, the students are beginning to shift into another gear. They are working on a variety of wood and metal projects ranging from entertainment centers to gun cabinets. The junior high has built clocks and shelves and the metals students have built a paper rack and will be building a couple of baseball batting cages. I would also like to thank the HPA for the money this year, which was used to buy an air nailer. The annual fine arts display is on Tuesday, May 27 from 7 to 9 PM, so be sure to mark your calendars and stop in that evening to view the students' work from art and industrial arts classes.

## Siouxland Reading Council Honors Contest Winners

By Mrs. Jan Heimgartner

Six students from Hinton Community School were honored at the April meeting of the Siouxland Reading Council. A banquet was held at Western Hills AEA 12 on April 29 to honor the Creative Writing and Poetry Contest winners. Area schools from the counties of Plymouth, Woodbury, and Cherokee participated in the contests. A first place winner was chosen from each grade level for each contest. The Hinton winners in the Creative Writing Contest who were honored are: kindergarten, Keygan Egdorf; second grade, Hannah Lipka; seventh grade, Allison Donnell; twelve grade, Sarah Lohafer. Following are the Poetry Contest winners: second grade, Dayanaira Vanderplas, and sixth grade, Kelci Jo Teut.



## “Sixth Grade Team Places Eighth in Math Bee”

By Mrs. Deb Jordt

A team of five sixth grade students was chosen to represent Hinton Community School in a Math Bee held March 28 at AEA 12.

All students in the sixth grade were given an opportunity to be a part of the team. Students were given a comprehensive math test, scores were compared and the team was selected.

Beginning in the middle of February, Abby Hageman, AJ Boss, Aaron Book, James Vondrak, and Tim Youtzy met twice a week after school to sharpen and refine their math skills.

The students competed individually and as a team. Five timed tests were taken in the following areas: Number Sense, Operations, and Estimation; Patterns, Relations, and Functions; Geometry and Measurement; Statistics and Probability; Ratio, Proportion, and Percent. In the team competition, the students worked together to solve a variety of math problems.

Deb Donaldson, Hinton’s Talent and Gifted Teacher, accompanied the team and helped with scoring the tests. When the results were in, Aaron Book had placed in the top twenty students in the individual competition. The team placed eighth out of the 33 school districts participating.

Way to go TEAM!!!!



Front row: Aaron Book, Abby Hageman second row: Tim Youtzy, James Vondrak and A.J. Boss

## Parents

By Mrs. Janet Held

Did you know that the plastic in each printer cartridge takes more than 1,000 years to decompose, and that 1.5 million cartridges go to landfills each month? Our school is now participating in the Green School Project, a program that reduces this incredible waste and earns money for our school. We collect empty printer, fax, and copier cartridges. Please feel free to send students to school with your used cartridges to be deposited in the Green School Project collection bin.

In addition, your work place can help our school by recycling their used cartridges. Green School Project will provide you with collection bins, prepaid Fed Ex labels, and shipping materials free of charge. If you think your place of business might be interested, visit [www.greenschoolproject.com](http://www.greenschoolproject.com), and click on “sign up now” and then “companies.” Our school will receive the cash for every cartridge you recycle! We can also recycle old cell phones so to bring those in as well.

Thank you in advance for your help. Please contact Janet at 947-4428 if you have any questions.

## Math Bee 2003

By Mr. Bruce Held

The Western Hills AEA hosts three Math Bees each spring. There is a competition for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students each year. Participation is voluntary, and each year we take a great group of kids to see how they fare on a 50 question individual test, and then on a team test of 20 questions. These are high-level math problems in all areas of math: algebra, geometry, ratios, proportions, percents, tables, charts, graphs, etc. This year we had five boys go to represent our seventh grade, and four girls go to compete for our eighth grade. The competition was fierce, to say the least. We were competing against 34 other schools, and both teams finished in approximately twelve place. The official results are not available to us yet at this time. The students representing our seventh grade were Cory Westphal, Ryan Wenzel, Eli Kroll, Andrew Quandt, and Michael Mehrer. Cory was our top performer with 38 out of 50 correct. The eighth grade participants were Cheree Coffman, Alyssa Grigsby, Katie Coffin, and Rebekah Youtzy. Cheree and Alyssa scored 43 and 42 points, respectively, to lead our team. It took 44 out of 50 to place in the top 20, so the competition was extremely tough this year. All of the students did wonderful work, and did a lot of extra work in preparation for this day. A big thank-you to all the students who competed, and to the ones who tried out and did not make it. You will all be better math students because of this experience.

## Hinton Community School Foundation Re-Activated

*By Mr. Al Steen*

On Friday, March 21, the Hinton Community School Board met in special session and approved the re-activation of the Hinton Community School Foundation and its board members. New members of the Foundation include Dennis Beaver, Keith Culver, Randy Roehrich, Becky Steen, and Rhonda Sessoms.

On Monday, March 24, the Foundation held their first meeting. At the meeting, Rhonda Sessoms was elected President; Randy Roehrich, Vice-President; and Becky Steen, Secretary/Treasurer. As expressed in the Restated Articles of Incorporation approved by the Foundation Board the Corporation (Foundation) is organized exclusively for the benefit of the Hinton Community School District.

The Corporation shall (1) receive, administer, and distribute funds, property and gifts of any kind; (2) develop,

administer and distribute scholarships and endowments on a fair and nondiscriminatory basis pursuant to such rules and procedures as are established from time to time; (3) develop and administer programs to enhance classroom instruction by providing professional development opportunities, materials and resources for the Hinton Community School District teachers, administrators, support staff and volunteers; and (4) take any other action deemed necessary or desirable to enhance or develop education programs or facilities.

The foregoing purposes and objectives of this Corporation shall be the exclusive purposes and objectives and shall be directed toward the advancement of education, to alleviate the financial burdens and obligations of local governments in education, educational research, school welfare and safety.

The re-activation of the Hinton Community School Foundation creates tremendous opportunities for the pa-

trons and alumni of the district to support the their school. The Foundation is a tax-exempt Foundation whose main purpose is to provide support to the school district through "gifting." The Foundation's support may include the "gifting" of funds and property to the school district and/or to graduates of the school district through scholarships.

Any individual, business, or corporation may make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation at any time. Many school Foundations receive charitable gifts through individual estate planning or yearly tax planning. These gifts are used to support the school district as described above.

If you have any questions about the Foundation or wish to contribute to the Foundation, please contact one of the Foundation Board Members. By working together the Foundation hopes to support the school mission, which is: A Community Dedicated to Developing Responsible Life Long Learners Prepared for Future Challenges.

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## Campbell's Labels for Education

*By Mrs. Janet Held*

At Hinton School, we are excited to be part of the Campbell's Labels for Education program. The program is a great way to earn FREE merchandise for our school, but we need your help. Help us earn educational equipment this year simply by saving the labels from any of the hundreds of varieties of Campbell products and sending them to school with your child. Some of the products eligible for redemption in the program include:

- ❖ Campbell's Soups
- ❖ Campbell's Supper Bakes Meal Kits
- ❖ Franco-American Spaghetti Os pasta
- ❖ Prego pasta sauces
- ❖ Swanson broths and canned poultry
- ❖ Pace salsa and picante sauces
- ❖ V 8 and V 8 Splash juices
- ❖ Campbell's tomato juice
- ❖ Pepperidge Farm breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products
- ❖ Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers
- ❖ Campbell's Food Service products

For a complete listing of participating Campbell products, visit the website at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com). The following pages give a complete listing of what products are eligible for collection and what to save for collection. You can have your child return the labels to school to place in the collection bins located in the elementary wing and in the elementary office. If you have any questions about this year's Labels for Education collection drive, please contact our program coordinator, Janet, at 947-4428.

Thank you for your support!

## Hinton Community School Foundation

By Mr. Al Steen

With the re-activation of the Hinton Community School Foundation, the school is receiving questions from individuals asking how they can donate to the Foundation. There are many ways to support the Foundation. Be sure to check with your tax advisor before taking advantage of "gifting" to the Foundation.

### What difference will my gift make?

Your generosity has an immediate effect. Gifts are added to the Foundation assets as they are received. What's more, your support encourages others to give. Many foundations and corporations that offer financial aid and other assistance are reassured of the integrity of the Foundation because strong supporters are at the heart of its own community.

### Ways to Give

What follows is a summary of a number of ways to make gifts that yield immediate benefits to Hinton Community School Foundation. The Foundation is an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable institution. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

### Cash

Many people find it most convenient to make out a check each year to support the Foundation's activities.

### Real Property

Gifts of low-yielding securities, real estate, collectibles, and other similar properties can provide a tax-efficient way to make meaningful gifts with little or no effect on your current spendable income. When you give appropriate property you have owned longer than one year, you are entitled to an income tax deduction for the full value of the asset, not just the amount you paid for it. All capital gains tax that would be due on a sale of the property is avoided. Gifts of appreciated assets may be deducted in an amount up to 30% of your adjusted gross income each year.

### Stock

Appreciated Stock as a Charitable Gift is one of the most satisfactory ways

for a donor to give a gift to Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is to use appreciated stock.

Giving stocks, bonds, and mutual fund shares that have increased in value (and which the donor has owned for more than one year) provides greater tax benefits to the donor than giving cash. Not only can the donor deduct the full market value of the securities but also avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation.

### Instructions for Giving Stock to Foundation

The donor is asked to inform a Foundation Board Member that a stock gift is being transferred. The Board Member will obtain the Foundation's Federal Identification Number (FID) for the donor and the donor's broker would then, at their request, electronically transfer the stock into the school's account. The stock will then be sold immediately.

### Considerations

If a transfer using stock certificates is unavoidable, the donor should send unendorsed certificates by regular first class mail along with a letter of transmittal signed by the owner to the President of the Hinton Community School Foundation, 315 W Grand, and Hinton, IA 51024. Under separate cover, the donor should mail a signed stock power executed in blank for each security along with a copy of the letter of transmittal. The donor should not fill in the Foundation's name as transferee on either the stock certificates or stock power. Securities that have decreased in value should first be sold by the donor and the cash proceeds given to the school. The donor then can deduct the capital loss to offset any capital gain.

### Gift Value

The gift value for Internal Revenue Service declaration will be the average of the high and low selling price of the stock or bond on the date of the gift. An increase in value after the date of the gift and before sale will accrue to the Foundation; a loss will be absorbed by the Foundation as a cost of doing business.

### Planned Gifts

The following illustrates several ways to give a larger gift to Foundation over time.

### Giving Through Your Will

A convenient way to leave a lasting legacy for the benefit of Foundation and Hinton School is to name the Foundation in your will. After providing for your family and friends, you may decide to give a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or all or part of what remains after individuals have been remembered. Have you remembered the Foundation/school in your will?

### Giving Through Life Insurance

If you have policies that have outlived their original purpose, consider making the Foundation a beneficiary to receive all or a portion of policy proceeds at death. Income tax and estate tax benefits may result from such gifts.

Younger alumni might consider making the Foundation beneficiary of a small policy, which would be inexpensive to maintain. Policy payments are tax deductible.

### Giving Through Retirement Plans

If you have retirement plans in which you have accumulated assets and are over age 59 1/2, you may want to withdraw a portion of these funds periodically without penalty to fund a gift to the Foundation. Amounts remaining in qualified retirement plans at death may be subject to more than estate tax. Discuss this with your financial adviser.

### Giving a Temporary Gift

You can set aside assets in what is known as a charitable lead trust to benefit the Foundation. Payments from the trust are devoted to the Foundation for the time you choose. Assets can then be returned to heirs, reducing or eliminating gift and estate taxes that might otherwise be due. Consult your financial adviser.

### Is my gift tax-deductible?

Yes, gifts to Foundation are fully tax-deductible for U.S. and Iowa income tax purposes. The Hinton Community School Foundation is incorporated as a nonprofit organization and is listed as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

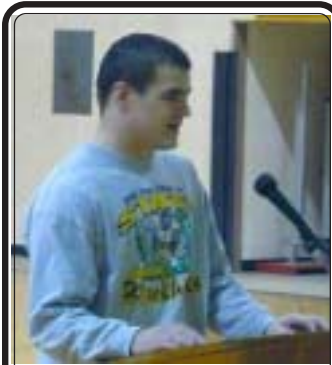
## Joel Bertrand Inspires DARE Graduates

*By Mrs. Mary Daniels, D-6 Counselor*

Joel Bertrand, Class of '03 and State Wrestling Contender, was the guest speaker for the D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies held at the school on March 20 at 7:00 PM. Joel shared with the students his memories of the DARE class, as well as his experiences making choices as he moved through junior high and high school. He told them how he often had to make choices that weren't always fun, like when his buddies were staying out late eating pizza, he often chose to go home early and skip the pizza because he had a wrestling meet the next morning.

He talked about the importance of working hard, keeping your goals in front of you, and taking steps to make them happen.

Thirty-five fifth-graders graduated from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. Six of those students were winners in the DARE essay contest, and read their essays to the audience. The winners are pictured below with Sergeant Steckelberg, who taught the class.



Joel Bertrand, Class of '03 and State Wrestling Contender

DARE is provided at no cost to Plymouth County fifth grades as a service of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office. It is a partnership that not only teaches students skills to manage decision-making and peer pressure, but it fosters a healthy, friendly relationship between students and the officers who teach the class. The program will conclude with a bus trip to Adventureland in June for the essay winners and randomly selected students from each school in Plymouth County.



Pictured with Sergeant Lynn Steckelberg, from left: Abby VanEvera, Mackenzie Small, Shelbi Derochie, Anne Kallsen, and Bobby Bradham. Not pictured: Steven Koithan

## High School Math Club

*By Mrs. Krista Nelson*

Another year is almost complete and that means another year of the math club is in the books. This year the math club consisted of the following members who made it to at least one of the six competitions: seniors Jessica Barkley, Marcus Dittmer, Scott Guthmiller, Emily Howe, Didi Jarmakani, Brandon McQuillen, Kyle Muecke, Stephanie Sherwood, and Jessica VanderKooi, juniors Amanda Andersen, Colleen Gerow, Mallori Gray, Kyle Hays, Amy Held, Amber Kroeger, and Jill Lacey, sophomores Cassie Frerichs, Maha Jarmakani, Hayley Milton, Ashley Nashleanas, Kyle Rodgers, Bridget Yoerger, and Jonathon Youtzy, and the only freshman,

Adam Teut. The math club is part of a national competition called The Math League Press and once a month, the students come to my room and take a 6-question "test" ranging from Algebra problems up to Trigonometry. Obviously, the seniors have a slight advantage over the under classmen but I encourage the freshmen and sophomores to attend. Some of the problems are trick questions and if you have been in the math club since you were a freshman, you can pick up on some of their usual tricks and can answer questions more easily by the time you are a senior. Some of my most successful students in the math club have not taken any math beyond Geometry. It is more

about knowing the problem solving process than knowing all the right equations and methods to solving. We also run a few concession stands throughout the year to raise money. Our only cost goes to the entry fee for The Math League Press. The rest of the money goes towards the math club scholarship, which is awarded to one senior each year. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, the first, and most important, criteria is that you must have been a member for more than one year. Anyone 9 – 12 may join the math club; just listen to the announcements at the beginning of the year for our first official meeting.

## Siouxland Reading Council Promotes Reading

*By Mrs. Jan Heimgartner*

Promoting reading and literacy is the main priority of the Siouxland Reading Council. Members include teachers from Cherokee, Plymouth and Woodbury counties who are committed to professional growth in the areas of reading and language arts. Currently approximately 50 area teachers represent the council. This council is affiliated with both the Iowa Reading Association and the International Reading Association. Meetings are held at Western Hills AEA 12 in Sioux City throughout the year. Membership benefits include professional recognition, involvement in community service projects that promote literacy, access to resources and publications, leadership opportunities, discount on State Reading Conferences and scholarships. Jan Heimgartner, Hinton first grade teacher, is currently co-president of the Siouxland Reading Council.



Pictured from left to right:

Jan Heimgartner, Hinton Community School, Co-President; Joyce Zimmerman, Lincoln Elementary School, Treasurer; Nancy Mugge-Metcalf, Holy Family Schools, Secretary; Kathy Perret, Western Hills AEA, Co-President

## Second Graders Learn about Their Bodies

*By Mrs. Amy Eaton and Mrs. Laurie Law*

The second graders have been studying about the organs in their bodies. We learned the importance of each major organ and its function. Along with learning the organs, we learned about germs and how they pass from one person to another. We asked Mrs. Popken, our school nurse, to come in and talk to us about the importance of washing our hands to kill the germs. She brought in the germ finder and each student had to look under it to see how many germs they had on their hands. Mrs. Popken then put a special lotion that was full of germs and the students practiced washing them off. It was interesting to see how many times, the students had to wash before all the germs disappeared. We finished the unit by tracing and placing each organ on our bodies.



## Contest Winner

*By Mrs. Janet Held*

Congratulations to Allison Junck, a fourth grader in Mr. Dehoff's room, selected as a prize winner in the Campbell Soup Company sponsored Campbell's Experience Essay Contest. Her third prize winning essay awarded her a book entitled "Our Country's Founders" and 100 bonus point labels for her school. Hinton Community School is an active participant in the Campbell's Labels for Education Program. With your support, our school can earn educational and athletic equipment just by redeeming Campbell's product labels. If you would like to help the school by redeeming eligible labels, you can contact the coordinator, Janet Held at 947-4428.

