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Student Councils Stay Busy

*By Jennifer Drees, Senior High and
Junior High Student Council Advisor*

The senior and junior high student councils have been active this school year, planning and participating in various school events.

The high school student council began the year by planning Homecoming activities for late September. Hall decorating, coronation, and the Homecoming dance were all successful. In October, the students publicized and volunteered at our biannual blood drive. The high school student council members have also worked a varsity basketball concession stand as a fundraiser.

The junior high student council sponsored a dance the weekend before Halloween. Students dressed in costumes and Mr. Tunes provided music for this fun event. The junior high student council also provided funds for a 7th and 8th grade "movie morning." The students that improved ITBS scores were treated to pop and candy while viewing the movie *Elf* at the Southern Hills Cinema.

The two student councils have also worked together on a couple of projects this year. In November, our school celebrated American Education Week. All student council members in 7th-12th grade (and 9th-12th class officers) wrote a letter of appreciation to each faculty and staff member at the school. Our 7th grade classes also helped with this project. The letters were personally tailored for each teacher or staff member; all appreciated them.

Currently, the two student councils are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Siouxland. With candy incentives and dress-up days, students are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items to this worthy cause.

As we look ahead to second semester, the high school student council has a dance planned for January 31. Both student councils hope to support the upcoming Relay for Life, taking place in early February at Morningside. As always, both councils welcome ideas for school/community improvement.

Our B.E.S.T. Year

By Ms. Sue Martens

We are in the second quarter of our B.E.S.T. school year with this quarter's theme being BEST in Behavior. We expect our students to display respectful behavior at all times and have used this as a theme for the last two years.

Our behavior focus this year took on the form of the characteristics proposed in the book, FISH. On December 2, all of our 6-12 students watched the video, FISH, based on the book of the same name. The book is written about a fish market in Seattle that has had amazing success after implementing four behavior themes: Have Fun, Make Their Day, Be There, and Choose Your Attitude. All four themes were explained in the video and student followed the viewing with group discussion on each theme.

Students munched on Goldfish crackers while discussing the themes. The last part of the FISH plan was to have students in each grade level create their own FISH video, based on one or more of the four FISH themes. The videos were judged by faculty members and then shown on December 19 as part of "The Big Fish Academy Awards Assembly and Video Premier." The class that created the winning video won a pizza party for their efforts. FISH was a fun way to emphasize positive behavior in our school and have a good time doing it.

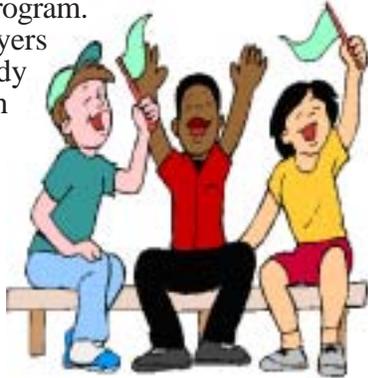
“Blackhawk Backers” Hold Clinic

By Mr. Gary Dehoff

The “Blackhawk Backers Clinic” that was held on November 4 was an overwhelming success. As the school day ended at 3:30 over 100 excited and joyous backers, all clad in identical yellow and black t-shirts, bound their way into the Multi-Purpose Room. Many Hinton High School Girl Volleyball and Basketball players soon joined them. Under the direction of Mrs. Cook, Mr. Leary, and Mr. Dehoff, what at first appeared to be confusion soon turned into a highly efficient clinic involving the major aspects of the two sports. Our very talented players modeled important skills from both sports. The coaching staff also discussed the importance of good sportsmanship at athletic events. Cheering for our Hinton Blackhawks in a positive manner was highly emphasized.

We, the coaching staff, wish to give a very special thank you to all of the parents who have supported the “Blackhawk Backers” program.

Thanks to all of the players who are always so ready and willing to work with our young people. Big thanks go to our young “Backers” that put their energy and enthusiasm into all that they do. With everyone’s help, this should prove to be a season to remember.



Students Share for the Holidays

By Mrs. Mary Daniels

Hard economic times have hit many families in Plymouth County, and the Elementary Student Council decided to help make Christmas brighter for one needy family. Mid Sioux Opportunities matched a family with small children to the Elementary Student Council. Then during the week of Dec. 2-6, money donations were collected from students and staff members in Discovergarten through sixth grade. After school on Monday, Dec. 9, twelve kids and two adults piled into two vans and shopped in Le Mars for gifts for the family. The students learned quickly to select wisely to stretch their dollars as far as they could. They used mental math to keep a running tally, and when the gifts were totaled at the checkout, they were only over their limit by 33 cents! The gifts were delivered to Mid Sioux on Dec. 16. Pictured below as they wrapped gifts are Student Council members Austin Schwaderer, Jenna Riediger, Shelby Ream, and Jaci Dehner.



Blackhawks Earn Honors

By Mr. Steve Diediker

The Hinton Blackhawk football team recently wrapped up their season and several Blackhawks earned special awards for the season’s efforts.

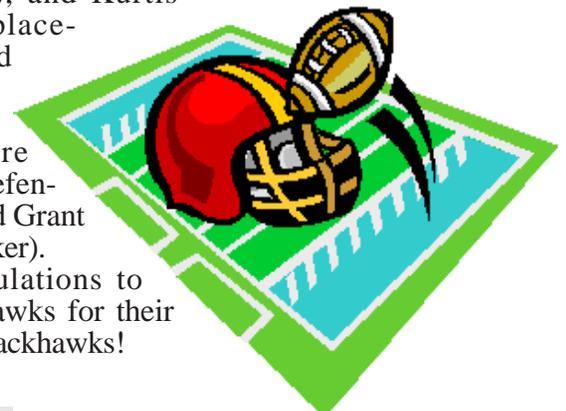
The Blackhawks played in the Class A District # 2. The District coaches chose a first team offense and defense along with an honorable mention squad. Seven Blackhawks were named to these teams. Kadrian Hardersen (running back), Brian Held (tight end), Michael Vondrak (linebacker), and Kyle Kovarna (defensive lineman) all were honored as first team selections. Players named to the honorable mention all district list were Jeremy Henrich, Kurtis Hoefling, and Matt Kovarna. Honorable mention honorees are not listed at a specific position.

The daily newspapers from across Iowa name an all-state list by class. Kadrian Hardersen was awarded the honor of third team defensive back on the Class A all state team.

The Sioux City Journal names an all Northwest Iowa team from schools in the Journal circulation area. Kadrian again was named to this team as a third team defensive back.

The LeMars Daily Sentinel names an all Sentinel team from the schools in its circulation area. Kadrian Hardersen made the first team defense as a safety. Brian Held was a first team tight end. Michael Vondrak and Kyle Kovarna made the first team defense at linebacker and defensive line respectively. Named to the honorable mention offense were Matt Kovarna (offensive line), Jeremy Henrich (offensive line), and Kurtis Hoefling (place-kicker). Named to the honorable mention defense were Nick Hay (defensive back) and Grant Lake (linebacker).

Congratulations to these Blackhawks for their honors. Go Blackhawks!



2003 High School Honor Band Students

By Mr. John Price

On Saturday, November 1, Jonathan Youtzy and Alyssa Grigsby were selected for the Northwest Iowa High School Honor Band. Auditions for the band were held in Storm Lake with students from 65 area Northwest Iowa Schools auditioning for selection and chair placement in the honor band. Not all students that audition are selected for the band.

The auditions are quite rigorous requiring students to know their 12 major scales, chromatic scale and 2 Etudes. Many students begin their audition preparation throughout the summer months.

After auditions and chair placement, students are assigned music folders and begin preparation of the music for festival day Saturday, January 10. Jonathan and Alyssa will proudly be representing Hinton Community School in the Northwest Iowa Honor Band Concert on January 10, 2004 at 7:00 PM in Eppley Auditorium, Morningside College.



Blackhawk Shop Open

By Mrs. Amy Eaton

Everyone can use pencils, pens, and erasers. Now you can find them each Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning available at the Blackhawk Shop. The students have been helping run the shop and have gained experience-counting money. Right now we have Blackhawk pens, pencils, erasers and carabineer (backpack clips). They come in all sorts of colors. If anyone is looking for great present ideas stop by. We are located at the end of the elementary hallway. We hope that as we sell these items we will order something different. The money that is raised will help send teachers to workshops. Come, shop and support a great cause!

Blackhawk Pens	\$1.00
Blackhawk Pencils	\$.35
Blackhawk Erasers	\$1.00
Blackhawk Clips	\$2.00

Hinton Blackhawk

Holiday Season

By Mr. Al Steen

We hope each and every one of you had a Happy Holiday Season! Hopefully your holiday season was filled with joy and happiness.

At the time of this writing, we have experienced one Christmas Concert and will have another in the very near future. Be sure to express your gratitude to our students and music instructors for the time and effort they have put forth for our concerts. Going to the Christmas Concerts is always a highlight during the Holiday Season. The students are all dressed up, festive songs are sung, and the gym is packed with parents, grandparents, and friends. Your attendance at these performances is greatly appreciated.

We are very fortunate to have family and community members that attend all of our activities. Hinton Community School truly is a "family." With your support we continually strive to be **A Community Dedicated To Developing Responsible Life Long Learners Prepared For Future Challenges.**

Early Childhood Screening

By Mrs. Janet Held

Free early childhood screening for 2, 3, and 4 year-old children in the Hinton Community School District will be held Thursday, January 15, 2004. Hours are from 10:00 AM through 1 PM and 2 PM through 6 PM at United Methodist Church, 201 W. Grand Street in Hinton. The annual screening is sponsored by the Western Hills Area Education Agency's Early Childhood Department and Hinton schools. An appointment is necessary. Call Janet at the Hinton Community School at 947-4428.

The screening process will take approximately one hour per child. During this hour, a team of specialists will screen hearing and vision. A parent questionnaire will be reviewed to determine if speech/language, motor, and other developmental skills are age appropriate. Parents will be informed of the results when the testing is complete. This is an excellent opportunity, at no cost to the parent, to have important areas screened early. Screenings prevent small problems from becoming major problems. PLEASE CALL SOON!

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Kayla Hansen delivers her lines from "The Glass Menagerie." Kayla was the character of Amanda. Students will be playing scenes from "Romeo and Juliet" before Christmas break.



Megan Hawthorne and Delainye Hardersen act out a scene from Tennessee Williams "The Glass Menagerie." The scene was for Speech class taught by Miss Jennifer Holtgrew. After the acting unit, students will begin debating.

A Touring Success

By Mrs. Jan Heimgartner

Sunday, December 14, found many members of the district and surrounding area in a festive frame of mind while attending the Hinton Education Association's Holiday Tour of Homes. The support of those attending the tour, along with the help of many volunteers, helped in making this fun filled day a huge success. Thanks to Sue Geddes, who made a beautiful Christmas quilt to be raffled, also to The Sugar Shack of Sioux City, and Close to Home of LeMars for donating door prizes. Heartfelt thanks to the four gracious homeowners – Barry and Brenda Dittmer, Steve and Lynn Fleckenstein, Rex and Nancy Smith, and Dan and Willa Yates for showcasing their beautiful homes. Their generosity during this busy time of the year was much appreciated. Thanks to our homeowners and everyone who volunteered, we raised approximately \$1000 dollars for the HCEA scholarship fund!

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