

# *Building for the Future*

## Hinton Blackhawk



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### Citizens Advisory Committee Members Needed

*By Mr. Al Steen*

The Hinton Community School District is seeking volunteers to serve on the District Wide Citizens Advisory Committee. The committee is composed of parents, community members, students, teachers, administrators, and a school board member. The purpose of the advisory committee is to help the district develop a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, implement the plan, evaluate the effectiveness of the plan and to develop a new school improvement plan every five years. The advisory committee makes recommendations for the areas of Major Educational Needs, Student Learning Goals, and Long Range Goals – including indicators in reading, math, and science.

Tentative plans are for the Advisory Committee also include meeting with our past Facility Committee to review and possibly update the recommendations made by the Facility Committee to the School Board in June 2001.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call the school office at 947-4329. The first Advisory Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM in the school library.

### New Classrooms Just the Tip of the Iceberg

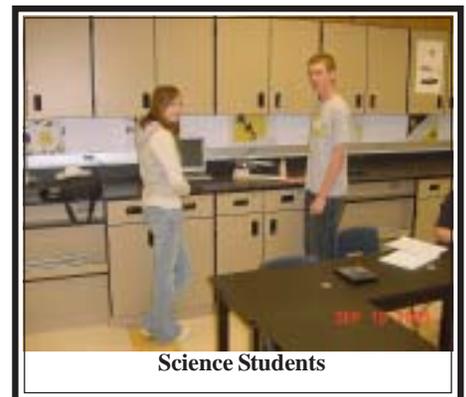
*By Mr. Rich Kallsen, High School Science*

As many of you know, I graduated from Hinton back in 1984. At that time, Roger Horsley was one of the high school science teachers and taught in the room, which I now occupy. I have to admit, last year it felt as if I were teaching Roger's class in Roger's room. Nothing wrong with Roger, his room, or how he taught, but, nonetheless, the room had not changed – literally - since the 60's when it was built. This fall, however, I walked into a brand new science room with built-in lab stations, oodles of storage cupboards and the latest technology available. Not bad for a small rural school. So far, the implementation of the new equipment has gone great – the kids love the things we can do now – and I really feel like I am teaching MY class in MY room. Turns out, though, that this investment in the science labs – by the way, there are three new ones here at Hinton – is not the only contributions made by the great people of the Hinton district. Our rural school, like many others who share our small-town mid-western roots, not only educate our children, but provide many other services as well.

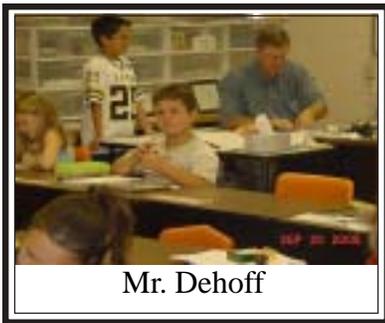
Historically, rural schools have offered unique benefits for educators, students and their communities. Rural and small town schools pioneered many successful education reform tools in widespread use today such

as peer assistance, multi-grade interaction, mentoring and cooperative learning. Nowhere in America are older and younger students as linked together as they are in small rural schools. Our school is not only a center for student education, but also a center for adult culture and recreation. What would Friday nights be like without football or basketball games? Where would we go to hear Christmas concerts and catch up with our friends? Perhaps it costs a lot to run a successful school, but after all, it costs more to not run one. Pat yourself on the back for being a part of something so good and so important.

Next time you have a chance, stop in, and see how we are doing. I would love the chance to show you the new science labs and the great stuff we use every day. After all, it might be only the tip of the iceberg of what we do well around here, but it really is... COOL!



Science Students



Mr. Dehoff

## From the End of the Hall Fourth Grade

By Mr. Gary Dehoff

We are all having a great start here in Mr. Dehoff's fourth grade class. The beginning of the year gets us back into the swing of learning the rules of school. We have gotten into our subjects. We are enjoying Math especially because that is one of Mr. D's favorite subjects. If we get all of our spelling words correct on the final test, we get three tries to put a hacky sack basketball in the Iowa Hawkeyes garbage can. Of course, we do not ever put garbage in that can, just the hacky sack. We get a piece of candy as our reward for each basket we make, and one piece even if we do not make one. Therefore, we all try very hard to get our words correct by week's end. Our students really enjoy going to keyboarding. Learning some, skills on the computer are the beginning of a life-long use of technology in our modern world. This should be a fun year for all.



Fourth Grade Students

## Fall concert to be held

By Mrs. Minda Thompson

The first MS/HS concert of the year will be held on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 PM in the Hinton gym This concert will feature the JH Chorus, JH Band, HS Chorus, HS Band, and the HS students that tried out for the Iowa All-State Chorus. Come and support the music department! Admission is \$3.00 for adults; \$2.00 for students, and preschool free.



## Opus Auditions

By Mrs. Minda Thompson

Several sixth-eighth graders have auditioned for the Iowa Opus Choirs. If accepted, they will perform in November at Iowa State University in Ames. The following students have sent in audition tapes:

Sixth Grade:

Soprano- Emily Culver,  
Karen Grigsby, Haley Hall, Karlie Vande Hoef

Alto- Cole Barbee, Chanse Dunn, Allen Hamill

Seventh Grade:

Soprano Two- Alexis Becker,  
Dylan Kramer, Brittany Stampe

Alto One- Amanda Donnell,  
Megan Groves, Sierra Hazekamp,  
Erica Van Holland, Ashley Westlund

Tenor One- Alex Schindler,  
Austin Schwaderer

Tenor Two- Josh Wankum,  
Stephen Youtzy

Eighth Grade:

Soprano Two- Tara Dunn,  
Amanda Schindler

Bass Two- Daniel Grigsby

The students should learn the results in mid-October. They were coached by Mrs. Thompson. Good luck to these vocal music students!

## All-State Auditions to be held

By Mrs. Minda Thompson

Eleven HS vocal music students will be auditioning for the Iowa All-State Chorus. Auditions will be held in Storm Lake on October 22. Six hundred students from the state of Iowa will be chosen for this chorus, which will perform in November at Iowa State University. The following HS chorus students will be auditioning:

Soprano One- Cheree Coffman, Allison Donnell, Jessica Junck

Soprano Two- Katie Coffin

Alto One- Rebekah Youtzy

Alto Two- Kaitlin Gleason,  
Andrea Groves, Amy Lorenzen

Tenor One- Jamie Smith

Bass One- Ehi Oamen

Bass Two- Michael Mehrer

**Good luck to these fine HS singers!**



## Wellness Fair

Floyd Valley Hospital and Wells' Dairy, Inc. are teaming up for the **WELL AWARE** Community Health and Wellness Fair. Educational booths, health screenings, refreshments and children's activities will be available free of charge on **Wednesday, October 12** from 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM at the Le Mars Convention Center. Join us in promoting health and wellness in Plymouth County!

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## Mission Statement

A Community Dedicated To Developing Responsible Life Long Learners Prepared For Future Challenges.

## Students Celebrate at Talent Showcase

*By Mrs. Mary Daniels*

The first monthly "Talent Showcase" for students in Discovergarten through fifth grade was held on Monday morning, Sept. 12 in the school gymnasium. Students presented a variety of talents, including a Karate demonstration, a drawing, a wrestling match, Legos sculptures, and three dance routines. The Talent Showcase is a component of the school's theme for the year, "Celebrate." They will be held monthly. Students interested in celebrating a talent or special interest are invited to see Mrs. Daniels to be placed on the program.



## Buddy Time

*By Mr. Gary Dehoff and Mrs. Susie Leary*

This year every Friday, the second graders will buddy up with the students in Mr. Dehoff's fourth grade class. We will be doing activities like reading with each other, art projects, practice spelling words, and work on math facts. This is a great opportunity for the students to get to know each other in cross grade levels. We hope the students find this to be an enjoyable and profitable experience.



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## New Year, New Rooms

*By Mr. Mark Wilson*

The conclusion of the 2005 school year had Hinton science instructors scrambling to complete final grades and completely empty their rooms. From the returns of SILO funding all three science rooms were cleared of furniture, cabinets, and equipment. Contractors then entered the rooms to begin remodeling tasks. Wall fixtures, ceiling, and flooring were removed. Once demolition was complete, holes were cut for plumbing and electrical pipes. This then led to the complete overhaul of the Hinton science labs

Speaking only for the chemistry and biology room (I will let Mr. Diediker and Mr. Kallsen brag up their rooms) many changes are now in place. Starting at the bottom, my room now features a bright new floor with tables for students now replacing the old individual desks and two large lab table fixtures. Around the outside of the room, we now have cabinets and cupboards that will serve as lab sites. Each site will have a sink, electrical outlets, natural gas hookups, and computer internet sites. Hidden under the cabinets are plastic catch tubs that collect all liquid waste and neutralize the liquids before they are drained away. Also, new to the room is a safety shower and eyewash station. This safety device was not available in the old lab. On the back wall, by the windows, is a new fume hood. This hood contains water, electrical and gas connections. The hood also contains a light for easier viewing of lab procedures. The front of the room features a new instructor's demonstration table. This table also features hot and cold running water, gas and electrical hookups, and the special drain container.

Even the ceiling sports a new look with a suspended ceiling system. One of the more impressive parts of the ceiling is the lighting. When you turn on the lights, it is definitely bright. In the ceiling, located around the room, are vents connected to a separate exhaust system. This

system is to be used to clear the room of lab fumes and smoke. In the center of the ceiling hangs a new projection system. This system is connected to the instructor's computer and a DVD, VCR video player. Connected to this system is a surround sound system.

We recently, displayed our rooms at the school open house. Comments about the remodeling were very positive. Comments ranged from "It was definitely time," to "Wished we could have had this" and finally "Gee Mr. Wilson, the oldest thing in this room is you!" Now that one hurt.

Seriously though, if you did not get to see the new rooms, stop by sometime and get a tour. Mr. Kallsen, Mr. Diediker, and I would be more than happy to show you our new rooms.

## Tri-State College Fair and College Night

*By Mr. Daniel L. Hudek Guidance Director*

Two excellent opportunities will be available for Hinton High School students and parents on October 9 and 10. The Tri-State College Fair will be held on October 9 from 1:00-3:30 PM at Marina Inn in South Sioux City, Nebraska. The fair will be informal and students and parents can drop in at anytime over the course of the afternoon. In addition, financial aid sessions are provided on the hour and half-hour for both students and parents.

LeMars Community High school will provide a similar opportunity for students on October 10. The college night will be from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the gym of LeMars Community School, the same drop-in format will be used.

Representatives of over a hundred colleges, technical schools, specialty schools and the military will attend at both sites. It is a "don't miss" opportunity for parents and students to garner information on many different educational opportunities.

If you have questions concerning this or other guidance information please call Dan Hudek at 947-4328

## National Federation of High Schools Adopts New Policy:

*By Mr. Bruce Held, AD*

The National Federation of High Schools, our national governing body for interscholastic athletics, has adopted a new program called "Conduct Counts." The purpose of this program is to slow down the erosion of fan behavior at middle and high school contests. The National Federation is asking that all states adopt this program, and Iowa has agreed to be a leader in this effort. Our state association, the IHSAA, located in Boone, has asked all Iowa middle and high schools to put this program into their good conduct expectations at games. Hinton Community Schools is continually striving to improve sportsmanship of our coaches, players, and spectators, and this program spells out the expectations we have been working on. Conduct Counts is a poster you can expect to see hanging in our gym when you attend a game or match. Please do your part to make sportsmanship priority #1!

## 25 – 33% Off Sale!

*By Mr. Bruce Held, AD*

Does that get your attention? Most consumers are looking to save a buck or two, and you can, when you attend any varsity athletic contest at Hinton High School this year. You can purchase discounted punch cards at the school that save adults (post high school age) 25% and students (grades DK-12) 33%. It works like this: adult punch cards are \$15 for 5 games, and students are \$10 for 5 games. That is \$1 off the regular admission price for each game. That saves the adults 25%, and the students 33%! We will be selling these cards in the superintendent's office or at the gate of any athletic contest. This system has been in place for many years, but only a few people take advantage of the savings. We want you to be aware of it, and use it. Get your punch cards, and let your friends know about them, too.

## CONDUCT COUNTS In this EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

### these behaviors are NOT acceptable:

- Disrespectful conduct, including profanity, obscene gestures or comments, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, or other actions that demean individuals or the event.

Penalty - EJECTION

- Throwing articles onto the contest area.

Penalty - EJECTION

- Entering the contest area in protest or celebration.

Penalty - EJECTION

- Physical confrontation involving contest officials, coaches/directors, contestants or spectators.

Penalty - EJECTION

- Spectator interference with the event.

Penalty - EJECTION

- Jumping up and down on the bleachers.

Penalty - Warning/EJECTION

- Use of artificial noisemakers, signs or banners.

Penalty - Warning / EJECTION

- Chants or cheers directed at opponents.

Penalty - Warning/EJECTION



## Class Officers / Student Council 2005-2006

### Class Officers

#### Seniors:

President: Jenni Popken  
Vice Pres: Alison Finch  
Secretary: Allyssa Eickholt  
Treasurer: Kaylee Small

*Class Sponsors: Nelson, Wilson, Thompson, Ball*

#### Juniors:

President: Kerri Klemmensen  
Vice Pres: Sara Baldwin  
Secretary: Brecca Schindel  
Treasurer: Cheree Coffman

*Class Sponsors: Dahlquist, Hudek, Sadler, Johnson, Brighton*

#### Sophomores:

President: Michael Mehrer  
Vice Pres: Katie Lahn  
Secretary: Kelsie Thoresen  
Treasurer: Cory Westphal

*Class Sponsors: Kallsen, Hertenstein, Holtgrew, Atrill*

#### Freshman:

President: Reem Khodor  
Vice Pres: Haddy Jarmakani  
Secretary: Ryann Mycka  
Treasurer: Kelsie Teut

*Class Sponsors: Hermsen, Moeller, Price, Baumann, Small*

### Student Council

President: Delainye Hardersen  
Vice Pres: Tara Christensen  
Sec./Treas: Megan Hawthorne  
Rep: Amber Beitz  
Rep: Jamie Vander Kooi  
Rep: Stephanie Dittmer  
Rep: Jamie Schindel  
Rep: Jenny Meis  
Rep: Amethyst Richards  
Rep: Miranda Brown  
Rep: Carissa Courtright

Have you had the time to check  
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<http://hintonschool.com> ?

# Celebrate

By Ms. Sue Martens

## Focus on Faculty

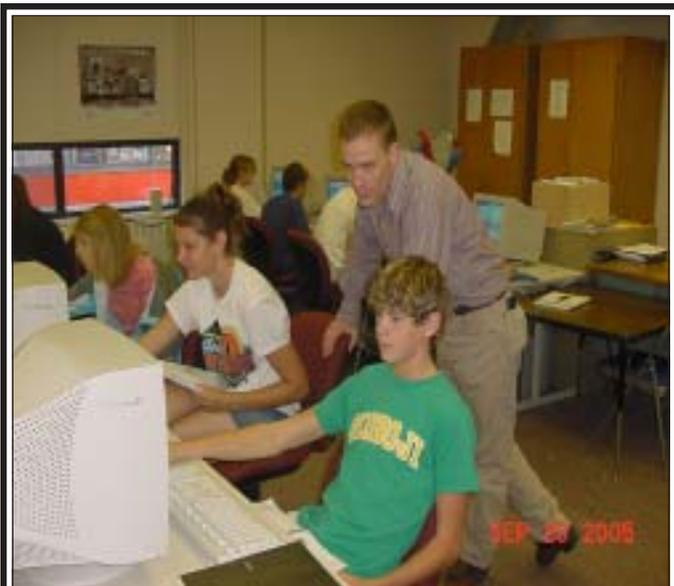
By Ms. Sue Martens

This monthly column will focus on a middle school or high school teacher and his/her program in the Hinton Community School District. This month we would like to focus on Mr. Michael Moeller and the Industrial Technology Program.

Mr. Moeller is a new teacher to our district this year, replacing Mr. Arie Reekers who retired at the end of the 2004-2005 school year. He is a graduate of SDSU, comes to us from West Branch High School, and is in his 5<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. Mr. Moeller lives in Sioux City with his wife Marie and their new son, Charles.

Mr. Moeller teaches Exploratory Industrial Technology to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in small classes that last 4 ½ weeks. In the high school, Mr. Moeller teaches all of the same classes that were previously taught (CAD, General Woods, Machine Woods, Cabinetry, and Metals), and has also added a year long Basic Electricity class and a semester long class entitled, Know Your Car-Know Your Home. The district has up-dated the CAD (Computer Aided Drafting) software, giving the students an opportunity to experience an architectural based CAD program and an industrial, machine based CAD program, in the semester long class. The Basic Electricity class is a prerequisite for Mr. Atill's new Home Technology Integration class.

We feel that we are continuing to offer a quality Industrial Technology Program for our students and believe Mr. Moeller is an asset to our district.



Mr. Moeller working with one of his students.

The Culture / Climate theme of our 2005-2006 school year is CELEBRATE. All students (D-12) and staff will be participating in activities that tie in with our four focus areas: Celebrate Yourself, Celebrate Your School, Celebrate Your Community, and Celebrate Your Country. To promote our theme, the elementary, middle school, and high school all have Celebration Walls (bulletin boards) to display pictures and work of students and staff participating in the various focus activities.



Our week long Homecoming festivities provided opportunities for students to celebrate themselves and their school as they decorated, built floats, and participated in the parade, coronation, football game, pep rally, etc. The community had several entries in the parade, adding another dimension to our celebration. The Legion Color Guard added the dimension of country to the celebration, with their participation in the parade and the presentation of colors at the football game.

We hope that this year's theme will help our students see that they are all connected to their school, community, and country, and that is cause to CELEBRATE.

